

# Review of: "Understanding dis-functionalities in multi-agency policy collaborations for public accountability in Kenya"

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This paper undertakes two important tasks. It reviews the literature on multi-agency collaborations and the role of inter-institutional trust in assuring high performance within these collaborations, and develops a framework for assessing levels of trust in this context.

It also provides a useful overview of anti-corruption policies in Kenya and describes a careful program of empirical research within multi-agency networks operating in that field; finds reason for concern about the state of trust; and provides recommendations for improving professional relationships within anti-corruption networks.

The paper's findings are important for the advancement of practice in Kenya; for other countries engaged in similar anti-corruption campaigns; and for multi-agency campaigns in other domains.

The paper's power would be improved by editing and polishing. The text will need to be shortened and the major claims (the framework, findings, and recommendations) should be highlighted more prominently at the start of the text – particularly in the title, abstract and introduction. Some of the background/literature review material at the front of the paper can probably be reduced.