

***PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY THROUGH  
CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT (PACE)***

***- COMMUNITY TAX PAYERS  
ASSEMBLIES (CTAs)***

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# 1. Why Public Accountability through Citizen Engagement (PACE)?

- Dominant factor to Citizens' Political disengagement and civic apathy is 'a sense of powerlessness'.
- When public services fall short of the required standards, citizens should be able to raise red flags and seek redress.

## **2. The Community Tax payers Assemblies - CTAs**

- The main stake holders of the CTAs - the Locally Organized And Institutionalized Social Enterprises (LOISEs ).
- LOISEs comprise of formal and informal social entities formed by the natives and working with the various sectors within the community e.g. youth clubs , women groups, local churches , local mosques ,disability groups.
- Within the CTAs shall be Thematic Sub-Committees .

# 3. Overall Objective

- To establish Nine (9) CTAs with ten(10) sub committees in each.

## 4. Project activities

- Discussions, campaigns, debates, guest speeches, media broadcasts, publications, expert talks, petitions, and civic drives run by members of CTAs.
- The CTA will be run by a Steering Committee (SC) comprising of the chairpersons of the LOISEs forming the CTA.
- The Steering Committee shall establish Thematic Sub Committees (TSCs) operating like Parliamentary Select Committees of the CTA.

# Cont. Project activities

- CTA discussions will be aired on national television and radio on specific occasions with CTA officials or community civic advocates as discussants and panellists in the talk shows.
- Training of the LOISES on basic skills .  
(Organizational Management, Project Management, Financial Management and Fundraising. )
- Monitoring and auditing devolved funds and projects, participating in Reforms (Agenda 4), Community Service and volunteerism.

# Cont. Project activities

- Citizen engagement with local leaders and public officials .
- Establishing a Community Information for each CTA .
- Fairs and Exhibitions .
- *Active Citizen of the Year Awards* presided over by the IGI President to recognise active citizens - "*Citizenship Stars Awards*".

## 5. Expected outcome

- A vibrant local democracy with real control over local decisions regarding public resources and public services .
- An empowered local community capable of holding public officers accountable.
- Enhanced information revolution in the community.
- A shift of power and influence from public officers and MPs to the citizens.

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- Enhanced capacity of local communities to audit public funds expenditures and budgets, question imposed policies and projects and well acquitted with mechanisms of seeking redress.
- Change of attitude of communities towards leadership .
- Enhanced participation in local elective leadership

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- Building stronger local councils, more co-operatives and social enterprises.
- Enhance the spirit of volunteerism within the communities.

# Project Management

- Program advisor
- 2 program assistants
- Consultant on Devolved funds
- Consultant , Development Projects
- Administrator
- Project accountant

# DISCUSSIONS ON CTA

