

"Corruption Risks & Anti-Corruption Strategies in Climate Aid: Good Governance towards Integrity, Transparency & Accountability in Achieving Objectives of Climate Mitigation & Adaptation

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**Nation's Conscience** 

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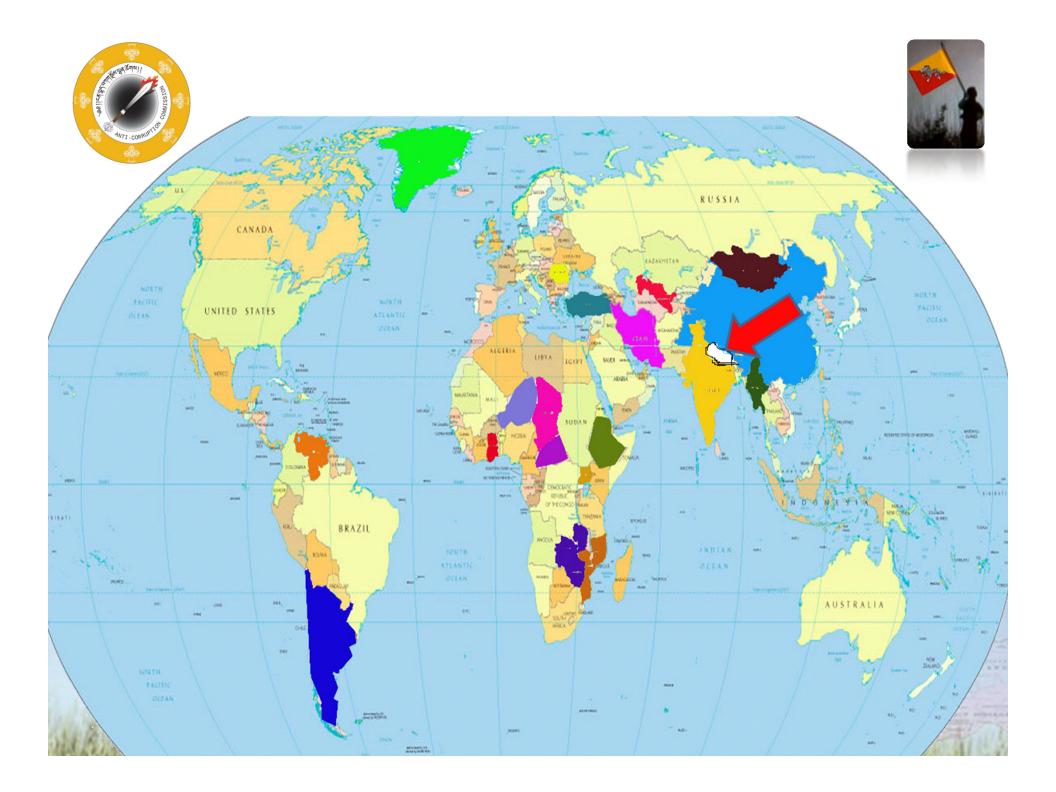


#### ANTI-CORRUPTION & INTEGRITY: Lessons learnt from Bhutan

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# Political will @ highest level

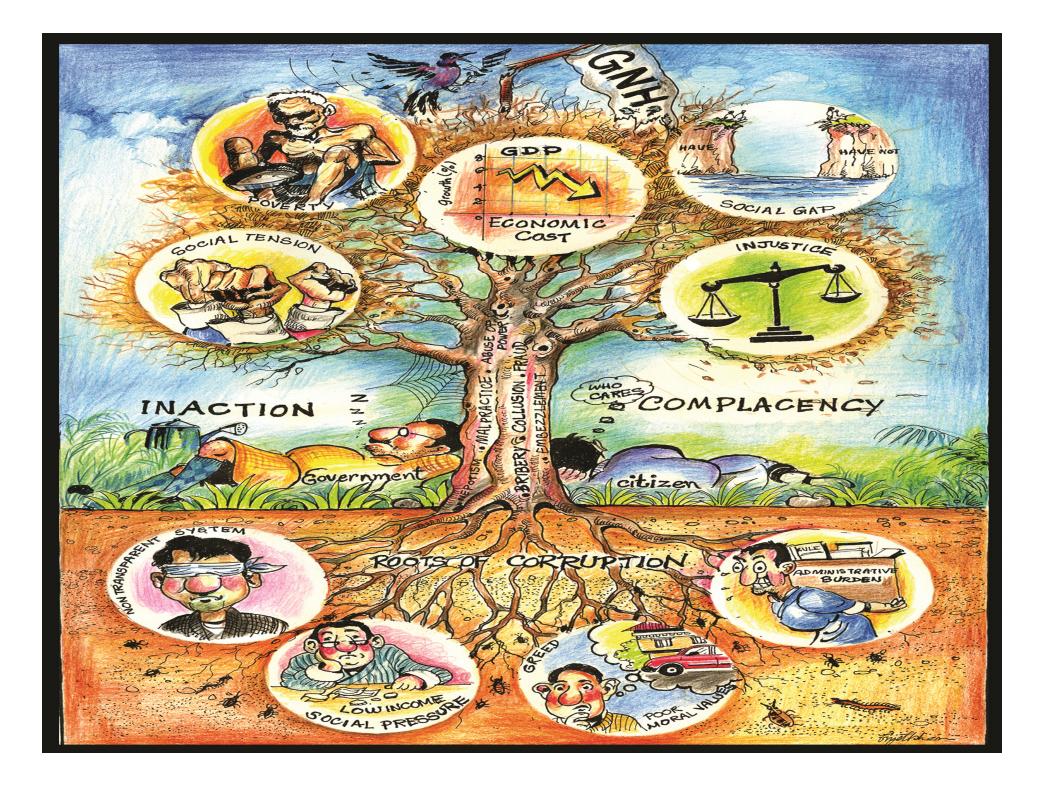


"The **highest probable** risk development that I foresee is corruption. Corruption is unambiguous- there is no great or small corruption. And no one can be above the law. But there is an even greater threat - ignoring corruption" (HM's National Day Address, 2014)

National "Zero policy **Tolerance** Corruption"



for



# **REDD+ Corruption Risks**

- •Global: Forest carbon stock, carbon trading & credits; fund mobilization & endowment (US \$ 700 b by 2020)
- •National : Determination of policies (e.g. lobbying, trading of privileged information), distribution C fund
- Local: Management & implementation of policies, coordination between stakeholders, management of C fund (e.g. community forests elite capture & gender imbalance)

Bhutan's REDD+ Readiness Preparation Proposal (R-PP) (2013 & 2014)

Study suggested corruption is not a major threat to forests and forest-dependent people in Bhutan.

### (Investigation into mining & forestry)

- •72% forest cover; half the territory protected area (what's habitants' share?);
- Locals highly dependent on forest products;
- Subsidized rural timber;
- Greater decentralization of forest management to communities (community forest)

### Bhutan R-PP.... Plan

- Build effective peer group networks;
- Strengthen auditing & assessment through joint evaluations;
- Simplify procedures & forms;
- •Ensure use of qualitative data that includes levels of participation, transparency & people's perspectives on elite capture, possibly conducted by an independent organization; &
- •Review the distribution of incomes from Community forestry

# **Bhutan's Anti-Corruption Drive**

Leadership: Leading by example

] Mainstreaming: NIACS,

- •Engagement ] ID, CRM, AD, Col & C, NIA,
- •Ownership ] research, integrity scans, ]social accountability...
- Impact assessment : NIA, scans

11th FYP's NKRA: "Corruption Reduced" KPIs: "improved TI CPI ranking" & "number of agencies reporting on implementation of NIACS".

Judiciary: Green Bench

#### Mainstreaming & Engagement along NIACS strategic objectives

01

- NACS 2009
- NIACS 2014-2018

03

 Building coalition against corruption with national partners • International Networking • In-dialogue sessions • Product Development and Mass Communications Ensure political will and promote ethical leadership and integrity

Corruption Prevention

Inculcate ethical behavior through education and awareness programs

NIACS

Promote 2014-2018 cooperation and partnership for a collective alliance against corruption

Strengthen systems to prevent and combat corruption

02

- interactive sessions
- advocacy programs
- youth engagement
- behavioral change program • commemoration of important events

CRM, IDT, SA, Systemic Review, SCM, Corruption Surveys and Research, AD, Strengthening Legislative Framework



### **Oversight & Monitoring Mechanism**

GNHC (accountability from budgetary agencies)

ACC (accountability from non-budgetary agencies) PM and Cabinet
Ministers
(accountability from
Ministries -APA)

Parliament
(Good Governance
Committees –
accountability from
Govt.)

Challenge!!!- Implementation by the sectors & robustness of the monitoring infrastructure





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