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GIZ assists its partners in establishing democratic systems and networks across Good governance in this sense means effective and efficient structures which.

Yet the difficulty in coming to any clear agreement concerning representation was illustrated by one participant, who asked, "On what does one base federalism? Legislation has been enacted in an attempt to influence good governance in corporate affairs. The World Bank, for example, defines governance as "the manner in which power is exercised in the management of a country's economic and social resources for development. In this bubbling up process, these groups would then try to extract necessities from the state in order to provide services. When projects [that have been agreed on behind closed doors] fail, the onus is put on African governments. The effect has been rampant corruption and the deterioration of socioeconomic conditions" an indication that people in Africa were governed without being able to control their governors. One also needs functional representation, perhaps through an electoral college, where individuals would represent functional groups. In the Namibia meeting, one participant was of the opinion that the argument that all of Africa has practiced bad governance "is not an accurate statement. Moreover, I fear that tribal and ethnic problems could emerge, perhaps leading to disintegration, as in Yugoslavia. In the early s, donors began to show interest in promoting political change in addition to economic reforms. Another participant, however, cautioned that decentralization should not be allowed to result in the replacement of authentic, grass roots leaders with party members. However, a literature review analyzing the link between democracy and development by Alina Rocha Menocal of the Overseas Development Institute stresses the inconclusiveness of evidence on this relationship. Foreign nongovernmental organizations also tend to work with governments and may be used by them in order to promote government patronage. In countries such as Nigeria, Ghana, Sierra Leone, Zaire, and the Central African Republic, corruption is so extensive that it is viewed as a way of life. Defense of human rights in Africa and Europe and fight against impunity at national and international level and in the protection of human rights on both continents. Majoritarian democracy, on the other hand, entailed a broad consensus on values and procedures, the participation in the selection of ruling elites, and the accountability of leadership to the electorate. Good governance in this sense means effective and efficient structures which provide optimal support to citizens in leading a safe and productive life in line with their desires and opportunities. In the case of Liberia, participants suggested U. Responsiveness - Institutions and processes should serve all stakeholders. One participant advocated that the state communicate with societal elements, such as clans and tribes, and not just with one ethnic group in society: "Decentralization can absorb ethnic issues at the middle level; groups have something they can control at their level. This is the problem as far as the issue of centralization is concerned. One participant called for African journalists to train younger colleagues, organize themselves into associations and trade unions, and to sponsor conferences around the issue of the press and democracy. In international affairs IR [edit] This section relies largely or entirely on a single source. There is a need for transparency in the advice donors give to African governments. But, in Eastern Europe, as in Africa, it has been argued that territorial representation isn't enough. We advise at every political level " national, regional and local " and contribute our experience to the institutional reform processes. Another way to think about good governance is through outcomes. Furthermore, in most African countries, the small number of individuals with power have managed to erode any semblance of accountability, legitimacy, democracy, and justice, which has been a basis of considerable disappointment to the planners, economists and policy makers who want African governments to introduce a reasonable and collective attack on poverty, disease, illiteracy, and other challenges to development. As such, critics of the government either are intimidated or absorbed. I also think we can suggest to donors that we want a change in the form in which aid comes. I think there should be much more transparency in the policy-making process, especially during structural adjustment negotiations. Consensus Oriented - Mediates differing interests to meet the broad consensus on the best interests of a community. The use of alternative media, such as drama, news murals, and posters to educate people about rights was also recommended. The following are examples of good governance standards for prominent organizations in the international community. We do not have to try to achieve uniformity because it is perhaps not the best thing. Africa is liberalizing, but it will take time, and

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one must be prepared to persevere for a long haul. To this end, there was a strong sense among participants that donors need to address the linkages between the economic and political reforms they suggest to African countries, particularly in relation to their compatibility and sequencing.