

## ACEG WEBSITE

ACEG website ([www.aceg.org](http://www.aceg.org)) provides detailed information on ACEG's institutional profile; complete profiles of Board Members; past and ongoing program activities; list of our publications, policy briefs, unpublished research and consultancy reports; and affiliated researchers and research institutes. The website also gives information on how to order for any of our publications.

## BRIEF PROFILES OF ACEG DIRECTORS

The ACEG BOD is currently being reconstituted following the expiry of the term of some BOD members. The current members of the BOD include:

**Dr Andrew Kavulya Mullei** chairs the Board and provides strategic leadership to the organization. He is the founder Executive Director of ACEG and has served as the Governor of the Central Bank of Kenya and held senior positions in the IMF, the UNECA, the Association of African Central Banks, and the International Centre for Economic Growth.

**Professor Dorothy McCormick** is a professor at the University of Nairobi and has served as the Director of the Institute of Development Studies at the University of Nairobi.

**Dr Nehemiah N'geno** is a Policy Analyst and Consultant Economist. He has served as Permanent Secretary in various Ministries in the Kenya Government.

**Dr Kiert Toh** is a Special Purpose Professor of Economics at Radford University, Virginia, USA and a Senior Fellow with the Duke Centre for International Development, Stanford School of Public Policy at the Duke University. He has served as a senior executive in international development with the USAID for over 25 years.

**Dr Moses Ochieng** holds a PhD in Business Administration and an MSc in Entrepreneurship, specialising in Technological Innovation and Enterprise Development. His key expertise and work experience revolves around industrial districts and clusters, innovation systems, entrepreneurship, agricultural value-chain finance, national and regional access to finance policy and regulation, branchless banking and financial sector consumer protection regulatory framework.

**Mr Crispin Bokea** is currently the Acting Executive Director at ACEG. He has previously worked as a Director, Policy and Grant Management at the Alliance for Financial Inclusion in Bangkok, Thailand; Assistant Director at the Bank Supervision and Research departments at the Central Bank of Kenya; and Head of Corporate Strategy and Research at Kenya Airways, among others. Crispin's key areas of expertise include financial sector issues, financial and economic inclusion, and strategic planning.



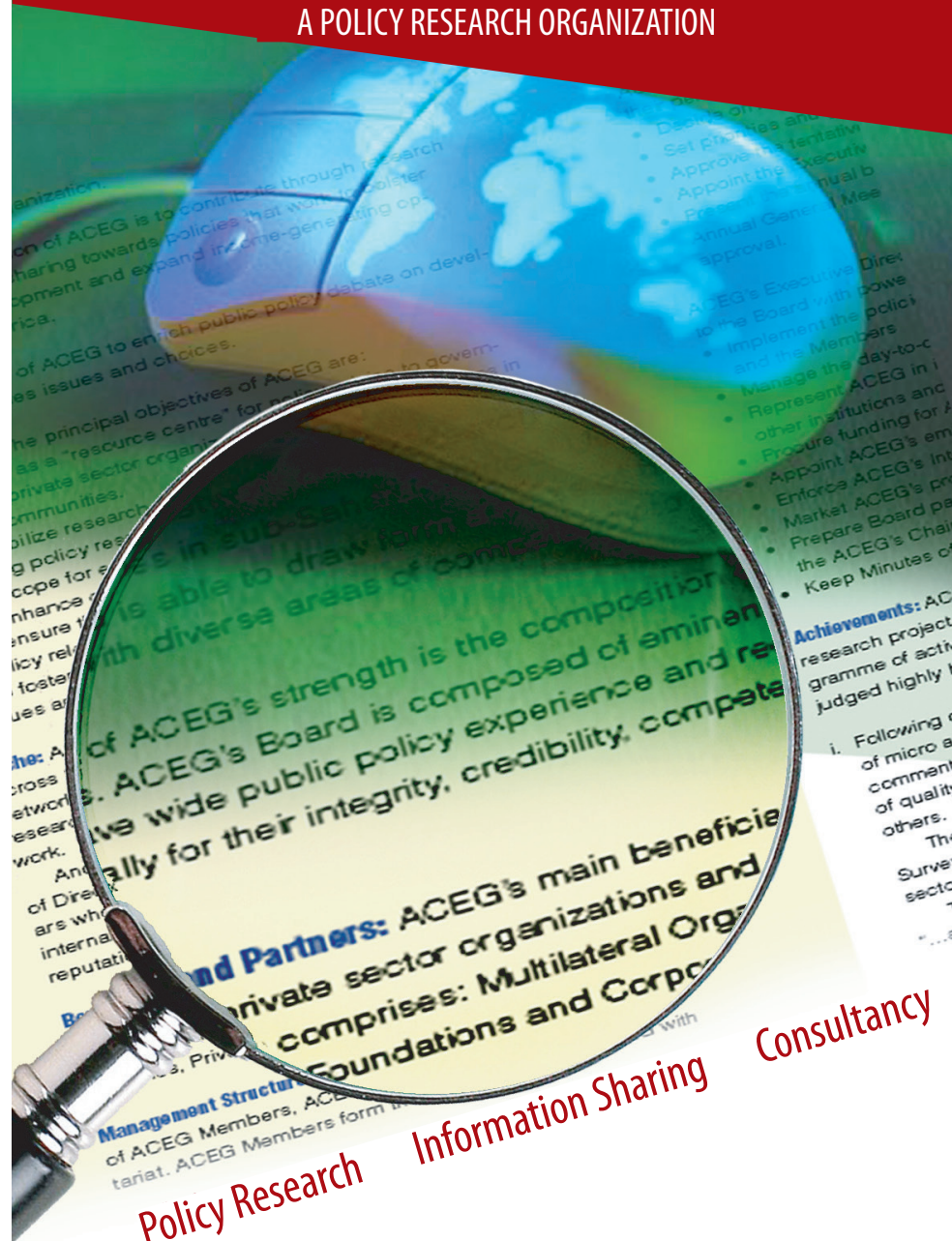
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# ACEG PROFILE

**African Centre for Economic Growth (ACEG)** is a private, independent, and not-for-profit organization founded to serve as a 'resource centre' for public policy development. ACEG operations started in 1993 as Africa's Regional Office of the International Center for Economic Growth (ICEG) and was incorporated and registered in the Republic of Kenya in 1999 as a Company Limited by Guarantee.

## MISSION AND GOAL

The mission of ACEG is to carry out analyses of economic development issues that are of interest to governments, private sector corporations and international development partners.

ACEG's overall goal is to support policy development and generate outputs that are critical in expanding economic opportunities, accelerating economic growth and combating poverty.

## PROGRAM AGENDA

ACEG's program agenda seeks to address pertinent development issues in Africa through the promotion of innovative policies that have the potential to expand economic opportunities, accelerate economic growth and combat poverty.

ACEG's Program Agenda currently comprises of six thematic areas, namely:

- i. Micro and Small Enterprise (MSE) Development
- ii. Financial Inclusion
- iii. Regional Integration
- iv. Trade
- v. Private Enterprise Development
- vi. Information Management

In addition to these thematic areas, various cross-cutting topics relating to economic and financial sector development are also of interest in the ACEG program agenda.

## PROGRAM STRATEGY

ACEG's projects are carried out by leading research and consultancy experts in various policy issues and topics. Objectivity and technical thoroughness are essential principles adhered to in the work of ACEG. The organization of work within ACEG allows the retention of only a skeleton in-house professional staff deployed to:

- (i) ensure technical thoroughness in the design of ACEG projects,
- (ii) provide leadership and guidance to project and consultancy teams,
- (iii) review project and consultancy outputs, and
- (iv) coordinate implementation of ACEG program activities.

## ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

ACEG's organizational structure consists of three organs: ACEG Members, ACEG Board of Directors, and the ACEG Secretariat which is headed by the Executive Director.

## ACEG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors is composed of seven members appointed in their personal capacity to hold office for a renewable period of three years. The Board of Directors has powers to elect one of the seven Board Members as a Chairman; appoint the Executive Director; provide strategic direction for the organization; and approve ACEG's work plan, budget and financial reports.

## ACEG EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Executive Director has powers to manage the day-to-day activities of ACEG; represent ACEG in its relations with governments, regional and international organizations, donors and other institutions; and to prepare Board papers, call Board meetings in consultation with the Board chairman, and act as Secretary to the Board.

## BENEFICIARIES AND PARTNERS

Beneficiaries of ACEG research projects and consulting services are African government institutions, development agencies, international organizations, private sector corporations, multilateral organizations, private foundations, and business corporations.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

As indicated on the ACEG website, [www.aceg.org](http://www.aceg.org), ACEG has completed over 80 projects and published 15 books, 32 policy briefs, and numerous project and consultancy reports.

## QUALITY OF ACEG WORK

The quality of ACEG's work has been commended highly. The following are some comments given by various stakeholders...

**The Permanent Secretary of the Kenya Government Ministry in charge of Micro and Small Enterprises** wrote:

"... ACEG has made a significant contribution in helping to chart the way forward regarding the future policy direction of the MSE sector, including its overall coordination..."

**USAID Director in Malawi** wrote:

"...there are good lessons that we can learn from the Kenyan Baseline Study of Micro and Small Enterprises ... it is of practical relevance for our design process..."

**The National Council of Women of Kenya** described ACEG's work on MSEs as:

"... already a great reader in our Resource Centre ..."

**The Royal Netherlands Embassy in Nairobi** described ACEG's Baseline Survey on MSEs as:

"... useful addition to the understanding of MSE sector in Kenya ..."

**The Head of Public Service and Secretary to the Cabinet in Kenya** described ACEG's work on 'The Link Between Corruption and Poverty' as:

"... a most commendable initiative ... it would seem to me that the ACEG policy briefs should be released to all secondary schools in the country and become the focus of at least one class per week..."

**The Director of GTZ in Kenya** wrote:

"... I greatly commend ACEG's endeavors in the fight against corruption..."

In July 2000, **USAID/Kenya Director** wrote:

"... improving a policy environment is not a once-and-for-all affair but rather a slow and continuous process that involves taking new initiatives, seeing the effect and the amending them or further refining their implementation... we believe that ACEG has made a significant contribution to this process..."