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### **CBC to Conduct Regional Digital Training Workshop towards Activating the Private Sector Against Corruption, and Launch Regional Code on Anti-Corruption Compliance for Enterprises**

**Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> August 2020, Lusaka** – *“Anti-corruption compliance has become a key requisite for regional and global partnerships; empowering the private sector to stem corruption and enhance their participation in transparency and anti-corruption reform initiatives is essential to creating an enabling business environment and sustainable partnerships.”* This was said by Ms. Sandra Uwera, Chief Executive Officer of the COMESA Business Council.

The [COMESA Business Council](#) (CBC) is launching the Regional Model Code on Anti-corruption Compliance for Enterprises in the COMESA Region, following a two-day virtual workshop for Chambers and Associations to be held on August 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> in English, and on August 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> in French. This initiative is part of the Business Integrity Project that the CBC has been implementing in partnership with the Centre for International Private Enterprise (CIPE), through which over 200 enterprises in COMESA have received capacity building assistance related to best practices in business ethics and integrity.

The [Regional Code on Anti-corruption Compliance](#) is an instrument developed to inform and provide guidance to enterprises and associations in COMESA on how to customize, develop, and/or implement national anti-corruption compliance policies within their governance structures.

Themed “Activating the Private Sector Against Corruption,” the workshops have the objective of providing an understanding of key issues of governance and accountability necessary for strengthening business integrity; encouraging pledges from associations to implement the Code; and providing training on implementation of anti-corruption measures that can be imparted to associations’ members, as guided by the Regional Code.

Expected outcomes of the training workshops, is that associations will be able to investigate and articulate the need for corruption prevention within their own governance structures; appreciate and understand the methods for mapping, developing and reviewing an effective compliance program that meets international standards; and that they will be able to promote compliance amongst their members.

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#### ABOUT CBC

COMESA Business Council is a Business Member Organisation, and the recognised private sector institution of COMESA. We represent the interests of the private sector at a regional level. The services we offer go beyond advocacy to actively promote business participation in regional integration, investment and global trade. This is done by facilitating the growth of strong business synergies, the development of business opportunities, and also through legislative and strategic advocacy. Our services are custom tailored and driven by both industry, and enterprise interests.

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