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Now Available: Innovative manual to fight corruption and money-laundering

Based on a unique training program implemented in Burundi

Washington, DC – December 18, 2008—A cutting-edge manual on how to combat corruption and money-laundering, a summation of the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES) 18-month series of innovative technical trainings in Burundi, is being released today.

“One of the serious consequences of corruption in Burundi has been the deterioration of political authority, which creates instability and poverty and hampers the country's development. However, the creation of new institutions to promote good governance and the strengthening of some pre-existing organizations working to fight corruption has created new opportunities to confront the scourge of corruption. IFES has formed partnerships to support these players and provide practical tools to improve their performance,” writes Christian Hennemeyer, vice president at IFES.

The book, “Guide pratique pour l’aide à la mise en œuvre d’un dispositif anti-corruption au Burundi, [A practical guide for implementing anti-corruption tools in Burundi],” provides expert information on how to tackle issues threatening political stability in many regions of the world. The guide presents techniques to hone investigative skills and establish a framework to fight and deter corruption through both state and non-state actors. The sections include information on investigation techniques, identifying and dealing with money laundering, preventing terrorist financing, and detecting corruption and fraud in organizational management. The tools and advice given are applicable to any country.

The book was written by the four individuals who designed and implemented the program. Two of them are international consultants: Dany Komla Ayida, specializing in governance and civil society; and David Hotte, an anti-money laundering and financial security expert. Raphaël Ndayengenge, project coordinator, and Gabrielle Bardall, program officer for Central Africa, are IFES staff members.

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