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1. **Political will** is an important precondition when it comes to implementation of a National AntiCorruption Strategy. By political will participants understand the recurring cycle of action – monitoring -evaluation – action again, i.e. a sustained effort for progress on an informed anti-corruption agenda.
2. By sharing their national practices, participants concluded that there is **room for improving** the existing monitoring and evaluation mechanisms. The Regional AntiCorruption Initiative (RAI) commits to developing a tool, which would help countries in doing so.
3. Besides its importance as an external monitor **civil society** should be given a role within the monitoring commissions. Regional initiatives, such as the South East Leadership for Development and Integrity, should be considered being involved as a partner in this process.
4. Progress and evaluation reports should be **publicly available**.
5. Countries should consider moving towards **non-paper based reporting**, which should also ensure higher transparency and publicity of the process.
6. **Political accountability** should serve as a check for failing implementation of the anti-corruption strategy.