

The Austrian Development Agency (ADA)

– Donor Fact Sheet

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Background

The INTOSAI-Donor Cooperation (Cooperation) has taken the initiative to develop fact sheets for the purpose of increasing knowledge of member practices in supporting Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs). Fact sheets have been developed for donor members who can provide financial support for capacity development. In addition, fact sheets have been developed for some INTOSAI members who can support capacity development for SAIs through their programme implementation.

This fact sheet is for information purposes only and does not constitute an offer for support.

About ADA

The Austrian Development Agency (ADA), the operational unit of Austrian Development Cooperation (ADC), plans, finances and supports programs and projects in Africa, Asia, South-Eastern and Eastern Europe and in the Caribbean.

ADA can provide funding, using different types of projects. Depending on the situation, on the demand on strategic approaches and available resources, ADA carefully chooses the type of project. See table 1 for an overview. These types of projects cover duration and delivery approaches, and are not mutually exclusive.

Table 1: What types of projects can ADA provide funding for when working with SAIs:

Type of projects:	Can ADA provide funding:
Short-term projects	Yes
Long-term programmes	Yes
Bilateral support	Yes
Regional support	Yes
Global support	Yes
Funding for peer to peer support	Yes
Funding for projects to be implemented by the SAI itself	Yes
Funding for projects with a third-party implementer	No
Projects where SAI Capacity Development is part of a broader PFM programme	Yes

Programme Cycle and decision making

The decision on support to SAIs is taken at Headquarters. In ADC priority countries, local offices are part of the decision making processes. ADA does not have a defined programme cycle.

Strategic priorities for ADA

Priority countries

To consider supporting a SAI, the SAI has to be from one of ADA's priority countries. For an overview of the priority countries see table 2 below:

Table 2: priority countries¹

Priority countries	DAC List of ODA Recipients ²
Albania	UMIC
Armenia	LMIC
Bhutan	LDC
Burkina Faso	LDC
Ethiopia	LDC
Georgia	LMIC
Kosovo	LMIC
Moldova	LMIC
Mozambique	LDC
Palestinian Territories	LMIC
Uganda	LDC

In addition, ADC supports specific programs in Iraq, Libya, Afghanistan and Ukraine.

Areas of strategic priorities:

To consider supporting SAI development programs, the projects need to be compatible with ADA's strategic priorities. ADA can provide support for projects in the following areas:

- Good governance
- Accountability
- Transparency
- Fighting corruption

While PFM and Public Administration reforms are not mentioned in the current version of the Three Year Program (ADA's strategic guidance), it is not precluded to support projects and programs in these areas.

About the INTOSAI-Donor Cooperation

THE INTOSAI-DONOR COOPERATION

The INTOSAI-Donor Cooperation is a strategic partnership between donors and the Supreme Audit Institution (SAI) community.

Purpose: to improve SAI performance in developing countries through scaled-up and more effective support.

Guiding Principles: development of country-led strategic plans; donors respecting SAI country leadership; and improved coordination of support.

Members: To date, 23 donor organizations and INTOSAI (who comprise the INTOSAI-Donor Steering Committee) have signed the Memorandum of Understanding.

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