

The French Cooperation (Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development & the French SAI)

– 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 program implementation.

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

About the French Cooperation

The French cooperation can support SAIs through different types of projects, see table 1 for an overview. The French SAI offers a 2 weeks general capacity building support twice a year (September and January). Political delegation or targeted bilateral support can be provided regarding the SAI's availability. These types of projects cover duration and delivery approaches, and are not mutually exclusive.

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

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

Program Cycle and decision making

Decisions on country-level support to SAIs are mainly taken at country offices by thematic advisors, the embassy and Implementing Agency. The MFA provide annual support to IDI's capacity building programs.

Strategic priorities for the French cooperation

Priority countries

To maximize its added value, the French cooperation provides technical supports to SAIs sharing its jurisdictional model. The cooperation is very active in supporting the SAIs Francophone Network (AISCCUF), providing capacity building training and peer support.

Countries in crisis, emerging from crisis, or under fragile situations remain a priority.

Areas of strategic priorities:

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

- Good governance
- Accountability
- Transparency
- Fighting corruption
- Independence

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.

For more information, visit us online at www.idi.no/intosai-donor-cooperation