INTOSAI-Donor Steering Committee

Key Summary Points

1. Information sharing on existing SAI capacity development programs, from members of both the INTOSAI and donor communities, was appreciated by all participants and revealed the rich diversity of existing cooperation, which set the scene for further discussions on advancing cooperation, coordination and possible additional financing arrangements.

2. The cooperation recognized the need to continue and conclude on our joint efforts to complete the first round of matching of prioritized activities identified in the 2011 action plan, with interested donors.

3. The cooperation agreed to take forward future additional financing arrangements for the INTOSAI-Donor Cooperation following a three-pronged approach:
   i. **Establish a task force of like-minded donors to work with the INTOSAI-Donor Secretariat, under the guidance of the Steering Committee leadership, to develop and establish a mechanism for pooled funding.**
      African Development Bank, Belgium, Canada, Ireland, Switzerland, USA, UK and World Bank expressed interest in participating in this task force, recognizing that this did not constitute a funding commitment. The task force agreed to convene and establish a timetable for moving forward, as well as to examine and make a proposal on the use of funding windows within the pooled fund. The governance arrangements would keep the pooled fund open for other parties to join in future.
   ii. **To develop and issue a communication akin to a global call for proposals, open to all SAIs and INTOSAI bodies, to identify potential programs for funding. Decisions on the provision of support would be made by individual donors and SAI providers.**
      Further guidelines and communication approach for the application process and revised application template would be developed by the Secretariat, to be approved by the Steering Committee leadership. Applications would be accepted in any INTOSAI language, and possibly also in Portuguese. The Secretariat would manage and coordinate the process. The INTOSAI regional
bodies would take an active role in the process in line with their mandates and capacity, including assisting with communications within their regions and identifying potential regional programs, seeking to manage expectations within the regions but without prioritizing between applications put forward by individual SAIs.

iii. Recognizing the need for effective coordination of support to SAIs and INTOSAI bodies, through a variety of funding mechanisms, prioritize the work to establish and launch the INTOSAI-Donor Database on SAI support and bring the data up to date. The cooperation agreed to move forward as and when circumstances permit, reflecting existing sensitivities, to a single, usable, efficiently run database. The CBC and INTOSAI-Donor Secretariat would discuss and agree a way forward, with the support of the SC leadership if necessary. A date for gathering data, populating the database and launching the database would be agreed and communicated. The cooperation agreed on the proposals in the paper regarding access and publication procedures.

The above activities would be taken forward in parallel, with a tentative target date of November 2011.

4. Recognizing the opportunity afforded by the fourth High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness in Busan in November 2011, participants were asked to consider the best way of promoting the INTOSAI-Donor Cooperation at this event. The SC leadership would then take this forward with the OECD-DAC Task Force on Public Financial Management.