

Inaugural INTOSAI-Donor Steering Committee Meeting

Marrakech, Morocco, 22-23.02.2010

Main summary points:

The Steering Committee made the following decisions:

- To provide for open-ended Steering Committee representation for donor signatories to the Memorandum of Understanding including new donors signing up.
- Steering Committee to be open to observers. Observers may include non-signatory donors and other stakeholders. Observers will not have voting rights on the Steering Committee.
- Steering Committee will be lead by co-chairs and co-vice chairs from the donors and INTOSAI respectively.
- INTOSAI appointed the chair and vice chair of the INTOSAI Finance and Administration Committee as chair and vice chair. Currently this is the SAI of Saudi Arabia and the SAI of USA respectively.
- The donors appointed the World Bank as chair as a representative of multilateral organizations and DFID as vice chair representing bilateral organizations. There may however be a change of vice chair at the second Steering Committee meeting, due to the work commitments of DFID.
- It will be at the discretion of the Donor and INTOSAI communities respectively to decide upon changes in the leadership.
- The chairpersons, vice-chairpersons and secretariat will have periodic meetings, preferably monthly, to facilitate implementation.
- Decisions of the Steering Committee will be based on consensus. Donors may utilise delegated representation when members are unable to participate in Steering Committee meetings.
- Steering Committee meetings are to take place on a semi-annual basis for the time being.
- Approval of the interim Steering Committee roles and responsibilities. These roles are to: 1) Provide Strategic Guidance and Counselling, 2) Establish and provide leadership vis-à-vis the Secretariat, 3) Develop and implement Joint Work Programme, 4) Establish operational guidelines, 5) Encourage mobilization of financial resources to implement Joint Work Programme, 6) Monitor and evaluate the Partnership, 7) Serve as ambassadors for the Partnership.

- The indicative work programme for the Steering Committee was approved with the following amendments:
- Firstly, the stock taking should consist of: a) Inventory of country owned strategic and development action plans, b) Inventory of capacity building projects undertaken with and without donor support, c) Identified funding gaps with indications of amounts needed. These identified funding gaps should be demand driven. This stocktaking should be completed by the end of August 2010 at the latest and serve as input to the Partnership Joint Work Programme. Secondly, the indicative work programme should include the task of collecting examples of good practices of capacity building of the INTOSAI community. Both these activities will be carried out under the responsibility of the Secretariat in close consultation with the Steering Committee leadership, the INTOSAI Capacity Building Committee¹, the INTOSAI regions, and donors.
- The INTOSAI Development Initiative (IDI) was approved as Secretariat. The mandate and tenure of the Secretariat are defined by the Steering Committee.
- The interim Terms of Reference for the Secretariat function were approved and are as follows: 1) Administer and facilitate Steering Committee meetings, 2) Assist the Steering Committee in drafting a Joint Work Programme and possibly Operational Guidelines, 3) Ensure effective communication within the Partnership and with stakeholders, 4) Carry out information and awareness raising activities, 5) Take stock and maintain an overview of : a) country owned strategic and development action plans, b) inventory of capacity building projects undertaken, c) identified funding gaps, 6) Assemble collection of examples of good practices of capacity building of the INTOSAI community.
- The Secretariat in cooperation with the SAI of Morocco will develop: a) main summary points of the meeting, b) minutes of the meeting and c) a press release for circulation.
- The Secretariat will develop a power point presentation and communiqué on the Partnership for circulation to the members.
- Possible additional functions of the Secretariat will be decided upon by the Steering Committee going forward.
- The Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad) will provide financing to the Secretariat. Austria and Ireland may provide additional funding necessary to complete the stocktaking and development of a draft Joint Work Programme.
- The second Steering Committee meeting will be hosted by the SAI of South Africa on 18-19th November 2010.

Presentations on the Steering Committee and Secretariat Discussion Papers are attached.

¹ In particular the SAI of Sweden as host of the CBC Directory.