

Press Release

Expansion of the INTOSAI-Donor Cooperation

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At the 5th meeting of the INTOSAI-Donor Steering Committee participants agreed on an expanded scope for the cooperation for 2013-15, recognizing the significant achievements of the first phase of the partnership. A ceremony celebrated the three new signatories to the INTOSAI-Donor Memorandum of Understanding, Australia, the Asian Development Bank and the GAVI Alliance, increasing the number of donors involved in the cooperation to 19. The meeting saw record interest with attendance from over 60 representatives, including from 19 SAIs and INTOSAI bodies, and 17 development partners.

The UK National Audit Office hosted the 5th Steering Committee meeting of the Cooperation between the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI) and the donor community. Participants applauded the concrete results of the Cooperation since its establishment in 2009, which include a range of initiatives aimed at strengthening SAIs in developing countries.

In particular, participants welcomed the progress being made on matching proposals from the 2011 Global Call for Proposals with donor support. Achievements to date include funding of the following new SAI capacity development initiatives:

- African Development Bank provision of USD 434,000 for performance auditing in 23 Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) in French-speaking Africa
- USAID and the INTOSAI Development Initiative working together to strengthen the Secretariat of the Arab Organization of SAIs, and training for facilitators in Arabic SAIs
- World Bank supporting the SAIs of Moldova and Maldives
- Swedish National Audit Office entering into cooperation with SAI Uganda

Following the success of the 2011 Global Call for Proposals for SAI capacity development initiatives in need of support, it was decided to undertake annual Global Calls for Proposals, starting in 2013.

A draft performance measurement framework for SAIs has been developed and published for consultation. Participants expressed their appreciation for this framework and agreed to support further piloting.

At the meeting, the Steering Committee agreed to expand the cooperation. New activities to be undertaken by the partnership during 2013-2015 are taking forward an SAI research agenda, including on audit of revenues from extractive industries, strengthening supply-side of support to SAIs, lesson learning and evidence gathering on support to SAIs, and an impact assessment of the Cooperation in 2014-15. The INTOSAI-Donor Secretariat will also expand its role as a knowledge centre on support to SAIs, including provision of training for the donor community on working with SAIs, and support for SAIs, through INTOSAI regional bodies, in engaging with donors and writing funding proposals.

The design of a multi-donor trust fund for SAI Capacity Development has been completed and donors are in the process of pledging funds.

Note for Editors

Leadership of the INTOSAI-Donor Steering Committee is provided by Joint Chairs and Vice Chairs from the INTOSAI and Donor communities. The SAI of Saudi Arabia is Chair and the SAI of United States is Vice Chair for INTOSAI. The World Bank is Chair and the UK Department for International Development is Vice Chair for the Donors. The INTOSAI Development Initiative serves as Secretariat for the INTOSAI-Donor Cooperation.

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