

Press Release:

25 proposals under the 2011 Global Call for Proposals now in progress

The 6th Steering Committee Meeting of the INTOSAI-Donor Cooperation, hosted by the Chinese National Audit Office on 18 and 19 October 2013 in Beijing, China, on the eve of XXI INTOSAI Congress, saw record attendance of 76 INTOSAI and donor representatives. The meeting noted the considerable progress under the 2011 Global Call for Proposals in supporting the capacity development initiatives of Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) in need of additional support, with more than a doubling of proposals being taken forward since the 2012 meeting, now recording 25 funded or ongoing projects.

Based on this significant success, the 2013 Global Call for Proposals was launched, providing SAIs with the opportunity to submit SAI-owned concept notes. Upon launch, the first proposal was immediately submitted by the Organization of Latin American SAIs, OLACEFS, seeking support for the rollout of the professional audit standards in Latin America from 2014 going forward.

At a landmark event, the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs became the 21st donor signatory to the Memorandum of Understanding of the Cooperation, making the Cooperation ever more inclusive of the diversities within the global donor community.

The Cooperation further agreed to build on the findings of the final report on Extractive Industries Audit, with INTOSAI recommending the establishment of its first ever Working Group focusing on extractive industries. A tool to measure performance of SAIs is also making significant progress, with over 170 assessors and trainers certified to use the pilot version. Around 20 SAIs have volunteered to conduct a SAI PMF assessment. Finally, donors expressed considerable interest in the training for their staff on working with SAIs, that will be piloted in 2014.

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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