

Global Affairs Canada (GAC)

– Donor Fact sheet

Developed by the INTOSAI-Donor Cooperation with support from GAC



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 programme implementation.

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

About GAC

Global Affairs Canada is the government department responsible for leading Canada's international development and humanitarian assistance. GAC provides bilateral support to partner countries and other types of support to a number of focus countries.

GAC can support SAIs through multiple types of projects, see table 1 for an overview. These type of projects covers duration and delivery approaches, and are not mutually exclusive.

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

Type of projects:	Can GAC provide funding:
Short-term projects	Yes
Long-term programmes	Yes
Bilateral support	Yes
Regional support	Yes
Global support	Yes
Funding for peer to peer support	Yes
Funding for projects to be implemented by the SAI itself	Yes
Funding for projects with a third-party implementer	Yes
Projects where SAI Capacity Development is part of a broader PFM programme	Yes

Programme Cycle and decision making

GAC do not have a set programme cycle. Decision on country level support to SAIs are usually taken jointly by the country office and staff at the Headquarter. The decision to support a given sector is based on the thematic priorities of the department. The Country or Regional Strategy, approved by the

Minister, sets the five-year high-level strategic direction for a country program. Country Programs report on strategy and review programming annually to determine whether changes in the country context or Canadian foreign and/or development policies call for changes in strategic direction.

Strategic priorities for GAC

Priority countries

The Canadian Government has 25 countries of focus. In addition, Canada also maintains significant bilateral aid programs with numerous partner countries. To consider supporting a SAI, the SAI has to be from one of GAC's countries of focus or partner countries. For an overview of the countries of focus/priority countries see table 2 below:

Table 2: priority countries¹

Countries of focus/area	DAC List of ODA Recipients ²	Partner countries	DAC List of ODA Recipients
Americas			
Caribbean		Bolivia	LMIC
Colombia	UMIC	Cuba	UMIC
Haiti	LDC	Guatemala	LMIC
Honduras	LMIC	Nicaragua	LMIC
Peru	UMIC		
Asia Pacific			
Afghanistan	LDC	Pakistan	LMIC
Bangladesh	LDC	Sri Lanka	LMIC
Myanmar	LDC		
Indonesia	LMIC		
Mongolia	LMIC		
Philippines	LMIC		
Vietnam	LMIC		
Eastern Europe			
Ukraine	LMIC		
Middle East and North Africa			
Jordan	UMIC	Egypt	LMIC
West Bank and Gaza	LMIC	Iraq	UMIC
		Morocco	LMIC
Sub-Saharan Africa			
Benin	LDC	Kenya	OLIC
Burkina Faso	LDC	Nigeria	LMIC
Congo, Democratic Republic of the	LDC	South Africa	UMIC

¹ List of priority countries as per March 2017.

² LDC=Least Developed Countries, OLIC=Other Low Income Countries, LMIC=Lower Middle Income Countries, UMIC=Upper Middle Income Countries

Ethiopia	LDC		
Ghana	LMIC		
Mali	LDC		
Mozambique	LDC		
Senegal	LDC		
South Sudan	LDC		
Tanzania	LDC		

Areas of strategic priorities:

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

- Good governance
- Accountability
- Transparency
- Fighting corruption
- PFM reforms
- Public administration reforms
- State building
- Effective Institutions

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