

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)

– Donor Fact Sheet



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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 GIZ

GIZ is an implementing agency and does not make funding decisions. GIZ assists the German Government in achieving its objectives in the field of international cooperation. The German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) is GIZ main commissioning party, but GIZ also offer services to other German ministries, companies, international institutions and development partners (e.g. EU, DFID etc.) and private foundations.

German Development Cooperation follows a holistic Good Financial Governance (GFG) approach, which is systemic, value-based and aligned to the understanding of Good Governance. Long-term technical experts and a clear capacity development approach build main pillars in the support to SAIs at national, regional and global level.

GIZ can support SAIs through multiple types of projects, see table 1 for an overview.

Table 1: What types of projects can GIZ provide support for when working with SAIs:

Type of projects:	Can GIZ provide support:
Short-term projects	Yes
Long-term programmes	Yes
Bilateral support	Yes
Regional support	Yes
Global support	Yes
Funding for peer to peer support	No
Funding for projects to be implemented by the SAI itself	No
Funding for projects with a third-party implementer	No
Projects where SAI Capacity Development is part of a broader PFM programme	Yes

Programme Cycle and decision making

Each year the BMZ asks GIZ in March for short project descriptions, which form the basis for budget planning for the next year. The project descriptions are developed by GIZ at the country level and in headquarters together with the partner countries in line with the government negotiations. The funding decision will be taken by BMZ. For other commissioning parties there is a different programme cycle and decision making process.

Strategic priorities for GIZ

Priority countries

As an implementing agency, GIZ does not have priority countries. From a regional perspective Sub Saharan Africa is still highest on the priority list of GIZ commissioner. GIZ has also noticed a growing interest in supporting work streams at global Level.

Areas of strategic priorities:

To consider supporting SAI development programs, the projects need to be compatible with GIZs and the commissioner`s strategic priorities. GIZ can provide support for projects in the following areas:

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

To implement the GFG approach, German Development Cooperation engages in different PFM topics, while considering inter-linkages and actively fostering synergies of reform efforts in different fields.

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.

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