

INTOSAI-Donor Cooperation

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Agreements to advance further the support for strengthening Supreme Audit Institutions

Washington, DC, July 20, 2011 – The World Bank hosted the third Steering Committee meeting of the Cooperation between the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI) and the donor community on 19-20 July 2011. The meeting revealed the rich diversity of existing peer-to-peer cooperation and support provided by donors to the INTOSAI community.

The meeting marked a significant move in the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), signed by INTOSAI and 15 donor partners in 2009. Recognizing the important role of Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) in strengthening accountability, transparency, good governance and the stewardship of public funds, the MoU aims at scaling up and enhancing the support provided to SAIs in developing countries.

The Steering Committee agreed to move forward with additional financing arrangements for the INTOSAI-Donor Cooperation following a three-pronged approach:

- Launch of a global call for proposals for capacity development projects in need of support. The call for proposals will be announced in August 2011, followed by a matching process with donors and SAIs willing to provide support.
- A task force of like-minded donor organizations agreed to work together to develop a global pooled funding framework for SAI capacity development. The task force consists of the African Development Bank, Belgium, Canada, Ireland, Switzerland, USA, UK and the World Bank. The pooled fund would be a complement to existing bilateral funding arrangements. It would provide an additional funding channel, including for SAIs in countries with limited donor presence.
- Establish a global databank on SAI capacity development support. The databank will be a means of enhancing the coordination of support to SAIs, thereby contributing to more effective support.

Leadership of the 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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