

# The World Bank (WB)

## – 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 the World Bank

The World Bank is a multilateral development bank, which consists of The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) and The International Development Association (IDA). IBRD lends to governments of middle-income and creditworthy low-income countries and IDA provides interest-free loans — called credits — and grants to governments of the poorest countries.

The WB can support SAIs through most 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 the WB provide funding for when working with SAIs:*

Type of projects:	Can WB 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	No
Projects where SAI Capacity Development is part of a broader PFM programme	Yes

### Programme cycle and decision making

Decisions about providing country level support to SAIs are taken in consultation with Government counterparts. The programme cycle is 3-5 years. A Country Partnership Framework (CPF) is generally agreed for a country for a period of 3 to 5 years. For the WB to consider supporting a SAI capacity

development program, individual projects need to be in accordance with the CPF priorities. For country specific information, please visit [www.worldbank.org](http://www.worldbank.org) and click on 'countries'.

### **Strategic priorities for the WB**

#### Priority countries

The World Bank can provide support for all countries.

#### Financing modalities

The WB is a development bank and offers different types of financing modalities. For an overview of the main modalities of funding offered by the WB see table 2 below.

*Table 2: financing modalities offered by the World Bank:*

<b>Financing modality</b>	<b>Primary Target group</b>
The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) - loans	Middle income countries and credit worthy low income countries
The International Development Association (IDA) – grants and interest-free loans called credits	The world's poorest countries.
Trust funds	Trust funds complement IDA and IBRD and offer flexible and customized development solutions. They can be used to pilot innovations.

#### Areas of strategic priorities:

To consider supporting SAI development programs, the projects need to be compatible with ongoing country support and with the WB strategic priorities. The World Bank can provide support for projects in the following areas:

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

The WB can also fund SAI capacity development projects and technical assistance through other strategic priorities, e.g., through health sector initiatives or poverty reduction initiatives.

## 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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