



# 10<sup>th</sup> INTOSAI-Donor Steering Committee Meeting

Washington DC, 21 September 2017

## Key Decision Points

The Steering Committee welcomed an update from the CBC, summarizing the results of the previous meetings in the CBC and its work streams.

### **Agenda Item 1: Global Call for Proposals – Progress Report**

The Steering Committee agreed that the Secretariat would increase its activities on GCP Tier 1 once Tier 2 has progressed adequately. The Leadership will determine the milestones on progress on Tier 2 that would trigger the Secretariat to increase its activities on Tier 1. The Secretariat will continue with further outreach to SAIs and regions. The rolling process will include interim deadlines to provide structure to the submission of proposals. The donors will be asked to respond to the proposals within a time limit provided by the Secretariat. .

### **Agenda Item 2: Global Call for Proposals – Way Forward Under Tier 2**

The list of tier 2 countries presented at the meeting is conclusive, however, SAIs will only move forward on the Tier 2 list if there is a Project Support Group with both INTOSAI and Donor Representation. Some Steering Committee members expressed interest in supporting individual SAIs at the Steering Committee Meeting, and members will provide an indication of commitment to support the T2 initiative within an agreed timeframe. The timeline for establishing the country groups is four weeks from the end of the meeting. The deadline is Thursday **19 October 2017**. The secretariat will follow up on expressions of interest in the coming weeks. The communication to the SAIs from the Secretariat will be that the Steering Committee is seeking to develop firm plans to support the countries invited to tier 2. The Secretariat will continue to plan for a kick-off event at the AFROSAI General Assembly in October (after the four week period).

### **Agenda Item 3: Global Call for Proposals – Lessons Learned**

The Steering Committee took note of the preliminary results of the report as presented.

### **Agenda Item 4: Improving the Coordination of Support to SAIs**

The Steering Committee concluded that some of the recommendations in the report are too rigid. There are benefits to SAIs being a part of the broader PFM program in the country and the experience in the committee is that this does not necessarily lead to violations of SAI independence. The



recommendations need to put in a situational context. The Steering Committee recommended a re-wording of the direct support recommendation. Cooperation members have a two-week deadline to give further feedback on the report. Deadline: **5 October 2017**.

The Steering Committee requested that the Secretariat produce a firm plan on the next steps in developing the report and elaborate on how to use the recommendations in the report, with a view to presenting it as information for best practices. The Secretariat also needs to clarify the priority recommendations in order to determine which actions the Cooperation should take.

#### **Agenda Item 5: Communications Strategy**

The Steering Committee recommended an increase in the social media presence and that the Secretariat work to further identify its target audiences. The communication work needs to match the tools used to communicate with the objectives and target audience, especially ensuring that key messages reach the individual SAIs and country level staff in donor organizations. The Committee also advised that the Secretariat share interesting content, both its own and from other parties.

#### **Agenda Item 6: SAI Capacity Development Fund**

SECO presented a report on the SAI CDF sharing their perspective on the its performance and lessons learned, in particular that scaling up support was through could make a difference and a multi-donor trust fund could be made to work. The success story of the Gabon project, which is nearing completion, was also highlighted. It was announced that the SAI CDF will be discontinued, but the projects and reporting on their outcomes will continue until they are completed and closed. The Steering Committee took note of the results and the Secretariat will work to develop Gabon as a Cooperation Success Story.

#### **Agenda Item 7: Review/evaluation of the Cooperation**

The Secretariat will give an indication of what type of in-kind support would be helpful from the cooperation members. Also proposing timelines and the amount of support required. The Secretariat will scale back the scope of the review, adjusting the wording so that there was a credible outcome of the review. A new proposal will be submitted at the next SC leadership meeting.

#### **Agenda Item 8: 2018 Work Plan**

The Work plan submitted assumed an ambitious timeline for Tier 2 in 2017. The Steering Committee determined that the Secretariat would also have to adjust the plan to prioritize Tier 2 in early 2018. The work plan was approved subject to the revisions. The Leadership Team will review and approve the revised work plan.

#### **Location of next meeting and any other business**

The Steering Committee suggested that for any future contiguous meetings, it would be preferable to have the meetings for a period of maximum of three days including a full day IDSC meeting, half a day



for separate donor meeting and a full day synergy meeting. The Vice-Chair of CBC indicated that the discussions were underway with a member of ARABOSAI region to host the meetings in 2018.