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How can the SAI Independence Goodwill Ambassador add most value

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SAI Independence Ambassador

- IDSC Meeting 2018: Independence is discussed after the 2017 Global Stocktaking Report indicated that independence was backsliding in several countries
- The concept of the Independence Ambassador: lend soft power to the issue of independence
- Task force created and mandated to carry out the selection process and make a recommendation to the leadership for final approval by the Steering Committee.



Role and tasks

- Raise general awareness on the issue of independence at the global level
- Act on specific dimensions of independence
- To engage at the country level in support of SIRAM could be considered
- To appoint regional Ambassadors could be considered at a later stage
- The Ambassador acts on behalf of the IDC
- Oversight, feedback and guidance is exchanged during Steering Committee meetings and through the IDSC leadership
- IDI manages the functional relationship with the Ambassador



Value added

- Raise awareness with the general public: the importance of independence is poorly understood outside of the external audit community
- Gain high-level policy access: Be influential and highlight a global issue beyond national borders (influencing power takes precedence over other criteria)
- Bring neutrality: Ambassador has no formal attachment to any SAI or donor organization



Discussion points (15 min)

- Regarding the Role of the Goodwill Ambassador, does the Steering Committee agree with the proposed role of the Ambassador, and how can he/she add most value?
- Regarding the reporting lines and accountability mechanisms, does the suggested mechanism sound appropriate? How can it be improved or strengthened?
- Regarding the Terms and Conditions of the Position (which are to be developed), what should be the term for the Position? Is there any specific condition that should be included?