

Global Call for Proposals/Global SAI Accountability Initiative Update – IDSC 2021 Meeting

GCP Tier 1 : During the year capacity building trainings were held on strengthening the concept notes development and coordination processes in ARABOSAI and OLACEFS. Both trainings were done virtually, while the OLACEFS training was changed to a clinic style training. 25 SAIs were assisted to develop concept notes and encouraged to send through the GCP Tier 1 or directly to donors they would like to engage. Another clinic will be held with the SAIs in the CREFIAF region in October 2020. No concept notes have been received to date under the GCP Tier 1.

PFAC Grant: This grant was established by INTOSAI in response to the COVID-19 to help SAIs with ICT and PPE. To date, 65 applications were received from eligible SAIs, of which 60 were approved for funding. 51 of the SAIs approved were funded through the PFAC grant while the remainder were funded through the SAUDI FISP grant. The grants disbursed will be funding laptops, software licenses and communication equipment. Of the Euro 700,000 set aside for the grant, Euro 582,857 has been disbursed to date and the remainder should be awarded by end of 2021. Thus, the full grant amount would have been exhausted in 2 years instead of the originally expected 3 years. Approval was granted by the PFAC funding board to utilize the full amount as soon as possible.

GCP Tier 2 – round 1: This initiative is a joint effort to enable SAIs in challenging contexts to establish SAI-led, strategically based and scaled-up support, for enhanced capacities and performance. The SAIs of DRC, Eritrea, Guinea, Madagascar, Niger, Sierra Leone, The Gambia, Togo and Zimbabwe were selected to be part of the first round starting in 2018.

Initial support to these SAIs have been provided by the Accelerated Peer-support Partnership (PAP-APP) programme since 2018. This is a programme by IDI, AFROSAI-E and CREFIAF established as a response to the IDC GCP Tier 2 initiative, to carry out the support to the SAIs, both initially and long-term. 2021 all the nine SAIs have set strategic plans, engaged key national stakeholders, develop strategically based project proposals and engaged donors and technical providers for long term support and implementing strategic plans. It varies to what extent the SAIs have secured scaled-up support for their broad range of needs to ensure implementation of the strategic plan. In summary the status is as follows:

- All SAIs have got funding and technical support either initiated or very likely to be initiated in 2021. Various donors are engaged, including USAID, WB, EU, AfDB, Norway government, SAI Sweden and UNDP. A number of technical partners have been mobilized for long term support, including SAI France, Morocco, Norway, UK, Latvia, Tunisia, Hungary, Senegal and Kenya.
- Large scale and multiyear support established: Niger and Madagascar
- Multiyear projects ongoing linked to specific areas of the strategic plan of the SAI: Eritrea, The Gambia, Guinea, Togo and Zimbabwe.
- Several supplementary projects, including INTOSAI grant to Niger and Gambia for ict-related needs of USD 45k per SAI
- New larger agreements expected in 2021: DRC, Togo, Guinea and Sierra Leone
- Many peer SAIs interested to contribute and some to lead projects

The main challenges outstanding:

- Funding to be agreed for scaled-up and multiyear support to SAI priorities in some countries: Togo, Guinea, DRC and The Gambia
- Funding for infrastructure needs, such as new main HQ in Madagascar and Togo, and regional offices in DRC.

GSAI (GCP Tier 2– new round): A committee was set up to start the process on the new round of the GSAI (GCP T2). Invitations to join the committee for new round of the GCP T2/GSAI were sent to all IDC members and the following organisations volunteered to join the committee.

Name of Organisation	Type of IDC Member
Full Members	
THE WORLD BANK	Donor
Inter-American Development Bank	Donor
Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation - Norad	Donor
European Commission	Donor
USAID	Donor
US GAO	Other INTOSAI Body
CBC	Other INTOSAI Body
IDI	Other INTOSAI Body
Observers	
AFROSAI-E	INTOSAI Regional Secretariat
CAROSAI	INTOSAI Regional Secretariat
ARABOSAI	INTOSAI Regional Secretariat
OLACEFS	INTOSAI Regional Secretariat
CREFIAF	INTOSAI Regional Secretariat
ASOSAI	INTOSAI Regional Secretariat

In the 2020 IDSC meeting, it was agreed that the following criteria would be met before the moving forward with a new round of the GCP T2/GSAI:

- (i) funding is established for the 1st phase of the GCP Tier 2/GSAI and
- (ii) peer providers and a technical implementing partner are identified to implement the new round.

Thus, the committee has agreed that the main outputs would be:

- (1) Selection Process and Criteria
- (2) Proposed list of beneficiary SAIs
- (3) GCP Tier 2/GSAI new Round Implementation Road Map
- (4) List of potential technical and financial partners.

The committee has approved a shortlist of 18 SAIs that will form the 1st step of the process to select the final 6 beneficiaries of the new round of the GCP Tier 2/GSAI and has commenced the scoping process to gather additional information on these SAIs. Please see the approved shortlist below. Two working groups have also been formed to focus on Resource Mobilisation and Implementation Roadmap. A 1 pager of the draft roadmap has been circulated with the documents for your perusal

and comments. At this stage, the committee believes that it will be able to have a proposed list of beneficiaries and an outcome of the resource mobilisation by the end of the 1st quarter of 2022. At this point, the GCP T2/GSAI committee will be able to indicate to the steering committee its proposal on going forward with a new round ad if the 2 key criteria have been met.

Short list of SAIs

Ranking by region			
1	Equatorial Guinea	Central Africa	AFROSAI
2	Burundi	East Africa	AFROSAI
3	Central Africa Republic	Central Africa	AFROSAI
4	Syrian Arab Republic	Western Asia	ARABOSAI
5	Libya	North Africa	ARABOSAI
6	State of Palestine	Western Asia	ARABOSAI
7	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	South Asia	ASOSAI
8	Bangladesh	South Asia	ASOSAI
9	Pakistan	Eastern Europe & Central Asia	ASOSAI
10	Haiti	Caribbean	CAROSAI
11	Suriname	Caribbean	CAROSAI
12	Dominica	Caribbean	CAROSAI
13	North Macedonia	Eastern Europe & Central Asia	EUROSAI
14	Ukraine	Eastern Europe & Central Asia	EUROSAI
15	Belarus	Eastern Europe & Central Asia	EUROSAI
16	Cuba	Caribbean	OLACEFS
17	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	South America	OLACEFS
18	Belize	Caribbean	OLACEFS

