



An INTOSAI-Donor Cooperation initiative to optimize joint efforts of INTOSAI and partners in enhancing the capacity and performance of Supreme Audit Institutions in developing countries

Welcome to the BUSS workshop for the OLACEFS¹ region, Panama City, 22nd-25th August 2023

- Background:** The [INTOSAI-Donor Cooperation](#) launched a new initiative to continue capitalizing from the collaborative global platform in place, maximize joint efforts and increase support to Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) in need. The objective of the [BUSS initiative](#) is to link available sources of support with SAI development plans by first proactively identifying resources, second, assisting SAIs in articulating their needs and third, enabling opportunities for engagement for both SAIs and partners. The INTOSAI Development Initiative ([GFU Unit](#)) facilitates the execution of the initiative by
 - Identifying resources globally before inviting SAIs to apply
 - Delivering regional workshops to enhance SAI competence in building strategic partnerships and developing proposals
 - Holding regional working sessions with partners to increase their knowledge about SAIs and their role within the PFM system, understand their priorities, map support in the region and encourage partnerships and coordination
- Objective:** To foster strategic partnerships amongst partners and SAIs, strengthen coordination and advocacy of the SAI role as part of the strengthening of Public Financial Management systems in the OLACEFS countries.
- Scope:** Whether you are new to the work of Supreme Audit Institutions or are already engaging with them, this will help you to:
 - ✓ Understand how SAIs work and their role within PFM system
 - ✓ Find synergies, network and ways of collaboration within the region to allow achievement of common goals and maximize SAI support
 - ✓ Understand and advocate for SAI Independence and the power of institutional coordination
- Target audience:** Development partners, donor bodies or organizations at either a regional or country-level, working within the Public Financial Management and Governance Sectors and on strengthening accountability systems and citizen engagement within the OLACEFS Region.
- Structure:** The BUSS workshops for partners (22nd to 24th August) and SAIs (23rd to 25th August) are linked and delivered sequentially. The program for the donors and development partners includes closed sessions for partners on the 22nd of August and joint working sessions and roundtable discussions with SAIs on the 23rd and 24th of August. The 25th of August closed sessions for the SAIs will be delivered; although partners can stay and hold bilateral meetings if useful.



¹ OLACEFS: Organización Latinoamericana y del Caribe de Entidades Fiscalizadoras Superiores / Organization of Latin American and Caribbean Supreme Audit Institutions. Member countries include Argentina, Belize, Bolivia, Brasil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Curacao, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, México, Nicaragua, Panamá, Paraguay, Perú, República Dominicana, Uruguay, Venezuela

	Tuesday (Partners only)	Wednesday (SAIs & partners)	Thursday (SAIs & partners)	Friday (SAIs only)
0900-1030	<p>Understanding How SAIs work and their role within PFM system</p> <p>Objective: To introduce the importance of working with SAIs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SAIs in the accountability system – how SAIs are contributing to fight corruption, advance on SDGs, amongst other areas SAI Performance in OLACEFS region – a snapshot SAI Capacities and tools for assessing them (SAI PMF) 	<p>Rational for external support</p> <p>Objective: To go through the rational for considering external support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessing SAI needs & identifying those to fill with external support, technical or financial? Importance of the strategic plan Good practices to assess needs; and Internal resources for effective implementation 	<p>What is happening in OLACEFS? - 2</p> <p>Objective: Map available support to find synergies and ways of collaboration that allow achievement of common goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing together the support landscape in the region Donors/development partners/IDI/SAIs sharing experiences about areas of support, modalities and partnerships within the region Finally, let's identify ways in which we can match regional priorities and find synergies in our work 	<p>Development of funding proposals 1</p> <p>Objective: Equip SAIs with relevant tools to prepare quality proposals that clearly articulate and link objectives, outputs and outcomes. Focus on the topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> key contents of proposals importance of a clear rationale considering the target audience linkage to the SAIs' strategy how to make proposals resonate with partners' own objectives and strategies.
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1100-1230	<p>SAI Independence</p> <p>Objective: To present IDI's approach to support SAI Independence at the global, regional and country level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understanding SAI independence – The Lima and Mexico Declaration principles. Raise the awareness on IDI's existing strategies to support SAI Independence including proactive and reactive approach Discuss IDI's global and regional trends on independence challenges in OLACEFS region 	<p>What is happening in OLACEFS? -1</p> <p>Objective: Mapping regional strengths and needs based on cross regional SAI PMF analysis, OLACFES survey analysis and donor information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identification of regional needs – regional proposals? Identification of subregional needs Identification of country level needs 	<p>Think like a partner</p> <p>Objective: Give an insight into partners operations and provide guidance on the best routes to engage with a donor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentations from partners (donors, implementing agencies, peer provider) Examples of effective support and possibilities for possible future engagement within the region. Q&A 	<p>Development of funding proposals 2</p> <p>Objective: To further develop draft funding proposals using the outputs from the session in day 1 and building on the discussions with the donors from day 2.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work in groups or individually Feedback in small groups
Lunch				
1330-1500	<p>The power of institutional coordination</p> <p>Objective: Understanding stakeholders' expectations on the role of SAIs as way to identify areas of coordination. Focus on the topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contributing to strengthening the check and balances in democracy Effectiveness and efficiency of government performance Fighting against corruption Addressing national risks and vulnerabilities 	<p>Support to SAI Independence, advocacy and coordination</p> <p>Objective: Discuss a common approach in providing in-country support on SAI independence with focus on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The role of independent SAIs within the accountability ecosystem Interaction of SAIs with other accountability institutions Institutional coordination Identifying independence challenges and ways to addressed them Identify potential areas of collaboration 	<p>Meeting the partners 1</p> <p>Objective: roundtable session amongst SAIs and partners to discuss challenges and identify solutions relating to avenues for engaging, implementing donor funded projects, auditing donor funded projects, donor operations, the role the SAIs can play to help partners achieve their objectives, SAI Independence and the partners' role.</p>	<p>Coordination</p> <p>Objective: Provide insight of the perils of unharmonized support and explain the utility of leading and coordinating capacity development strategies. Focus on the topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the best practices – based on successful coordination of support; A real case study to debate how applicable are the recommendations to other cases. The PROs and CONs/Costs of coordination; and how to bear with the costs of coordination
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<p>1530-1700</p>	<p>The power of institutional coordination 2 Objective: Provide insight of the perils of unharmonized support and explain the benefit of coordinating capacity development strategies. Focus on the topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institutional coordination, at PFM arena • the best practices – based on successful coordination of support • a real case study to debate how applicable are the recommendations to other cases • the PROs and CONs/Costs of coordination; and how to bear with the costs of coordination 	<p>Peer to Peer support Objective: Understand P2P support in the region, ongoing trends and needs, and find pragmatic ways to unleash its full potential</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P2P study, highlights for the region • How can donors play a crucial role to enable P2P? • Showcase of peer support from the PAP APP and GSAI initiatives 	<p>Meeting the partners 2 Objective: To explore potential opportunities for support and working with each other.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One-to-One interactions SAIs, donors and development partners 	<p>Executing, monitoring and reporting the Initiative Objective: Provide practical examples on successfully implementing, monitoring and reporting donor-funded projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good practices and challenges in implementing donor-funded projects • Importance of a monitoring and reporting framework when implementing donor-funded projects • Communication as a strategy for success
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