



SAI Leadership and Stakeholder Meeting

Contributions of Supreme Audit Institutions to the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals

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Agenda

10:00 - 10:30 hrs

Opening Session

Dr Margit Kraker, Secretary-General of INTOSAI, President of the Austrian Court of Audit and IDI Board Member. ([Remarks](#))

Mr. Elliott Harris, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development and Chief Economist, UNDESA. ([Remarks](#))

10:30 - 11:45 hrs

Session I: Sharing experiences on auditing policy coherence and integration

This session will share the experiences, emerging findings and lessons learned from auditing policy integration and coherence across regions. Considering the main challenges for enhancing policy integration and emerging approaches for addressing policy synergies and trade-offs, participants will discuss how the findings from the preparedness audits can help enhance policy integration for SDG implementation.

Guiding questions

- How have governments prepared institutionally for advancing an integrated implementation of the SDGs?
- Have these arrangements extended to examining the coherence of policies across sectors, and addressing synergies and trade-offs across SDG targets? Are the results of policy integration on the ground analysed?
- Have these arrangements extended to considering the coherence of policies across levels of government? Is the focus on institutional arrangements, or on the performance of specific levels of government in enabling policy integration for the mandates and competencies they have?
- Have these arrangements extended to how governments approach stakeholder engagement in SDG implementation?
- What can be recommended for enhancing preparedness for SDG implementation? What commonalities and differences emerge across countries and regions from the audits of SDG preparedness?
- What lessons and challenges from auditing preparedness for SDG implementation may be relevant for SAIs in other regions?

Overview on auditing policy integration by moderator

Short presentations and discussion

Mr. Agus Joko Pramono, Board Member, The Board of Audit of the Rep. of Indonesia. ([Presentation](#))

Ms. Nino Pruidze, Senior Budget Analyst, State Audit Office of Georgia.

Moderator: Dr Geert Bouckaert, CEPA member.

11:45 -12:00 hrs

Break

12:00– 13:00 hrs

Session II: Auditing preparedness for advancing gender equality

This session will provide an overview on what it means to audit inclusiveness and provide for inclusiveness at SAI level. This will be followed by sharing of experiences, emerging findings and lessons learned from auditing preparedness for the implementation of SDG 5 in Latin America/Spain. Following presentations from SAIs on their audits of preparedness, participants will reflect on the advances and challenges in implementing SDG5 and consider how the audits of preparedness could help address those challenges and advance inclusiveness more widely.

Guiding questions

- How have governments in Latin America prepared institutionally for advancing gender equality in the region through the implementation of SDG5?
- Are these arrangements conducive to mobilizing the resources and capacities needed for advancing SDG5? And to engaging multiple stakeholders?
- How have Latin American governments prepared for monitoring and reporting on progress regarding SDG5?
- What can be recommended for strengthening preparedness for the implementation of SDG5 in countries in the region? What commonalities and differences emerge across Latin American countries?
- How can SAIs and sub-national audit institutions collaborate for conducting audits of SDG preparedness and future SDG audits?
- What lessons and challenges from auditing preparedness for the implementation of SDG5 may be relevant for SAIs in other regions?

13:00 -13:15 hrs

Group picture

13:15- 15:00 hrs

Lunch break

15:00-16:30 hrs

Session III: Advancing SDG implementation, follow-up and review in SIDS – Experiences across regions

This session will reflect on the unique challenges that SIDS face to implement the SDGs as evidenced in audit reports of preparedness. The sessions will also highlight the specific challenges that small SAIs in SIDS face to conduct SDG audits.

Guiding questions

- How have governments in SIDS prepared institutionally for the implementation of the SDGs?
- Are these arrangements conducive to mobilizing the resources and capacities needed for advancing

Overview on auditing inclusiveness by moderator

Short presentations and discussion

Ms. Marta Acosta, Auditor General, Costa Rica.
([Presentation](#))

Mr. Andres Castro Franco, Deputy Comptroller of Bogota DC. ([Presentation](#))

Mr. Santiago R. Martinez Arguelles, Deputy Director Technical Directorate D2F, Spanish Court of Accounts.
([Presentation](#))

Moderator: Ms. Maria Lucia Lima, Brazilian Court of Audit.

Short presentations and discussion

Ms. Gail Lue Lim, Deputy Auditor General, Auditor General's Department, Jamaica.

Mr. Tiofilusi Tiueti, Chief Executive Pacific Association of SAIs (PASAI).

Ms. Shirah Nair, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore.

SDGs in SIDS? And for engaging multiple stakeholders?

- How have governments in SIDS prepared for monitoring and reporting on progress in SDG implementation?
- What are commonalities and differences that emerge across SIDS in different regions?
- What can be recommended for strengthening SDG implementation in SIDS?
- What lessons and challenges from auditing preparedness for the implementation of SDGs may be relevant for SAIs in other SID countries or elsewhere?

16:30 - 16:45 hrs

Break

16:45 - 18:00 hrs

Session IV: Starting audits of preparedness for SDG implementation – Opportunities and challenges

The focus of this session would be on the opportunities and challenges for SAIs which are about to start the audits of preparedness for SDG implementation. It will reflect on the regional/country specific conditions they face and what they can learn from other SAIs which have already conducted this kind of audit, both in terms of methodology and process. Government representatives could reflect on the value they see from these audits for enhancing SDG implementation in their national contexts.

Guiding questions

- What opportunities and challenges do you foresee in conducting the audits of preparedness in your country/region?
- How do you plan to engage with the government and other stakeholders in planning, conducting and reporting this audit?
- What tips and advice from SAIs that have finalized the audit of SDG preparedness can be useful for your SAI in planning, conducting and reporting?
- What are the key challenges and critical gaps in terms of availability, quality and disaggregation of data and indicators that can hinder the implementation of SDGs in these two regions? What role can SAIs play through their assessments of national statistical capacities and systems to identify and address these gaps?
- Are there any major differences in potential preparedness gaps, or on focus areas within the SDGs, that make SDG preparedness audits in CREFIAF and ARABOSAI different from other regions?

Moderator: Mr. David Le Blanc, DPIDG/UNDESA.

Panel discussion

Ms. Ismahan Mahamoud Ibrahim, Première Présidente, Cour des Comptes et de Discipline Budgétaire, Djibouti.

Mr. Abdoul Madjib Gueye, President de Chambre, Cour des Comptes, Sénégal.

Mr. Eltahir Malik, Auditor General, National Audit Chamber, Sudan.

Mr. Matthias Reister, Chief, International Merchandise Trade Statistics, UNDESA Statistics Division.

Discussant: Ms. Gloria Alonso Masmela, Deputy Comptroller General, General Comptroller of the Rep. of Colombia.

Moderator: Ms. Julie Gelfand, Commissioner of the Environment, Canada.

10:00 -11:30 hrs	<p>Session V: SAIs’ engagement with the SDGs – Lessons learned</p>	<p>Short presentations and discussion</p>
	<p>This session will focus on diverse ways in which SAIs have engaged with the SDGs. The results of reviews of preparedness for SDG implementation will be presented. Participants will also reflect on how SAIs can report the findings and recommendations of audits of preparedness, and engage with government and parliaments for enhancing the impact of SDG audits. The session will consider how SAIs participating in the programme can build on the lessons learned from these experiences in their audits of preparedness and follow up audits.</p>	<p>Ms. Andrea Connell, Head of International Affairs, Netherlands Court of Accounts.</p>
	<p>Guiding questions</p>	<p>Ms. Malika Didouche, Head of Chamber, Algeria Cour de Comptes.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the main findings and lessons learned from the reviews of preparedness for SDG implementation in the Netherlands and ARABOSAI? • What are the main findings and lessons learned from the audit of preparedness for SDG implementation in Canada? • What are the main findings and lessons learned at the regional level from auditing the preparation of the center of government for implementing the SDGs and Target 2.4 in Latin America? • How have SAIs engaged with government and parliament in planning, conducting and reporting these SDG audits? (illustrate with specific examples) • How can cooperative audits contribute to strengthening SDG implementation? • How can SAIs build on the lessons learned from these experiences for future SDG audits? What recommendations can be given for the long-term engagement of SAIs with the SDGs? 	<p>Mr. Iyad Tayem, President of the State Audit and Administrative Control Bureau of the Palestinian National Authority.</p>
		<p>Ms. Julie Gelfand, Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development, Canada.</p>
		<p>Mr. Carlos E. Lustosa da Costa, Director Environmental Audit, Brazilian Court of Audit.</p>
		<p><i>Moderator: Mr. David Kanja, Assistant Secretary-General OIOS.</i></p>
11:30 – 11:45 hrs	<p><i>Break</i></p>	
11:45 - 13:00 hrs	<p>Session VI: Stakeholder expectations and perspectives on SAI contributions to the SDGs</p>	<p>Panel discussion</p>
	<p>This panel discussion will bring together external stakeholders and SAI representatives to share stakeholders’ expectations and perspectives on the role of SAIs and reflect on how SAIs can contribute to the SDGs in the long run.</p>	<p>H.E. Abdulla Lootah, Director General, Federal Competitiveness and Statistics Authority, United Arab Emirates.</p>
	<p>Guiding questions</p>	<p>Mr. Saber Chowdhury, Honorary President, Inter-Parliamentary Union.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do stakeholders perceive the role of SAIs regarding the SDGs, and what are stakeholders’ 	

expectations regarding SAIs' contributions to the implementation and review of the SDGs?

- How can collaboration between SAIs and Parliaments be strengthened in the context of SDG implementation? What specific actions could be taken at global, regional, and national levels? What experiences may provide an example of improved collaboration?
- How can collaboration between SAIs and civil society be strengthened in the context of SDG implementation? What specific actions could be taken at global, regional, national levels? What experiences may provide an example of enhanced collaboration?
- What role can SAIs play to identify and assess risks related to the role of the private sector and public-private partnerships for SDG implementation?
- How can collaboration between SAIs and national statistical agencies be strengthened in the context of SDG implementation at the national level? What experiences may provide an example of improved collaboration?
- How can the information related to the SDGs produced by SAIs be better communicated and used by stakeholders to monitor and ensure progress on SDG implementation?

13:00 - 15:00 hrs

Lunch break

15:00 -16:15 hrs

Session VII: Strengthening SAI capacities for auditing SDGs

The session will focus on the capacities SAIs need to engage with the SDGs in the long term, and the opportunities and challenges for developing such capacities. Participants will discuss challenges and opportunities to improve SAI capacity, strategic planning and performance to respond to governance changes related to SDG implementation. Panellists will reflect on specific capacities needed for auditing SDGs, which include for auditing inclusiveness, evaluating institutional arrangements and integrated policies, using data analytics, and assessing risks and indicators, among others. The discussion will also consider the capacities needed for enhancing the communication of audit findings and recommendations.

Guiding questions

- How can SAIs leverage their strategic, operational and annual audit plans for long-term engagement with the SDGs?
- What processes could inform SAIs with regards to determining which goals and targets (and which relevant interrelations or nexuses) could be given priority for SDG audits?

Mr. Vivek Ramkumar, Senior Director of Policy, International Budget Partnership.

Moderator: Ms. Lynn Wagner, International Institute for Sustainable Development.

Overview of institutional challenges for SDG implementation by moderator

Panel discussion

Mr. Baohou SUN, Deputy Auditor General, China National Audit Office, Working Group on Data Analytics.

Mr. Kimi Makwetu, Auditor General of South Africa and CBC Chair.

Mr. Jorge Bermudez Soto, General Comptroller of Chile, Executive Secretariat of OLACEFS.

Ms. Archana Shirsat, Deputy Director, IDI.

Moderator: Mr. Chris Mihm, US Government Accountability Office.

- What capacities do SAIs need to engage with the SDGs in the long term (e.g. for auditing specific SDGs, auditing inclusiveness in public policies, auditing gender equality, evaluating institutional arrangements and integrated policies, using data analytics, assessing risks and indicators)?
- What capacities do SAIs need to enhance the communication of audit findings and recommendations to strengthen their impact?
- What are opportunities and challenges related to developing SAI capacities and performance to contribute to the SDGs?

16:15-16:30 hrs

Break

16:30 - 17:45 hrs

Session VIII: SAI contributions to the global SDG review process in 2019– Setting the roadmap

This session will focus on the interface between SAIs and the global follow-up and review of the SDGs. Following an overview of the process at the UN up to the first global review of the 2030 Agenda in 2019, participants will reflect on ways in which SAIs may contribute to this process as well as to the review of SDG16 in 2019. The discussion will consider how audits reports can relate to and complement VNR reports and other monitoring and evaluation efforts. Participants will consider specific inputs SAIs could provide to the 2019 review and think about concrete steps SAIs could take.

Guiding questions

- How can SDG audit reports relate to and complement the voluntary national reviews presented by countries at the High-Level Political Forum in 2019? What is SAIs' experience in engaging in the VNR process?
- What specific inputs, and in what formats, could be provided by national SAIs to the review of SDGs in 2019, based on the results of the audits of SDG preparedness?
- What other inputs could also be considered? (e.g. performance audits on SDG implementation, assessing and supporting SDG 16)?
- How can SDG audit reports relate to and complement other monitoring and evaluation efforts by government and other stakeholders to contribute to the review of SDGs in 2019? What are opportunities and challenges for collaboration?
- What collective contributions could the SAI community provide at regional and global levels to the review of SDG16 and the overall SDG review in 2019? What channels could be used to inform the reviews? What concrete steps could be taken to produce these collective inputs and to liaise with relevant stakeholders at regional and global levels?

Short presentation and panel discussion

Mr. David Le Blanc,
DPIDG/UNDESA.

Ms. Dorothy Lucks, Co-chair of
EVALSDGs.

Mr. Kassem El Saddik, Vice Co-
Chair EVALSDGs.

Ms. Archana Shirsat, Deputy
Director, IDI.

Discussant: Mr. Carlos E.
Lustosa da Costa, Director
Environmental Audit, Brazilian
Court of Accounts.

*Moderator: Ms. Tytti Yli-Vikari,
Auditor General of Finland.*

17:45-18:00

Closing

Final remarks from IDI and UNDESA as co-organisers of the meeting.

IDI and UNDESA.

Note: Simultaneous interpretation (English/French/Spanish/Arabic) will be provided for plenary sessions.