

VIII EUROSAI OLACEFS Joint Conference

Guidelines for Coordinators

Date: June 25, 2015

WORK SESSION 2

Transparency, Audit & Ethics

INTRODUCTION

Day 2 of the 8th OLACEFS – EUROSAI conference will look at good governance from a perspective of SAIs. What can SAIs do to ensure their own good governance and what can they do to promote good governance? The day will start with a key note contribution by Mr. Ryan Androsoff, of the Open Government Data team at the OECD. Afterwards, the participants of the conference will look at different aspects of good governance in four parallel work sessions. The four themes are all future oriented, so rather than looking back at what has been achieved, they look at what can be developed. Different approaches are compared with the intention that SAIs can learn from each other. The goal of the day is to exchange valuable ideas, build relationships and perhaps even provide a first basis for future cooperation projects.

DESCRIPTION

In this session, participants are expected to actively discuss how SAIs can contribute further to promote transparency and ethical conduct in public organizations. Do they feel attracted for this? How should they include these issues in their audit approach? New ideas, interesting experiences, different approaches, doubts and issues to discuss are expected to pop up from the restless minds of public auditors participating in this bowl of discussion.

PARTICIPANTS

SAI / Institution
Coordinator: Portugal
AFROSAI
Albania
Argentina
ATRICON
Croatia
Dominican Republic
Israel
Peru
Puerto Rico
Spain
Sweden
Uruguay
Rapporteur: Ecuador

GUIDELINES

Please be aware that active debate is the goal of the session. The debate should be future-focused and provide participating SAIs with insights into the work of their colleagues and other organizations, and ideally help them identify potential solutions to existing challenges.

The Coordinating SAI's role is to lead the roundtable discussion, keeping it on topic, marking time, and ensuring that each participating institution has an equal opportunity to speak. In addition, with the assistance of a rapporteur from SAI Ecuador, the Coordinating SAI must take notes and consolidate common opinions and conclusions for presentation at the Plenary session.

Rapporteurs from SAI Ecuador will assist the Coordinating SAIs in note taking during discussions and preparing reports.

The Presenting SAI(s)' role is limited to the first 15 minutes or so of the work session and serves to "warm up" the participants by providing (a) unique initial perspective(s) on the debate topic.

Representatives from participating SAIs and other institutions are expected to participate actively in the discussions, stay on topic, and limit each contribution to 2 to 3 minutes.

The following detailed framework for the debate is a suggestion that can be adapted by each Coordinating SAI as best suits their debate topic and questions.

1. Presenting SAI(s) will make (an) initial presentation(s) totaling approximately 15 minutes.
2. During the next few minutes, the Coordinating SAI will explain the debate dynamics and present the first question for debate.
3. Each participating SAI or institution will then have approximately 2 to 3 minutes to present their contributions and perspectives on the first debate question. The suggested total time for each debate question is 30 minutes (considering a total of 3 questions).
4. Next, the Coordinating SAI will present the second debate question for discussion. Subsequently, if time permits, the Coordinating SAI will also present the third question for discussion. The final debate should end at least 10 minutes prior to the conclusion of the work session.
5. During the final 10 minutes, the Coordinating SAI, with the assistance of the Rapporteur, will consolidate notes and prepare a simple report to be presented orally in the Plenary Session that immediate follows the work session.
6. After the debates and the coffee break, all participants will go to the Plenary Hall.
7. During the Plenary Session, Coordinators will have approximately 15 minutes each to present the conclusions of their respective tables.
8. The Regional Chairs / Secretariats will coordinate the Plenary session, which will take a total of 60 minutes. Rapporteurs will assist in note taking during the Plenary session as well.
9. Subsequently, the Executive Secretariat of OLACEFS (SAI Chile), in collaboration with the Coordinating SAIs, Rapporteurs, and regional chairs, will prepare minutes of each day's Plenary session, including the main conclusions and recommendations for each technical topic.