

VIII EUROSAI OLACEFS Joint Conference

Guidelines for Coordinators

Date: June 25, 2015

WORK SESSION 2

SAIs and Open Government Partnership

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

The Open Government Partnership was launched in 2011 to provide an international platform for domestic reformers committed to making their governments more open, accountable, and responsive to citizens. Since then, OGP has grown from 8 countries to 65 participating countries. In all of these countries, government and civil society are working together to develop and implement ambitious open government reforms. The work session will look at what the Open Government Partnership entails and specifically what SAIs can do in collaboration with the Open Government Partnership and their own governments.

QUESTIONS

1. What is the Open Government Partnership?
2. What can Governments do with the Open Government Partnership?
3. What specific role can SAIs take up with the Open Government Partnership?
4. What are future steps for SAIs to take to take this development further?

PARTICIPANTS

SAI / Institution
Coordinator: Mexico
Belgium
Bolivia
Bosnia Herzegovina
Colombia
IDI
Italy
Kuwait
Moldova
Ukraine
United States
Venezuela
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 immediately 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.