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# Conclusions INTOSAI-Regions Coordination Platform

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## ***INTOSAI value circle and the Coordination Platform***

- On Monday we kicked off the workshop by reminding ourselves of **INTOSAI's value circle** and the need for INTOSAI bodies to cooperate more effectively – to have **a single point of contact in INTOSAI** – a working level platform where INTOSAI bodies can find common ground and identify areas for better coordination of efforts.

I believe that – because of your **participation and willingness to engage** the issues – this first Coordination Platform has been a success.

- This platform is not an official INTOSAI structure and does not have any decision-making powers. However, **all the important role players within INTOSAI are present in the room**, and in the interest of finding solutions and moving the business of INTOSAI forward, we would like your agreement that each of us will go back home and from our respective positions of responsibility continue this spirit of cooperation and help us sustain the forward momentum.

At the same time, where have decided on a number of specific actions and identified a few specific role players that are prepared to lead or partner in addressing the challenges and opportunities identified, while at the same time extending an open invitation to all interested to participate and/or contribute in whatever way:

## ***ISSAI implementation***

Under the topic of ISSAI implementation we identifying **four broad themes**:

- An **ISSAI Implementation Roadmap**, with guidance on how to move towards ISSAI implementation > FAAS, the CBC, and IDI
- Regarding **Quality Assurance**, monitoring & evaluation, and the role of the SAI PMF, the CBC and IDI
- The PSC will take care of **Feedback Loops** on the adequacy of the standards, as well as possible support in the form of **Communities of Practice**

***Regarding the Strategic Development Plan of the IFPP (INTOSAI Framework for Professional Pronouncements)***

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- In July, the PSC will trigger the very important consultation process and we rely on SAIs, but most definitely the Regions and INTOSAI bodies, to provide comments.

On **Information systems & data bases within INTOSAI** we concluded that –

- Firstly, we concluded that the owners of all data bases and information systems should make sure that the information or tool serves the needs of SAIs.
- There was a need for mapping of the various existing databases, bringing this information together effectively, and as far as possible streamlining the main systems or data bases – the website of the INTOSAI General Secretariat was mentioned as a point of entry and to take this forward agreed on the GS, the KSC/IDI and the WGVBS (Mexico)
- The UAE/INTOSAI Presidency and the General Secretariat agreed to try and arrange a break-out session at the next Governing Board meeting to discuss this issue.

**Capacity strengthening initiatives – globally, regionally and/or inter-regionally**

- Need for more integration and better coordination by engaging SAI Regions and individual SAIs in a more effective way – the discussion Petra/IDI facilitated this morning also cast a lot light on this.
- We agreed that there was a need for better clarity regarding the roles of INTOSAI Regions, individual SAIs and other stakeholders (e.g. IDI) – this first Coordination Platform meeting has been a positive step forward in this regard.

### **Professional Education for SAI Auditors**

IDI briefed us on the education pilot that will take place within the framework of the 3i program. The aim is to complete the piloting process by 2022, including evaluation and revision of the program as needed, before deciding whether to scale up the pilot. Further information will be rolled out by the IDI.

### **Implementation of QA of non-IFPP public goods**

The KSC, on behalf of the Goal Chairs, explained the initiative aimed at protecting the reputation of INTOSAI documents by being explicit about the level of assurance we can provide regarding the quality of our documents.

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The processes proposed are not supposed to be onerous, but appropriate to the context of the document produced.

### **Enhancements to INTOSAI Community Portal, and update on revision of the INTOSAI website**

The KSC and General Secretariat gave us a perspective on the revision of the INTOSAI tool and our website – the KSC and the General Secretariat will link up in terms of these two initiatives, and it may also be included in the break-out discussion at the GB meeting. Feedback from us all as users is critical to the value that these revised tools will have.

### **Capacity and funding of INTOSAI Regional Organizations**

- Arising from a discussion paper we had further discussions and amongst other things concluded that there are big differences between regions and therefore also differences between the needs of regions, but that a strong institutional leadership, proper strategy and well-governed and sustainable structure of capacity are important success factors.
- We also concluded that training about the way donors work was valuable and looked forward to more such training from the INTOSAI-Donor Secretariat within INTOSAI, but also training of donors in understanding SAIs and INTOSAI.
- Training also in the writing of proposals to donors was a definite need and support in this regard from IDI would also be of great value.

INTOSAI regions generally would also welcome training in needs assessments, strategic planning, developing capacity for monitoring, evaluation and reporting.

- And the IDI and/or CBC as a broker between INTOSAI regions and donors in terms of potential support, was also welcomed by some regions.
- We also shared valuable experiences in how INTOSAI regions can prevent **undue external influence** on independence when receiving external funding and that there was room for SAIs and regions learn to learn how to better engage with donors on their own terms.

### **General Secretariat information**

- The **General Secretariat** raised the issues of **regional reporting to the Governing Board** and undertook to send a proposed template to the regions for their comment.
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As far as national **financial reporting frameworks** were concerned, the GS as a member of FAAS requested everyone to kindly furnish information to the Austrian Court of Audit on the position in our respective countries.

### **INTOSAI risks and emerging issues – the SCEI**

The SCEI Chair requested time for the SCEI to gather information from the community and provide a report at the upcoming Governing Board before considering proposing changes to the current set-up of the SCEI.

### **Closure**

We believe this first Coordination Platform meeting was enough of a success to hold another one next year.

We are proposing that the timing for the meeting again be in June, but given the early Congress in 2019, that we hold the Coordination Platform meeting early in June – exact dates to be confirmed. Venue – hopefully South Africa

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**Don't limit your challenges;**

**Challenge your limits.**

**Each day we must strive for constant  
and never-ending improvement”**