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Dear Secretary General,

Training on the SAI Performance Measurement Framework

SAI PMF Background

At the XX INTOSAI Congress in Johannesburg in 2010, the INTOSAI Working Group on the Value and Benefits of SAIs (WGVBS) was tasked to “develop further credible measurement tools to support evaluations in terms of this framework [framework for Communicating and Promoting the Value and Benefits of SAIs], in collaboration with the INTOSAI Capacity Building Committee and the INTOSAI Donor Steering Committee”.

The INTOSAI-Donor Secretariat within IDI was asked to coordinate this activity on behalf of the WGVBS, given its role in supporting the INTOSAI-Donor Steering Committee, its position within IDI and its links to the CBC. A task team was established to take forward the work, comprising a number of SAIs, INTOSAI Bodies and one Donor Agency and this is supported by a wider reference group.

The SAI PMF is an objective performance measurement framework designed to aid communication on the value and benefits of SAIs, give a high level overview of SAI performance (against the ISSAIs and other international good practices), and to facilitate managing, measuring and monitoring of SAI performance over time. Decisions to undertake an assessment rest with the Head of the SAI, who may opt for a self assessment, peer assessment or external assessment according to the purpose of the assessment. Full details on the SAI PMF, including the initial Concept Note, presentation, and version 2.0 of the SAI PMF can be found at <http://www.idi.no/artikkel.aspx?MIId=102&AIId=704>.

SAI PMF version 2.0 has been piloted in three countries and subject to comments from around 30 SAIs, INTOSAI and donor organizations. Based on this, it is being revised to produce a SAI PMF Exposure Draft during 2013. This Exposure Draft will be presented (for awareness raising, not for approval) at INCOSAI XXI in Beijing, and subject to a larger second phase of piloting and further global consultation during 2013-15. It will then be subject to INTOSAI due process for possible approval at INCOSAI XXII.

SAI PMF Roll-out Strategy

To facilitate this second stage of piloting, a SAI-PMF roll-out strategy has been drafted (attached). This seeks to build capacity among the INTOSAI and Donor Communities, both to carry out SAI

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PMF assessments and to train others in use of the SAI PMF. A key pillar of this strategy is to build networks of resource experts on the SAI PMF. The strategy proposes to roll-out the existing knowledge on the SAI PMF that is held by the task team members and those involved in the first phase of pilots. To do this, IDI is offering the opportunity for interested experts and especially potential future trainers to attend an initial one week course (two courses are planned, in English, one held in Oslo and one in London) where they will receive three days training on the SAI PMF, followed by two days focusing on how to train others on the SAI PMF.

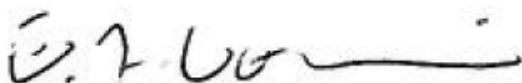
Further to these initial courses, IDI hopes to organize similar events in each of the INTOSAI regions, AFROSAI-E and CREFIAF, in the working language of that region, during 2013. It is hoped that some of the participants from the initial courses will be able to assist as co-facilitators on the future SAI PMF training courses held in the regions, and afterwards have the skills to be able to lead other SAI PMF training courses, as well as participate in SAI PMF assessments. Therefore those attending the initial courses should be experts with the relevant skills to conduct objective assessments of SAIs, have experience in training and skills in facilitation, be able to work effectively in English, and be available to participate in future SAI PMF activities. These courses in the regions will provide further opportunity for staff of INTOSAI regional bodies, AFROSAI-E and CREFIAF, as well as regional facilitators and experts to become acquainted with the SAI PMF, and to work towards becoming SAI PMF trainers.

The two main purposes of this letter are therefore:

1. To keep the INTOSAI regional bodies, AFROSAI-E and CREFIAF, informed of developments on the SAI PMF, including the intention to arrange future training courses within each region, and to explore interest in cooperation on such courses during 2013.
2. To invite each INTOSAI regional body, AFROSAI-E and CREFIAF, if they so chose, to send up to two staff in total to one of the following initial SAI PMF training courses:
 - Oslo, Norway: SAI PMF training 4-6th March, and SAI PMF train-the-trainers 7-8th March, hosted by OAG Norway.
 - London, UK: SAI PMF training 18-20th March, and SAI PMF train-the-trainers 21-22nd March, hosted by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy.

We look forward to your response and to working together on the roll-out of this important INTOSAI initiative.

Yours sincerely



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Attachments:

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Invitation to SAI PMF Training Course Oslo 4-8th March or London 18-20th March.

SAI PMF training course, registration form, Oslo 4-8th March.

Oslo Practical Information.

SAI PMF training course, registration form, London, 18-20th March.