

Capacity and funding of INTOSAI regional and sub-regional organizations

Success factors

- Consistently strong, visionary and proactive regional **leadership**.
- Establishment of the region or the regional secretariat as a more **permanent and/or separate legal entity** eligible for donor funding and with effective oversight, direction and control arrangements and potential for long-term viability. (E.g. AFROSAI-E and IDI as legal entities with a separate governance structure outside the host SAI has increased their success in attracting donor funding.)
- **Long-term partnerships** with donors, professional organizations, other regions which can help support and inspire development, make them more sustainable, etc.

Success factors (cont.)

- **Regional peer-to-peer support** – one or several stronger members SAIs in the region who are willing and able to support their neighbors and drive regional development.
- Strong **partnerships within a region**; a **robust strategic plan** based on the needs of member SAIs methods and approaches for development etc. between the members of a region.
- Regions that can **demonstrate transparency and good governance** and that have the ability to meet donor requirements in terms of preparing strong funding proposals and high-quality reporting on the utilization of donor funds.

Discussion points

1. To what extent do the INTOSAI regions and sub-regions see a need to increase the levels of funding in order to enhance their ability to support the capacity development of their member SAIs?
2. Are there other factors that affect the ability of INTOSAI regions to attract funding?
3. How can INTOSAI regions prevent undue external influence on independence when receiving external funding?
4. While increased donor funding may enhance the ability to support member SAIs, what should be the long-term aspirations of the INTOSAI regions in terms of supporting their SAIs in a sustainable manner (i.e. is it possible to gradually move towards a situation where the INTOSAI regions can support their member SAIs also without being overly reliant on donor funding)?

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Discussion points (cont)

5. Is there a need for the IDI and the CBC, or others in INTOSAI, to more effectively engage with the regions in terms of supporting the development of regional capacity to effectively work with donors, or to help them meet their members' needs without donor support?
6. If so, what kind of support would be needed? Potential areas could include, but is not limited to:
 - a) support to INTOSAI regions on needs assessments, strategic planning, developing funding on monitoring and reporting on donor support
 - b) better advocating the important role of the INTOSAI regions to potential providers of support, or
 - c) serving as a broker between INTOSAI regions and donors in terms of potential support.