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EDITORIAL

We closed a very difficult year due to the pandemic, demonstrating that in spite of this, we are capable to achieve our goals. In November we held the first virtual General Assembly in the history of OLACEFS. In addition, in December, the Second High Level Regional Forum of Supreme Audit Institutions was held virtually, together with the Sub-Regional Groups EFSUR and OCCEFS. The technical bodies have also developed workshops, webinars and virtual meetings.

The crisis brings opportunities to continue sharing experiences and not to stop the work of our SAs in the implementation of control, whose demand has grown in times of Covid-19. We will keep on working with the same strength in 2021 to achieve altogether the development and well-being of our region.

Nelson Shack Yalta
President of OLACEFS

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Actions of the SAI of Brazil in response to the COVID-19 pandemic



Like all countries, the Brazilian government has taken swift action in response to the global COVID-19 crisis. The impact of the crisis on areas such as public health, employment, economic growth and social protection has been massive worldwide.

In this context, the SAI of Brazil, in its important mission to monitor the correct use of public resources and funds, ensure transparency and assess the results achieved, has published some of the reports of decided cases related to COVID-19. All of them have been translated into Spanish.

Click here to read the reports!

<https://portal.tcu.gov.br/biblioteca-digital/informe-de-fiscalizaciones-en-politicas-y-programas-de-gobierno-procesos-juzgados-repp-2020.htm>

INFORME DE FISCALIZACIONES EN POLÍTICAS Y PROGRAMAS DE GOBIERNO : PROCESOS JUZGADOS - REPP 2020



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Documentos

- SUPERVISION DE ACCIONES RELACIONADAS A LA EDUCACION BASICA EN CONSECUENCIA DE LA PANDEMIA DE LA COVID-19
- SUPERVISION DE LA ACTUACION DEL BANCO CENTRAL EN LA MITIGACION DE LOS EFECTOS ECONOMICO-FINANCIEROS DERIVADOS DE LA COVID-19
- SUPERVISION DE LA GESTION DE BENEFICIOS DEL INSS
- SUPERVISION DE LA GOBERNANZA DEL CENTRO DE GOBIERNO DURANTE EL COMBATE A LA COVID-19

Guatemala's Comptroller's Office complies with the oversight of public resources

After the first positive case of covid-19 was detected in Guatemala, the country was forced into a total shutdown, which caused that many state institutions stopped working, and the number of positive cases began to increase. Seven months later, the number of infections has already surpassed 100,000.

However, the Office of the Comptroller General of Accounts is not only committed to the Constitution of the Republic, but also to the citizens who demand that public funds are audited, especially the Q14,510 million (approximately \$1862 million) in resources approved by Congress to deal with the coronavirus emergency.

Karen Beltetón, General Supervisor of the Directorate of Audit Quality Assurance of the Office of the Comptroller General of Accounts, explained the processes that had to be implemented in the institution to carry out the different audits.

"The institution developed a Protocol for the Continuity of Operations in the Workplace and Prevention of COVID-19, which contains measures to prevent and mitigate the risk of exposure to the virus. In addition, measures have been adopted for teleworking, blended work, shift work and special working days, making greater use of electronic communication and computer tools for the development of work," Beltetón said.

"The oversight work has been limited, either by mobility restrictions, absence of staff, due to illness or impediments, social distancing, among others. But, in spite of all these vicissitudes caused by the pandemic, the monitoring work has been carried out," she said.



Karen Beltetón, General Supervisor of the Audit Quality Assurance Directorate of the Office of the Comptroller General of Accounts.

Cooperative Audit on Transparency, Accountability and Inclusion in the use of emergency funds for COVID-19

Transparency and accountability play an important role in emergency situations, since in these type of situations the risks of irregularities, misallocations, waste and corruption are unfortunately increased. Thus is essential to ensure that the resources allocated for the funding of the response to the COVID-19 pandemic are spent correctly as foreseen.

SAIs, as institutions tasked with overseeing the responsible management of public finances, have undertaken various actions within their mandates to audit the government's response to this unprecedented health crisis.

To support these efforts, the IDI has decided to facilitate a Global Cooperative Compliance Audit on Transparency, Accountability and Inclusion in the use of emergency funds for COVID-19. In our region, this initiative will be accompanied by the OLACEFS Working Group on Disaster Risk Management (WGFD), in the framework of the Regional Action Plan for COVID-19.

Among the initial activities of this audit, on December 4th, a discussion was held between SAIs, international organizations such as the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), the World Bank (WB), the International Budget Partnership (IBP), and the Open Contracting Partnership (OCP). In addition, there were presentations by experts from the SAIs of Brazil, Guatemala and Paraguay, which brought together more than 150 participants from 17 SAIs of OLACEFS.

In this talk, the Chair of the WGPD called on OLACEFS SAIs to take part in this initiative in order to have inputs to improve the audit of resource management in times of emergency.



SAI Peru reinvented social control during the pandemic

During the Covid-19 pandemic, the Office of the Comptroller General of Peru transformed its social control programmes "Youth Auditors" and "Citizen Control Monitors" into a virtual modality; which have been operating exclusively remotely to identify irregularities and opportunities for improvement in public management.



Social control programmes in virtual mode.

Between July and December 2020, more than 102,000 high school students from public educational institutions that receive virtual classes joined the "Youth Auditors" programme and, accompanied by their parents, completed virtual surveys on the delivery of classes and tablets that are part of the Ministry of Education's strategy "I Learn at Home".

Meanwhile, seven thousand volunteers from the Citizen Control Monitors programme are accredited to carry out remote oversight of public works and contribute to the development of their community. As of December, they had carried out 10,680 virtual visits and monitoring of a total of 342 public works.

The Citizen Control Monitors (MCC) are voluntary citizens who carry out social control in public works and processes or procedures for the contracting of public goods and services and interventions that involve public resources in the entities subject to the National Control System.

Recently, this programme won the Inter-American Prize for Innovation in Effective Public Management (PIGEP) 2020 in the category of "Innovation in Open Government". PIGEP is an initiative of the Department for Effective Public Management of the Organization of American States (OAS).

The AGN joins OLACEFS Working Groups

The Auditor General Office of Argentina (AGN) joined two OLACEFS Working Groups this year. They are: the Working Group for the Development of Tools for the Implementation of Performance Audits, with emphasis on SDGs, led by the Capacity Building Committee (CCC), and the Group on Gender Equality and Non-Discrimination. The Auditor General Graciela De la Rosa, mandated by the Board of Auditors General, is the Focal Point who acts as a channel of communication between the AGN and the Working Group on Gender Equality and Non-Discrimination.



Likewise, the AGN has joined the Working Group for the Development of Tools for Performance Audits, with emphasis on SDGs, aimed to promote methodologies that contribute to a more effective and efficient audit of the SDGs, as well as to promote the use of technical tools to increase the efficiency of SDG audits, among other objectives.

Meanwhile, the Working Group on Gender Equality and Non-Discrimination (WGG) constitutes an space to join efforts in order to build a Gender Policy for OLACEFS, which contributes to promote fairer and more egalitarian audit institutions, aligned with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Within this Working Group, the AGN decided to lead a Project, with the collaboration of the German agency GIZ. A Survey addressing the Impact of COVID 19 on the staff of OLACEFS member SAls was elaborated. In this context, the spirit of the AGN is to continue prioritizing its oversight tasks, and to contribute to the growth and development of the OLACEFS Working Groups.

Mooc on Performance Audit Course is available



Aware of the importance of performance audit worldwide and the need for capacity building for its implementation, aligned to the latest versions of ISSAI 100, 300 and 3000, OLACEFS offers to the international community the course on Performance Audit. This initiative has been carried out by the Capacity Building Committee (lead by the of the Federal Court of Accounts of Brazil) and the support of the German Cooperation (through GIZ). The course is available in Portuguese, Spanish and English in the format of a massive online open course, aimed to contribute to deliver high quality training on the subject.

This initiative is free of charge and will allow to know the main characteristics of performance auditing and its development cycle, including the application of various techniques during the different faces of planning and implementation. It also addresses the preparation of the report and the monitoring of the recommendations' implementation.

To Access the Mooc on Performance Auditing, follow the links:

[MOOC on Performance Audit in Spanish:](#)

https://contas.tcu.gov.br/ords/f?p=ISCNET2_PAR:106:::NO:106:P106_COD:202162

[MOOC on Performance Audit in Portuguese:](#)

https://contas.tcu.gov.br/ords/f?p=ISCNET2_PAR:106:::NO:106:P106_COD:202114

[MOOC on Performance Audit in English:](#)

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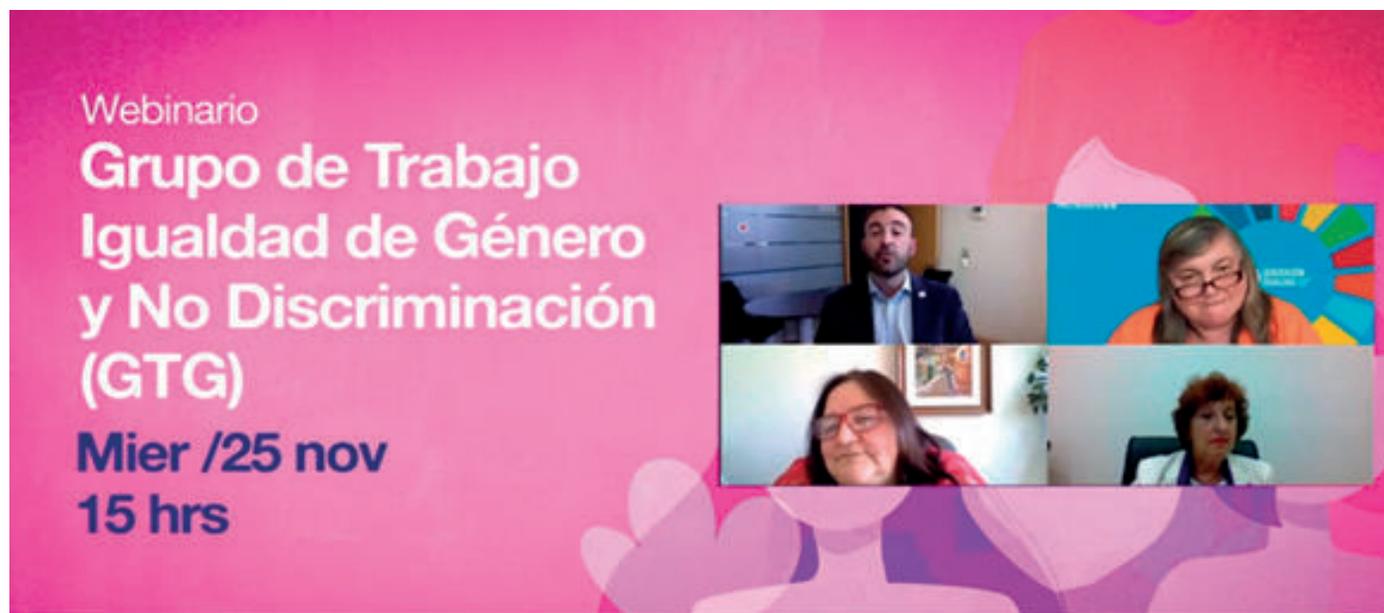
MOOC (Curso virtual gratuito)
AUDITORÍAS DE DESEMPEÑO
Ayudemos a fiscalizar la gestión pública

Ingresar al curso virtual gratuito sobre Auditorías de Desempeño de la OLACEFS y ayudemos a fiscalizar la gestión pública.

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Successful launch event of the GTG



Webinario
**Grupo de Trabajo
Igualdad de Género
y No Discriminación
(GTG)**
**Mier /25 nov
15 hrs**

The banner features a pink background with a large, stylized graphic of a hand holding a flower. In the center, there is a video call interface showing four participants in a 2x2 grid. The text on the left side of the banner provides details about the webinar, including the title, date, and time.



The working Group on Gender Equality and Non-Discrimination started its public activities after its creation last June, with a webinar commemorating the International Day on the Violence against the Women. The virtual event was attended by more than 400 people and had the interventions by Minister Diana Marcos, from the Uruguayan Court of Auditors; Chilean academic from the University of Concepción, Cecilia Pérez Díaz; and UN Women's Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean, María-Noel Vaeza.

During the event, the modifications to the updated website genero.olacefs.com were presented, where in addition to consolidating the work on gender issues carried out by OLACEFS in recent years, it will also host the activities of the GTG.

We invite you to follow the activities of the GTG on the website and to relive the webinar here:

<https://youtu.be/L2zo0eggi8g>

Report on the activities of the Working Group on Disaster Auditing

In the framework of the OLACEFS Virtual Extraordinary Assembly 2020, Mr. David Rogelio Colmenares Paramo, Superior Auditor of the Federation of Mexico and Chair of the Working Group on Disaster Auditing (WGFD), presented the Report of activities of this Working Group.

Among the activities reported were the elaboration and approval of the Addendum to the Terms of Reference of the WGFD as well as of the Regional Action Plan COVID-19. The Addendum is aimed to make visible the importance of disasters derived from biological threats, such as pandemics, and to add value by verifying the operability and effectiveness of crisis management, while the Action Plan establishes mechanisms to support the capacities of OLACEFS SAs to deal with the repercussions of the COVID-19 pandemic based on best practices and the exchange of experiences.

In addition, a first version of the Guide on Integrated Disaster Risk Management and a format for good practices in disaster auditing was developed and shared with INTOSAI executive secretariats to collect experiences from around the world and generate an online platform.

The partnership with the United Nations Office for Disaster Reduction in the Americas and the Caribbean (UNDRR) was also highlighted.

To learn more about these initiatives, please visit the WGFD microsite: https://www.olacefs.com/fiscalizacion_de_desastres-gtfd/



Extraordinary General Assembly was successfully held with a large participation of its members

On October 28th the OLACEFS Extraordinary General Assembly was held, organized by the chairmanship of the Regional Organization. The Assembly had a special feature as it was carried out in virtual format for the first time in the history of OLACEFS.



The event, that had the support of the Executive Secretariat, started at 10:00 hours (GMT-5) and brought together more than 140 people from the 21 full member SAIs, 7 Associated Members and international allies from the German Cooperation GIZ, the Initiative for INTOSAI Development – IDI and the Interamerican Development Bank – BID.

The heads of the SAIs of Argentina, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, México, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Uruguay and Venezuela participated in the meeting, as well as the representatives of the SAIs of Colombia and Panama.

In the framework of the Extraordinary General Assembly, important resolutions were voted such as the approval of the proposal to hold the XXX General Assembly in 2021 in Cartagena (Colombia) and maintaining the SAIs of Costa Rica and Paraguay as leaders of the technical issues; approval of the extension of the mandates of all the organs of the Regional Organization for a year; the request of SAI Italy to join OLACEFS as an associated member; the relaunching of the Latin American and Caribbean Network to Combat Corruption-RLACC and the formation of the high-level group; in addition to the annual audit report, the beginning of planning of the Annual Operating Plans 2021 and their approval at the next Governing Board, among others.

The OLACEFS Extraordinary General Assembly proved to the international community that we are a participatory, resilient and united organization that does not stop in the face of adverse circumstances such as the covid-19 pandemic.

Second High-Level Regional Forum of Supreme Audit Institutions

On December 17th, the Second High-Level Regional Forum of Supreme Audit Institutions (FRAN), took place, virtually, with the main Topic “Challenges of the National Control Systems towards the post pandemic future” and, hosted by the OLACEFS together with the Organization of the Central America and the Caribbean Supreme Audit Institutions (OCCEFS) and the Supreme Audit Institutions of Mercosur and Associates (EFSUR).



The objective of the Forum was to exchange and promote a virtual debate, by addressing together the challenges of SAIs, as well as the implemented measures to face the pandemic, based on good practices along the interinstitutional cooperation and the support provided by the Regional Organization and its Subregional Groups.

The FRAN had the participation of Econ. Nelson Shack, Comptroller General of the Republic of Peru and president of the OLACEFS; Dr. Camilo Benitez, Comptroller General of the Republic of Paraguay and president of EFSUR; Dr. Edwin Salazar, Comptroller General of Accounts, Republic of Guatemala and president of OCCEFS and, Ms. Xiomara Morel, Practice Manager, Governance Global Practice, of the World Bank. Lic. Areli Cano from Transparency General Director of the Superior Audit of the Federation of Mexico moderate the forum.

More than 800 people from different SAIs from the region participated in the second version of the FRAN, being able to learn about good practices, the value of international cooperation, challenges of SAIs in the post pandemic and the response to citizens demand to promote transparency.

AGN participates in the Initiative "SAIs in the Fight against Corruption"



During 2019 and 2020 the Office of the Auditor General of the Nation (AGN) participated in the IDI-OLACEFS Initiative "SAIs in the Fight against Corruption", which consists of 3 components. Within the framework of Component II of this initiative, "Audit of the Institutional Framework for the Prevention of Corruption", the AGN carried out a performance audit at the National Institute of Associativism and Social Economy (INAES).

The oversight work was carried out under the AGN's regulation (Res. 26/15, Res. 186/16, Res. 187/16), which are aligned with the IDI methodology. In addition, the specific documents on the subject prepared by the Federal Court of Accounts of Brazil (SAI Brazil) and the GAO (SAI of the United States) were taken as good practices. Throughout the process, the mentors proposed by the IDI accompanied the designated audit team, resulting in a novel approach to the subject matter, which can be easily replicated in other auditees (in particular, the planning matrix as a possible template for replication in other audit work).

Currently, the report has been completed and is awaiting treatment by the Board of Auditors General for approval.



Brazil's TCU launched the Information Panel of Supreme Audit Institutions (InfoSAI)



The Court of Account of the Union of Brazil makes available to SAI's community the Supreme Audit Institutions Information Panel (InfoSAI).

The purpose of the Panel is to gather information and data from the 195 SAIs of the INTOSAI. Features related to the organization and functioning of institutions, structure, mandate of the head of the SAI, control of public accounts, powers of the institutions and types of audits carried out are available.

Nowadays, the Panel has 87 institutions registered, in three languages: Portuguese, Spanish and English. In order to compose the Panel, an exhaustive research was carried out through the websites of the SAIs and the legislation of the respective country to gather the necessary information.

The Panel is available to the public through the International Relations page of the TCU Portal:

<https://portal.tcu.gov.br/espanol/relaciones-internacionales/>

For suggestions, recommendations or questions, please send an email to serint@tcu.gov.br with the subject line: "InfoSAI".

País	EPS	Región	Tipo de EPS	Estructura Organizativa	Máxima autoridad	Mandatos	Principales temas de auditoría
Brasil	Tribunal Superior de Contas	BR/TCU	Auditoría General	Presidente	Presidente	Auditoría de la ejecución del presupuesto por las unidades.	cumplimiento, desempeño, finanzas, TI
Alemania	Bundesrechnungshof	BR/CRS	Tribunal de Cuentas	Presidente + Consejo (20 miembros del Senado)	Presidente	Positiva sobre los ingresos y gastos federales, así como los.	cumplimiento, desempeño, finanzas
Andorra	Tribunal de Cuentas	BR/CSA	Tribunal de Cuentas	Presidente + 2 a 4 miembros (calificaciones en D)	Presidente	Positiva la actividad económica y financiera de la economía.	finanzas
Angola	Tribunal de Contas	BR/STC, BR/STC 1 e BR/STC 2	Tribunal de Cuentas	Presidente + 1 vicepresidente + 8 jueces (Compuesto + 10 miembros)	Presidente	Positiva la legalidad financiera del Estado y demás instituc.	cumplimiento, finanzas
Argentina	Auditoría General de la Nación	BR/AG, BR/AG 1 e BR/AG 2	Auditoría General	7 Auditores Generales	Auditor General	Verifica el cumplimiento contable, legal y de gestión del Fo.	desempeño, finanzas, regularidad
Armenia	Audit Chamber	BR/AC, BR/AC 1 e BR/AC 2	Cámara de Cuentas	Presidente + 8 miembros	Presidente	Audita la ejecución de los recursos del Estado y los planes.	cumplimiento, desempeño, finanzas
Austria	Rechnungswegen	BR/RW	Auditoría General	Auditor General + Vice Auditor General + Auditor Independiente	Auditor General	Audita los estados financieros de las entidades de la Econ.	cumplimiento, finanzas
Austria	Rechnungswegen	BR/RW	Tribunal de Cuentas	Presidente	Presidente	Se encarga de comprobar con la administración correctamente.	desempeño, finanzas
Azerbaiján	Cámara de Cuentas	BR/CC, BR/CC 1 e BR/CC 2	Cámara de Cuentas	Presidente + 1 vicepresidente + 8 miembros	Presidente	Audita todos los ingresos y gastos del sector público, los ex.	cumplimiento, desempeño, finanzas
Bélgica	Tribunal des Comptes	BR/TC	Oficina de Auditoría	Presidente + 10 miembros (10 representantes + 2 vicepresidentes)	Presidente	Supervisa la ejecución del presupuesto, el uso de los fondos.	cumplimiento, finanzas
Bélgica	Rekenhof	BR/RC	Tribunal de Cuentas	Presidente Sénior + Presidente	Presidente Sénior	La RTI sobre los ingresos y gastos y la implementación de l.	cumplimiento, desempeño, finanzas
Bélica	Oficina de la Auditoría General	BR/AG, BR/AG 1 e BR/AG 2	Auditoría General	Auditor General + Vice Auditor General	Auditor General	Garantiza la transparencia y la verificación de cuentas públic.	cumplimiento, desempeño, finanzas
Bélica	Comisión General del Estado Funcionaria de Bélica	BR/CG, BR/CG 1 e BR/CG 2	Comisión General	Comisión General + Subcomisión General + Intendencia General + Comisión General	Comisión General	Ejerce la función de controlar la administración de la entid.	desempeño, finanzas, TI

Magistrate Ricardo Rodríguez becomes President of the Superior Court of Accounts of Honduras

Magistrate Ricardo Rodríguez assumed the presidency of the Superior Court of Accounts (TSC) of Honduras, with the challenge of continuing to promote actions to ensure the correct use of state assets and resources.

The traditional rotation of the presidency was made official at an administrative session of the Plenary of Magistrates held on Monday 7 December 2020.

In accordance with the legal process, Magistrate José Juan Pineda Varela handed over the seals of the Presidency of the CST to Magistrate Ricardo Rodríguez, who will hold the post for a period of one year, as stated in the Organic Law of the CST.

The current administration of the CST is made up of magistrates José Juan Pineda Varela, Ricardo Rodríguez and Roy Pineda Castro, who were appointed by the National Congress (NC) to serve for a period of one year, as established by the Organic Law of the CST. They were appointed by the National Congress (CN) to serve for a tenure of seven years, starting on December 7th, 2016 and ending on December 7th, 2023.

Article 9 of the Organic Law of the Supreme Court of Accounts states that, "The Supreme Court of Accounts shall be composed of three (3) members elected by the National Congress, with the favourable vote of two thirds of the total number of Deputies. The National Congress shall elect the President. The Presidency of the Tribunal shall be exercised on a rotating basis for periods of one (1) year among its members, in the order of their election".

Magistrate Rodríguez assumes the presidency of the TSC for the second time, guaranteeing to the national and international community the fulfilment of its mission to ensure the effective and efficient management of the State's assets and resources, in pursuit of a transparent administration and the promotion of ethical and moral values for the benefit of Honduras.



From left to right: Magistrates Roy Pineda, Ricardo Rodríguez and José Juan Pineda.

TSC Honduras signs Memorandum of Understanding with the International Anti-Corruption Academy



The Superior Court of Accounts signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA) as a framework of cooperation to strengthen the capacities of the Supreme Audit Institution of the State of Honduras in the exercise of preventing corruption.

The IACA is an intergovernmental body based in Vienna, Austria, which Honduras joined in December 2018 as a member state; it is worth to mention that it is the only academic organization dedicated exclusively to studying the anti-corruption phenomenon in a comprehensive manner.

This partnership between the IACA and the TSC seeks to improve the capacities of the Supreme Audit Institution through the training and capacity building of its staff in different areas of preventing and combating corruption.

The Memorandum of Understanding allows the TSC to have a first class strategic ally, with high international prestige, in order to expand the training and technical assistance processes in actions aimed to prevent corruption.

Within the framework of the agreement, a virtual meeting was held between the presiding magistrate, lawyer José Juan Pineda Varela, and the director of IACA, Mr. Tomás Stelzer, for the presentation and mutual appreciation for the signing of the document.

In addition, the Ambassador of Honduras in Vienna, Mr. Gian Paolo Riso, and the Counsellor of the Embassy in Vienna, lawyer Sandra Ponce, also participated in the meeting.



Virtual meeting in the framework of the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the TSC and the IACA.

Recommendations regarding personal data protection in Identity Documents

In Mexico, according to the Constitution and the General Law of Personal Data Protection held by Obligated Parties, all authorities have the duty to protect the personal data they process in the exercise of their functions. In this regard, the Supreme Audit Office of the Federation developed the "Recommendations on the protection of Personal Data contained in Identity Documents".

The purpose of this document is to present suggestions for areas and procedures that involve the handling of identification documents, in order to avoid the improper use of personal data contained in the identity documents.

Furthermore, this document includes a brief questionnaire that helps to measure risks on this theme as well as identify gaps in the management of identity documents.

You can learn more about these recommendations here:

<http://intranetasf/Transparencia/DatosPersonales/mobile/index.html>



SAI Peru conducts Mega Regional Control Operations

By the end of 2020, the Office of the Comptroller General of Peru is carrying out five Mega Control Operations with a Territorial Approach that will provide a complete overview of the execution of works, provision of goods and public services, within the framework of the fight against corruption and functional misconduct, contributing to the effective solution of the main problems faced by the citizens.

This new control strategy with a territorial approach - already implemented in the regions of Ancash, Cajamarca, Callao, Tumbes and Ucayali - consists of a simultaneous and focused intervention in the main public entities of the region, during the same period and with the massive participation of auditors. In 2021, the other regions of the country will be covered.

The Mega Control Operations include simultaneous and ex post control services aimed at preventing, detecting and sanctioning acts of corruption and functional misconduct; in addition, training and awareness-raising programmes are developed to promote citizen participation and social control.

Each region is intervened for an average of four months, at the end of which the public is informed about the results of governmental control, in order to promote transparency and accountability of the authorities. Progress in the execution of the Mega Control Operations is reported periodically on the portal www.contraloria.gob.pe, Press Section.



Start of the Regional Control Mega-operation in Callao.

The Office of the Comptroller General of Puerto Rico receives the recognition of the Government of the United States of America

The Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Federal Education (OIG) awarded a recognition to the Office of the Comptroller General of Puerto Rico for its outstanding support to the OIG in its efforts to combat fraud and corruption in Education during the past 10 years.

"We are grateful for the recognition awarded that reinforces our strong commitment to share information, experiences and knowledges with audit institutions" said the Comptroller of Puerto Rico, Yesmín M. Valdivieso. In addition, she highlighted that the Comptroller's Office maintains a Memorandum of Understanding with the OIG since "It is committed to collaborate and strengthen investigations with other audit institutions to defend the legal and correct use of public property and funds".



Robert A. Wolfe of the Office of Inspector General presents the award to Puerto Rico Comptroller Yesmín M. Valdivieso.

The Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the OIG, Robert Wolfe, thanked the Comptroller's Office of Puerto Rico for its close collaboration in investigations performed, such as those carried out in the Tutoring programme, the transportation companies, and the Education Department's Purchasing Office. He also indicated that more than 70 people have been charged as a result of these investigations, including the cases of the Department of Recreation and Sports, and the Municipality of Sabana Grande.

The recognition activity, which took place on October 15th 2020, was attended by staff from the Puerto Rico Comptroller's Office and the Office of the Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Education.

Chamber of Accounts holds workshops aimed at NPOs

The Chamber of Accounts of Dominican Republic (CCRD) carried out, through its Department of Social Control, a day of workshops about the proper preparation of the budget execution reports addressed to the Non Profit Associations (ASFL), with the aim of creating the required skills to increase the timely delivery and quality of these reports.

The workshop, which took place from 17 to 20 November this year, counted with the collaboration of the Directorate of Social Participation of the Ministry of Education of the Dominican Republic, as well as with the participation of more than 70 people from different NPOs in the country.

The workshops held during the meetings were: Awareness Raising on Accountability, by the Department of Social Control of the auditing entity; Code of Conduct, promoted by Alianza ONG; Guidelines for the presentation of Projects, by the National Centre for the Promotion and Development of NPOs of the Ministry of Economy, Planning and Development; and Report Preparation for NGOs, by the NGO Division of the Directorate of Budgetary Analysis of the CCRD.



Development of workshops for non-profit organizations.

Citizen's Eye: more than a complaints portal



Bienvenid@s

Al portal de denuncias y consultas de la Cámara de Cuentas

Ojo Ciudadano
Auditoría visual participativa

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For several years, the Chamber of Accounts of the Dominican Republic (CCRD) has made available to the public the platform "Ojo Ciudadano" (Citizen's Eye), through which civil society can report acts of corruption or illegal actions carried out in the public administration, contributing to transparency and good management of public officials in the administration of resources.

Through this platform, citizens can report acts of corruption by filling out an online form developed for this purpose, indicating the name of the official who is at fault, the institution in which he or she works and explaining his or her complaint; the complaint is made anonymously.

The aim of "Ojo Ciudadano" is to facilitate and contribute to the exercise of the constitutional right of citizens to control, so that any irregularities they observe in the collection and use of public resources can be denounced.

This platform, which is easy and quick to access, allows for permanent interaction with citizens, who can also consult sworn statements, reports submitted to Congress and audit reports posted on the institutional web portal.

EFSUR AND OCCEFS ACTIVITIES



The Ordinary Annual Meeting of the Supreme Audit Institutions of the Mercosur and Associated Countries (EFSUR) was held on Monday 26th October, by videoconference, with the participation of all the SAIs of the member countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela.

On that occasion, the SAI of Paraguay was re-elected to hold the Presidency of EFSUR for the period 2021-2022, and the EFSUR 2020 Management Summary was presented, where the process of updating regulations, the 2020-2022 Tactical Plan, the coordinated audits in progress and the work of compiling regulations on gender were reported.

It was decided at this meeting to address two new audit projects: on the one hand, to continue working on SDG 1 End poverty, which is estimated to suffer "first order" effects due to the pandemic, and on the other hand, SDG 6 Clean water and sanitation, associated with a fundamental human right, and which impacts on the possibility of hygiene, one of the most important measures to prevent COVID-19.

While it is still too early to gauge the depth of COVID's impact on the SDGs, it is a fact that the pandemic will have a negative effect on most of the 2030 Agenda in general, and on the most vulnerable in particular.



OCCEFS linking to Social Media and a new website



The creation of the OCCEFS Communication and Image Committee has its background in the XL Ordinary General Assembly of the OCCEFS, held in El Salvador, from 16 to 17 June 2016, where it was agreed to create the OCCEFS Communication and Image Working Group (now Communication and Image Committee), coordinated by the SAI of Cuba and integrated by the SAIs of El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, Puerto Rico, Panama and the Dominican Republic.

The Committee has been working firstly on a communication strategy for the organization with the purpose of giving greater visibility while promoting the credibility, transparency, independence, professionalism, public image and acceptance of the OCCEFS and its products; building relationships and gaining knowledge and support in the public arena. In turn, to disseminate the benefits of SAIs and OCCEFS for society to organizations and partners.

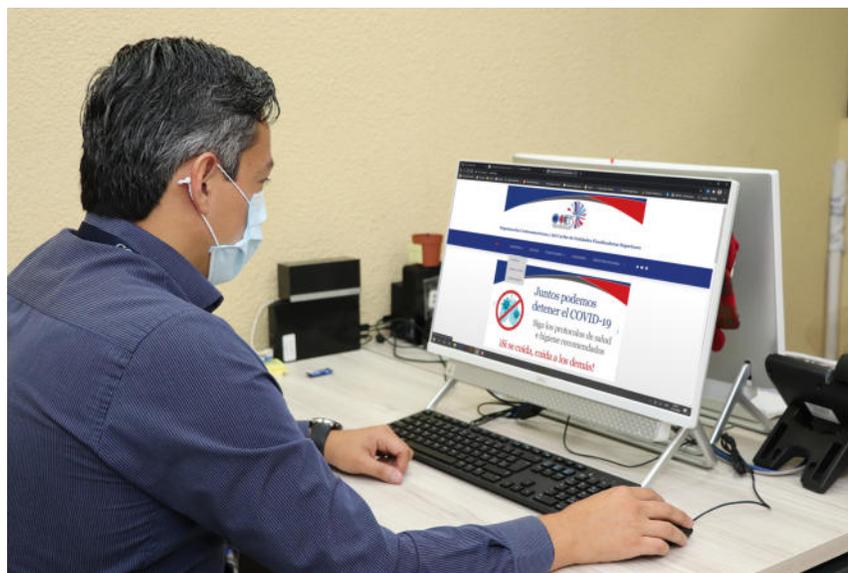
For this purpose, different communication channels have been created, with a web portal that is the visible face of the organization to internal and external audiences; an information bulletin and the first edition of its digital magazine is being worked on.

In the networks, WhatsApp groups were created within OCCEFS, which allows communication and exchange of experiences in a more direct way, being more timely and objective; there is also a Twitter profile and a YouTube channel.

EFSUR AND OCCEFS ACTIVITIES



Redesign of the website of the Central American and Caribbean Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions - OCCEFS



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The Office of the Comptroller General of Accounts of the Republic of Guatemala, in its capacity as Presidency of the Central American and Caribbean Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions - OCCEFS - and as webmaster of the site, in coordination with the Communication and Image Commission (CCel), undertook the update and innovation the Organization's website, changes that were implemented as of September 11th 2020.

The website was developed on the WordPress platform, as it is a tool that is very easy to work with, secure, stable, user-friendly and adapts to different means of visitation such as mobile phones, tablets and computers.

The design was created with the purpose of achieving a positioning of the institutional image in the minds of users, using the colours of the OCCEFS logo, so that the relationship is maintained. The basic colours of the logo are blue, red and grey.



The Fourth version of the Seminar on SDG's, Oversight and strong entities, organized by the CGR of Chile and OLACEFS, was successfully held



In line with what has been developed in recent years, the Office of the Comptroller General of the Republic of Chile, with the support of the OLACEFS Executive Secretariat, organized the fourth version of the International Seminar on SDGs, Oversight and Sound Institutions, which was held on 11 and 12 November. During the seminar the links between the 2030 Agenda and the COVID-19 pandemic were analyzed. Both sessions were opened by the Comptroller General of Chile, Jorge Bermúdez, and were attended by more than 1,400 people.

The first session focused on the environmental dimension of development and how environmental devastation contributes to health crises such as the one we are experiencing. The panel was composed of Carlos Valdovinos, research associate at the University Austral of Chile, María Moreno, IUCN Conservation Governance Programme Officer, and Juan Bello, head of the UNEP Colombia Project Office.

The second day focused on the impact of COVID-19 on social regression in the region and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. This panel included the director of ECLAC's Social Development Division, Simone Cecchini; the executive director of Fundación Colunga, Arturo Celedón; and the regional coordinator for Latin America and the Caribbean of Equal Measures 2030, Cecilia García Ruiz.

For more information and to watch the recordings of both sessions, please visit the event's webpage at: <https://seminario.contraloria.cl/>

Comptroller General of Accounts participates in webinar: "Sustainable Development Goals and the contribution of External Control"

With the aim of following up on the implementation of the National Development Programmes and the 2030 Agenda, the webinar "Sustainable Development Goals and the Contribution of External Control" was held with the support of the German Cooperation - GIZ Guatemala and GIZ Brazil.

Dr. Edwin Humberto Salazar Jerez, Comptroller General of Accounts, said at the ceremony that he was pleased to be part of this

process that seeks to strengthen the capacities of Supreme Audit Institutions, within the framework of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

"This year has been extremely complex, uncertain and dynamic due to the Covid-19 pandemic that still affects the world's population. However, we, the Supreme Audit Institutions, have doubled our efforts to ensure the proper use of public resources for our citizens," said Comptroller Salazar Jerez.

The seminar was attended by Keila Gramajo Vilchez, Secretary of Planning and Programming of the Presidency (Segeplan), with the theme: National Development Priorities.

Mr. Osvaldo Rudloff Pulgar, Executive Director of the Executive Secretariat of OLACEFS and Head of the Unit of Cooperation and International Relations of the Office of Comptroller General of the Republic of Chile, also participated in the seminar with the theme: "The Sustainable Development Goals and the Role of SAls".



The Comptroller General of Accounts of the Republic of Guatemala, Edwin Humberto Salazar Jerez, participates in a webinar organized by the German Cooperation.

Coordinated Audit to the SDG 3 "Addressing Health and Well-being"

The WGFD, as part of the Regional Action Plan to COVID-19, created a task force under the responsibility of the Office of the Comptroller General of the Republic of Peru to develop a Coordinated Audit of SDG 3 "Addressing Health and Wellbeing".

The objective of this audit is to audit government policies linked to health issues and the 2030 Agenda and will prioritize Target b of SDG 3 "Addressing Health and Well-being", which refers to supporting research and development activities for vaccines and medicines for diseases that mainly affect developing countries.



AUDITORÍA COORDINADA ODS 3

"ATENDIENDO A LA SALUD Y EL BIENESTAR"

UPCOMING AGENDA

JANUARY

1	Institutional Anniversary of the SAI Argentina
7	Institutional Anniversary of the SAI El Salvador
20	Institutional Anniversary of the SAI Honduras

FEBRUARY

28	Institutional Anniversary of the SAI Peru
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MARCH

15	Institutional Anniversary of the SAI Guatemala
23	Institutional Anniversary of the SAI Curazao
26	Institutional Anniversary of the SAI Chile

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