



CONFERENCE 2018

MOTIVATING AND EQUIPPING SAIS TO CARRY OUT PEER REVIEWS.

The peer review is the evaluation of performance by other people in the same field in order to maintain or enhance the quality of the work or performance in the given field. That is the rationale for peer reviews having such important place in the quest of INTOSAI community for Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) high quality audits and their overall position in the administrative chain of responsibilities, its effort for fruitful cooperation among the SAIs that would contribute to sustainable growth and poverty and corruption reduction by ensuring that resources are well-managed, the quality public services are accessible and development goals are met.

INTOSAI recognises the notion that measuring or assessing SAIs performance essentially demonstrates the true value and benefits of SAIs to the society. The performance measurement or assessment role is reflected in the principle 6 of ISSAI 20 (*Principles of Transparency and Accountability*), that calls for SAIs to assess and report publicly on their operations and performance. Taking into account ISSAI 12 (*Values and benefits of SAIs – making a difference to the life of citizens*) and its notion “SAIs leading by example” as one of the main principles, the *United Nations Sustainable Development Goals* emerged as the new global agenda for development and meaningful background to the topic.

SAIs currently have to their disposal a number of tools to measure or assess their performance. The individual tools are used for different individual purposes. Though they can be applied differently according to their individual characteristics, one common approach in general can be observed under specific circumstance, and that is the peer review approach. *It should be worth noting that the peer review notion here is not referring to peer review as a specific tool – ISSAI 5600 – but as general conceptualisation.* The proposed conference should be then viewed not as a marketing for any particular assessment tool, but the INTOSAI tools that can be used for SAIs assessment.

A peer review method applied in assessment tools can benefit to all SAIs involved, like, on the whole, good practices and other insights gained during the process can inspire not just the reviewed but also the reviewing SAIs to re-evaluate and improve their own practices and activities¹. As the INTOSAI Strategic plan 2017 – 2022 in Cross-cutting priority 1 states, „*INTOSAI pays special attention to SAIs’ regular assessments of their value and benefits, both in terms of how they conduct and report on their own operations, and how they add value to and improve public financial management and government performance. INTOSAI also will continue to encourage SAIs to undergo periodic peer reviews that provide vital external validations of an SAI’s quality assurance processes.* “

THE AIM OF THE CONFERENCE



1. To underline peer review position as a method to apply various INTOSAI assessment tools.
2. To support more global application of peer review as a method using various individual assessment tools.
3. To present testimonials and lessons learned on peer review tools used as method.
4. To strengthen the comprehensive global knowledge about the individual tools’ advantages.
5. To inspire for capacity development, learning and cooperation within the INTOSAI community.

¹ For more on peer review principles and other observations regarding the peer review as method on its own see ISSAI 5600 at http://www.issai.org/en_us/site-issai/issai-framework/4-auditing-guidelines.htm

TARGET AUDIENCE



1. INTOSAI members interested in assessment tools, strengthening the international cooperation and capacity development;
2. INTOSAI members considering assessment in their home SAI.
3. Any wider INTOSAI audience;
4. INTOSAI external partners engaged or having vested interest in INTOSAI assessment tools application.

THE CONFERENCE OUTPUT

A paper about peer review as method for SAI assessment within INTOSAI community to be published in late 2018.

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