

**OLACEFS
Brazilian Court of Audit
Brazil**

**PROGRESS REPORT
OLACEFS WORKING GROUP ON ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT
(COMTEMA)**

COMTEMA (Olacefs Committee on Environmental Auditing) was created in November 1998, during the 8th General Assembly of the Organisation of Latin American and Caribbean Supreme Audit Institutions (Olacefs).

The purpose of this document is to present a summary of the activities carried out by COMTEMA to date, under the 2006-2008 Work Plan, as well the next steps for the group.

ACTIVITIES DEVELOPED

The areas of major importance for oversight during the 2006-2008 Work Plan are:

- Protection, use and management of marine resources and coasts;
- International Agreements: Basilea, CITES, Ozono, Montreal, Kioto, Maderas Tropicales and Humedales;
- Waste management;
- Urban environmental management;
- Protection, use and management of biodiversity.

Despite the efforts undertaken to conduct audits jointly, the regional group still needs to improve its performance in this field.

So far, the achievement of the joint work between Brazil and Colombia is at the stage of adjustments to define methodologies.

Currently, is in progress the accomplishment of the enviromental management coordinate audit of the basin Putumayo River, border between Peru and Colombia. The results of this audit may be available in the 2nd semester of 2008.

Concerning training of auditors to perform environmental audits, most of the activities presented in the 2006-2008 Work Plan were carried out successfully.

The last training activity occurred in November 2007. The Superior Audit Institution of Colombia promoted in the city of Bogota, the Third Regional Course on Environmental Audit, organized under the OLACEFS-IDI-BID-GAO Agreement.

At the present time, The SAI of Peru is translating the documents “Auditing Biodiversity: guidance for Supreme Audit Institutions” and “Cooperation Between SAIs: Tips and Examples for Cooperative Audits” into Spanish.

THE 6TH COMTEMA MEETING

The 6th COMTEMA meeting will happen during the period of June 11-13, in the city of Brasilia, Brazil, hosted by the Brazilian Court of Audit.

The expectation is to start the discussions concerning the future of the group during this meeting, in order to make more effective the participation of EFS in the implementation of proposed work plans activities.

Olacefs members have in their territory a wide environmental wealth, what makes too important that the EFSs of the region strengthen their capacity to act in the environmental auditing area. For this reason, the carrying out of joint audits is extremely important, given the existence of a environmental issues range that affects more than one country. Issues related to Amazon are an example, which demands a comprehensive assessment.

Considering the evident need to strengthen coordinated actions between the COMTEMA members, the main objectives set for the 6th meeting of COMTEMA are:

- Establish strategies to strengthen the communication between members;
- Submit the proposal for the 2009-2011 work plan;
- Discuss the roles and responsibilities of group members;
- Align the goals and projects of COMTEMA with WGEA;
- Present the recent works produced under the WGEA;
- Propose and set concrete targets for the achievement of joint audits.

(Attachment 1 – Agenda of 6th COMTEMA meeting)

AGENDA
6th Meeting of Olacefs Environment Committee - Comtema
Brasília, June 11th to 13th 2008

Day 1	Wednesday, June 11th
9h30	Opening: Brazilian Court Of Audit President
9h45	Message by the Chair of WGEA – representative of Estonia SAI
10h 15	Lecture by a Climate Change expert
11h15	Break
11h30	Coordinated Audit of Climate Change – WGEA Manual
12h	Debate
12h30	Lunch
14h30	Visit to the Brazilian Court Of Audit Plenary Assembly
15h	Best Practices in Environment Audit – Presentation by SAI(s)
16h	Break
16h15	Comtema Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Analysis of the execution of the activities proposed in the Work Plan (2006-2008) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Validation/Approval of Comtema statutes • Comtema composition - quantity of members and new adhesion • Role of Comtema in Olacefs • Work Plan duration x President mandate • Web Page

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Adjournment

Day 2	Thursday , June 12th
9h30	Committee President <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliberations about the election of the next President • Candidates
10h	Work Plan 2009-2011 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion and proposal presentation
11h	Break
11h15	Work Plan 2009-2011 (continuation) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Definition • Members roles and responsibilities • Communication between members • Disclosure of Best Practices
12h30	Lunch
14h	Next Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of candidacies to host next event • Probable date
15h	Break
15h15	Conclusions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Document Elaboration (Work Plan and minute)
17h30	Adjournment
Day 3	Friday June 13th
	Social Activity and Lunch