

Find a Partner to Provide a Global Training Facility on Environmental Auditing

Agenda Item Overview

According to the surveys on environmental auditing INTOSAI WGEA members have expressed strong interest and need for training in environmental auditing. In 2011-2013 INTOSAI WGEA Work Plan there are several projects related to developing and/or distributing training materials on different environmental issues, but these are rather short term trainings focusing on one topic specifically. Therefore, the INTOSAI WGEA has set a goal to find a partner providing training for auditors on environmental auditing on regular basis focussing on general aspects as well as specific environmental auditing issues.

The objective of this project is to find a partner to provide a training facility on environmental auditing and to provide the opportunity to participate for all interested supreme audit institutions worldwide. It is aimed to collect all available training materials developed for SAIs and expertise, agree on a common framework and targets for the first delivery of the approximately 1 month comprehensive environmental auditing training course. This project should (as a minimum) cover all the relevant topics of existing guidelines and studies INTOSAI WGEA has developed to date.

The aim is to have the training facility with the set programme ready in mid-2013.

The SAIs of India and Estonia will introduce the project. We expect every SAI to provide feedback on this subject.

Background

The Chair of INTOSAI WGEA has started to look for the possible partner as a host of the "training facility". India has shown interest for further cooperation.

Further discussions and the outcome might include (roles and responsibilities?):

- Training facilities (e.g. location, living conditions, capacity etc.).
- Training programme (e.g. duration of the programme, topics to be covered, objectives to be met).
- Set the participation conditions. The aim is that all SAIs worldwide could have the opportunity to participate in the programme.
- If possible, set the criteria for a follow-up to see if the SAI has made any progress in the field of environmental auditing after the course has been taken.
- Find possibilities to provide international speakers for the programme.
- The INTOSAI WGEA will provide the host with all its materials and training course materials and would be responsible for keeping the host updated with the most recent developments in environmental auditing.