Web Page on Biodiversity

Project Objective:

Biodiversity was adopted by the WGEA as central theme during the work plan period 2005 – 2007. In 2007, Brazil and Canada published a document named "Auditing Biodiversity: Guidance for Supreme Audit Institutions".

The action 2.3(c) from the 2008-10 WGEA Work Plan relates to the development of a web page on Biodiversity (BD), similar to the ones developed during the previous work plan period for Water and Waste.

The overall objective of this project is to promote the ongoing exchange of experiences between SAIs on biodiversity audits. The web page will give useful information on biodiversity to auditors and encourage and support audits in the areas of biodiversity by the use of Internet medium.

In parallel, project leaders are developing a training module on biodiversity with the goal of building capacity in auditing biodiversity issues for the SAI community.

Project Scope:

The suggested tool to be developed under this project is a new web page for the topic of biodiversity (similar to the current Focus on Water and Focus on Waste pages) which will be part of the WGEA website.

There is a lot of valuable information on biodiversity on the website of the WGEA and elsewhere on the Internet. The page on biodiversity will contain:

- Useful information for auditors who plan to perform audits on biodiversity, extracted from the WGEA biodiversity paper and other sources;

- Links to audit reports on biodiversity;

- Links to websites on international agreements;

- Links to international organizations' sites;

- Links to relevant websites about biodiversity;

- Examples of national government initiatives on biodiversity;

- The tutorial on biodiversity delivered during the WGEA meeting in Tanzania;

- Possibility of containing the training module on biodiversity (which is being developed simultaneously to this project by the SAIs of Brazil and Canada).

Planned Methodology and Participants:

Project leaders will:

- Extract information from the biodiversity paper and from others sources easily available on the Internet;

- Provide links to all the audits on biodiversity available on the WGEA website under Environmental Audits Worldwide;

- Provide links to relevant websites of international organizations and of national government initiatives on biodiversity;

- Build an outline on the information of the web page;

- Develop the web page, in cooperation with the IT team from Estonia.

The SAIs of Brazil and Canada will be the editors (content) of the web page. Project leaders plan to update the web page twice a year.

The support expected from the Estonian WGEA Secretariat is:

- To make the layout and put the content produced on biodiversity on a web page on the INTOSAI WGEA website;

- To give the web support; and

- To gather information on new audits on biodiversity via the WGEA surveys and send it to the editors.

Project leaders will make sure to link all new audits on biodiversity provided to the WGEA Secretariat on its web page, including the ones produced in 2007 as requested by the WGEA Secretariat to all SAIs.

Three SAIs coming from different INTOSAI regions will be asked to test how the web page and its links function.

Communication:

SAIs will have to be informed on the availability of this new web page and its contents. Integration in the regular communication instruments of the WGEA (like Greenlines, letters and the main WGEA web page) and through the communication plan would be a good way to achieve this.

In addition, during the delivery of the biodiversity training module participants are going to be informed about the existence and content of the web page, even if it is not completely ready during the initial deliveries of the course. As soon as the web page is finalized, the RWGEA coordinators and all the auditors that have attended the training course will be informed.

Possible Final Output:

The final output is a web page on biodiversity on the INTOSAI WGEA website at the end of 2009.

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Timeline and Key Milestones:

Stage	Action	Date
1	Final Draft of Project Plan to the WGEA Estonian Secretariat.	17 Mar. 2008
2	Comments received from the Steering Committee.	April 2008
3	**7th Steering Committee meeting, Tallinn, Estonia: review and approve Project Plan.**	6-9 May 2008
4	Final version of the Project Plan to the WGEA Secretariat.	30 May 2008
5	Research for the content of the BD web page, in particular examples of national government initiatives on biodiversity and international organizations websites.	June to Dec. 2008
6	**12th WGEA, Doha, Qatar Present project and status of work.**	January 2009
7	Complete the content of all the sections of the web page and send the information to the Estonian web master.	Feb. to March 2009
8	Test the website with selected SAIs.	May 2009
9	Draft of the Project to the WGEA Secretariat.	Aug. 2009
10	**8th Steering Committee meeting, Indonesia. Review and approve the draft of the Project.**	Sep. 2009
11	Final version of the Project to the WGEA Secretariat.	Dec. 2009
12	**9th Steering Committee meeting: Presentation of biodiversity web page.**	Jan. 2010
13	**13th WGEA meeting, China**	June 2010

	Presentation of the web page.	
14	**INCOSAI XX South Africa.**	15-20 November 2010