

Co-operation between SAIs: Tips and Examples

1. Progress to date:

1. a. Research and activities completed

The SAIs of Poland and the Netherlands are executing this activity jointly. The joint project workplan was finalized during the SC meeting in Prague. We started with drawing up joint definitions to be used and a rough outline of the paper (dummy). We intend to produce one paper in which both parts of the project will be incorporated (see 3 Additional comments). In June 2005 we also have sent a format with questions to the subcommittee members, to gather their experiences and lessons learned, followed by several reminders. However, until September 2005 we have received 3 reactions only (Austria, Costa Rica and Czech Republic). In the hope to get a higher response, we prepared a more extensive questionnaire, which we hope to send to SAIs with experience on co-operation at the end of September 2005.

1. b. Information request

During the interactive workshop in Moscow, we invite all participants with experience in cooperation to share their lessons learned with us and to identify do's and don'ts. This information will be used as input for the paper. We also ask SAIs to answer our questionnaire as soon as possible.

1. c. Subcommittees

The sub-committee consists of Australia, Austria, China, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, Peru, South Africa and the United Kingdom.

2. Future steps:

October - December 2005: Gather experiences of SAIs by the questionnaire and the workshop in Moscow.

January - March 2006: write the first draft of the paper.

In April 2006 we hope to send the first draft for comments to the subcommittee members.

3. Additional comments:

The willingness of experienced SAIs to share their experiences with us is crucial for the success of this project.

The report will contain the following chapters:

Executive summary

1 Introduction

2 Definitions

3 General issues

4 Preparation phase

5 Performance phase

6 Reporting phase

7 List of examples of international environmental audits

8 Literature list

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