



Invitation to Panel Discussion at COP28

Impact for Climate Action – Supreme Audit Institutions Call for Effective Implementation of Climate Policies

Dubai Expo City, Friday 1 December, Green Zone, Climate Finance Hub

National governments are increasingly building up domestic policies and funding instruments for climate action. From the perspective of public sector budgets, it is important that spending is effective and just. Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) as government external auditors have a key role in holding their governments accountable for their budget spending and increasing the transparency of funding. SAIs call for better climate risk management, cost-effective measures, effective implementation, and coherent policies.

SAI United Arab Emirates (UAE) and the INTOSAI Working Group on Environmental Auditing (WGEA) has a pleasure to invite SAIs and the delegations of their national governments to join a session, which brings together government external auditors' conclusions and recommendations from around the world.

Please note that access to the Green Zone is by invitation only between 30 November to 2 December. The Green Zone will be open to the public from 3 December. If you wish to attend this SAI event, please contact <u>SAI.Communication@saiuae.gov.ae</u>. The event will be streamed. The link will be updated <u>here</u>.

The session is opened by a representative from SAI UAE, **Bruno Dantas** (President of the Federal Court of Accounts Brazil and Chair of the INTOSAI), and **Klaus-Heiner Lehne** (Member of the European Court of Auditors).

The session includes the following presentations:

- INTOSAI WGEA Secretariat SAIs' work on climate action and WGEA project on nexus climate-biodiversity.
- Office of the Auditor General of Canada Auditing Climate Change at the Office of the Auditor General of Canada.
- European Court of Auditors Audits on climate action and WGEA project on green fiscal policy tools.
- The INTOSAI Development Initiative Global cooperative audit on climate change adaptation actions.
- Government Accountability Office of USA
 WGEA conclusions on climate finance and GAO work on climate risks.
- Auditor General's Office Maldives Vulnerabilities and audit experiences in a small island developing state.
- Federal Court of Accounts Brazil ClimateScanner's Final Version – A Tool for Rapid Reviews of Government Climate Action.

Presentations are followed by a panel discussion and closing words from Hussain Niyazy (Auditor General of Maldives).

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