

AFROSAI-E: Regional Coordinator of the INTOSAI Working Group on Environmental auditing

Project Objective:

Encourage regions to design and carry out a regional cooperative audit in each AFROSAI-E region. Regional coordinator and member SAs to identify and pursue topics of common interest, select the audit coordinator, and define the precise scope and form of cooperation.

Project Scope:

Project scope not yet determined and/or finalised, but possible subtopics are

- Water;
- Air pollution
- Mining.
- Fisheries

The subcommittee

The sub-committee will be selected from interesting countries who are members of the following AFROSAI subgroups:

- AFROSAI-A
- AFROSAI-E
- AFROSAI-F

The sub-committee members will be invited to assist in determining the direction of the regional WGEA. They will be asked to review and comment on draft documents. Sub-committee members will be asked to contribute to the writing of guidance papers, where such need is identified.

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The WGEA secretariat will be contacted when needed.

Communication:

Communication with the sub-committee:

- AFROSAI RWGEA meeting in Tanzania, June 2007.
- AFROSAI-E Technical Update in South Africa, November 2007.
- AFROSAI RWGEA meeting in South Africa, September 2008.
- Training course on Biodiversity in South Africa, September 2008.
- AFROSAI-E Technical Update in South Africa, November 2008.

Possible Final Output:

Temporary output:

- A rough first draft Strategic plan for the AFROSAI-E region by October 2008.
 - Identify topics of common interest.
 - Select the audit coordinator.
 - Define the precise scope of cooperation.

- Encourage SAI's in region to design and carry out a regional cooperative audit.

Final output:

- The final strategic plan for the region will be available on the INTOSAI WGEA website in January 2009.
- Paragraphs on regional environmental audit activities in the AFROSAI –E Secretariat Annual Activity Report (2009).
- Helpline function for the region.
- Website newsletter, using AFROSAI-E Secretariat facilities.
- SAIs in region to contribute to the Greenlines newsletter. AFROSAI Secretariat to facilitate.
- First regional cooperative audit in 2009.

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Timeline and Key Milestones:

Stage	Action	Date
1	AFROSAI Regional meeting held in Arusha, Tanzania – discussion points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What do regional members want? ○ What do regional members expect of regional members? ○ How should the regions and the IWGEA work together? ○ What do regional members expect of the IWGEA and Chair? ○ How do regions support the IWGEA and Chair? (Minutes of meetings submitted to Chair of IWGEA).	27 June 2007
2	AFROSAI-E: Technical update, Durban, South Africa - EA* Presentation, EA* audit procedures, inputs from delegates on EA*	26 - 28 November 2007 Specifically on 28/11/07 (1.50 hrs)

	<p>strategic thinking, etc).</p> <p>The Sixteen participating SAI's were: Swaziland, Rwanda, Kenya, Lesotho, Sierra Leone, Malawi, Gambia, Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Liberia, Mozambique, Namibia, Uganda, Zambia, Ghana and Eritrea</p> <p>*EA= Environmental auditing</p>	
3	Meeting between AFROSAI-E and SAI of Tanzania and SAI of Botswana on fisheries and minerals and mining project. Pretoria, South Africa	21 February 2008
4	Final Draft of Project Plan to Estonian Secretariat	17 Mar 2008
5	Receive comments from Steering Committee	Apr 2008
6	7th Steering Committee meeting, Tallinn, Estonia, review and approve Project Plan	6-9 May 2008
7	Final version of the Project Plan	30 May 2008
	<p>AFROSAI RWGEA meeting - Pretoria, South Africa:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Identify topics of common interest. ○ Select the audit coordinator. ○ Define the precise scope of cooperation. ○ Encourage SAI's in region to design and carry out a regional cooperative audit. ○ Possible first training course on biodiversity 	29/9 – 3/10/2008
8	AFROSAI-E Technical update – South Africa.	November 2008.
9	12th WGEA, Doha, Qatar - Present regional strategic plan.	January 2009
10	AFROSAI RWGEA Meeting	April 2009.
11	First regional cooperative audit (Possible topics – water, air pollution, mining, fisheries).	June/July 2009.
12	Progress of the cooperative audit to the Estonia Secretariat	October 2009
13	8th Steering Committee meeting – Present audit report	December 2009
14	AFROSAI RWGEA Meeting	March 2010
15	2nd regional cooperative audit (Possible topics – water, air pollution, mining, fisheries).	May/June 2010
16	13th WGEA meeting –progress report to meeting on 2 nd regional cooperative audit.	June 2010
17	INCSOAI XX	15-20 November 2010
18	AFROSAI RWGEA Meeting	April 2011



AFROSAI Regional Cooperative Audit	
Comments on the project plan	Country
<p>We were not expecting a PWP for regional efforts but are glad to see this nonetheless. We applaud the aim and deliberateness of the plan and have no substantive comments to make. The proposed timeline – including provision for meetings on other projects - strikes us as being a tad ambitious but believe this is an issue for the region to consider.</p>	Canada
<p>We propose to add possible sub topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Biodiversity b. Forestry c. Climate Change 	Indonesia
<p>Not all is clear for us. We do not understand whether you wish to initiate cooperative audit in AFROSAI-E region or you wish to do it in each AFROSAI regions that means in AFROSAI-A, AFROSAI-F and AFROSAI-E regions. It is not clear for us because:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) title of the project is “RWGEA AFROSAI-E: Regional cooperative audit “ which could mean that you wish to focus only on AFROSAI-E; 2) the project objective is described as following : “to design and carry out a regional cooperative audit in each AFROSAI-E region” We do not know what you mean by “each AFROSAI-E region” (may be there is a mistake and instead of each AFROSAI-E region should be written “each AFROSAI region”); 3) you suggest to select members of the sub-committee out of the interested SAIs – members of AFROSAI-E, AFROSAI-A and AFROSAI-F. If you plan to design cooperative audit only in AFROSAI-E region what is the purpose for selection of sub-committee members also out of the SAIs – members of AFROSAI-A and AFROSAI-F. <p>Temporary output of the project is to be a draft Strategic plan for the AFROSAI-E region, not for the whole AFROSAI, so we understand that you wish to initiate cooperative audit only in AFROSAI-E.</p>	Poland