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 SAIs 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 determine and/or finalised, but possible subtopics are
- Water:
- Air pollution
- Mining,
- Fisheries

The sub-committee

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.

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:
  o The final strategic plan for the region will be available on the INTOSAI WGEA website in January 2009.
  o Helpline function for the region.
  o Website newsletter, using AFROSAI-E Secretariat facilities.
  o SAI’s in region to contribute to the Greenlines newsletter. AFROSAI Secretariat to facilitate.
  o First regional cooperative audit in 2009.

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Timeline and Key Milestones:

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<td>AFROSAI Regional meeting held in Arusha, Tanzania – discussion points: 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).</td>
<td>27 June 2007</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>AFROSAI-E: Technical update, Durban, South Africa - EA* Presentation, EA* audit procedures, inputs from delegates on EA*</td>
<td>26 - 28 November 2007 Specifically on 28/11/07 (1.50 hrs)</td>
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strategic thinking, etc). The Sixteen participating SAI’s were: Swaziland, Rwanda, Kenya, Lesotho, Sierra Leone, Malawi, Gambia, Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Liberia, Mozambique, Namibia, Uganda, Zambia, Ghana and Eritrea

*EA= Environmental auditing

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<td>Meeting between AFROSAI-E and SAI of Tanzania and SAI of Botswana on fisheries and minerals and mining project. Pretoria, South Africa</td>
<td>21 February 2008</td>
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<td>Final Draft of Project Plan to Estonian Secretariat</td>
<td>17 Mar 2008</td>
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<td>Receive comments from Steering Committee</td>
<td>Apr 2008</td>
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<td><strong>7th Steering Committee meeting, Tallinn, Estonia, review and approve Project Plan</strong></td>
<td>6-9 May 2008</td>
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<td>7</td>
<td>Final version of the Project Plan</td>
<td>30 May 2008</td>
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<td><strong>AFROSAl RWGEA meeting - Pretoria, South Africa:</strong></td>
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<td>o Possible first training course on biodiversity</td>
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<td><strong>12th WGEA, Doha, Qatar</strong> - Present regional strategic plan.</td>
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<td>Progress of the cooperative audit to the Estonia Secretariat</td>
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<td><strong>8th Steering Committee meeting</strong> – Present audit report</td>
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<td><strong>2nd regional cooperative audit (Possible topics – water, air pollution, mining, fisheries).</strong></td>
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<td><strong>13th WGEA meeting</strong> – progress report to meeting on 2nd regional cooperative audit.</td>
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<td>INCSOAI XX</td>
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### AFROSAI Regional Cooperative Audit

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<th>Comments on the project plan</th>
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<td>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.</td>
<td>Canada</td>
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<td>We propose to add possible sub topics:</td>
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<td>b. Forestry</td>
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<td>c. Climate Change</td>
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<td>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:</td>
<td>Poland</td>
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<td>1) title of the project is “RWGEA AFROSAI-E: Regional cooperative audit “ which could mean that you wish to focus only on AFROSAI-E;</td>
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<td>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”);</td>
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<td>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. 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.</td>
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