

**Progress Report of ARABOSAI Team on
Environmental Auditing to be Submitted to
The 8th Steering Committee of INTOSAI WGEA
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Introduction

The previous Regional Sub-committee on Environmental Auditing of ARABOSAI was established upon the decision of the twenty-sixth Governing Board of ARABOSAI held in Kuwait in March 1999 according to the recommendation of INTOSAI WGEA .

The Sub-committee for Environmental Auditing included eight countries: Jordan, Tunisia, Algeria, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Libya and Morocco. The SAI of Egypt was the Sub-committee Chairman .

The Sub-Committee works was suspended according to decision number 45/2006 for the thirty-seventh Governing Board convened in Tunisia in 2006 until approving the General Strategic Plan of ARABOSAI and restructuring the committees in the light of the objectives and methodology of this plan .

The most important achievements of the previous Sub-committee since its establishment until last meeting in 2006 were as follows⁽¹⁾:

- 1- Preparing the Sub- Committee's internal statute .
- 2- Preparing three questionnaires to determine the needs of Environmental Auditing at the regional level of ARABOSAI .
- 3- Launching a homepage for the Sub-Committee on the ARABOSAI website .
- 4- Planning to organize long-term training courses in Environmental Auditing in cooperation with IDI .

⁽¹⁾ Theses Achievements were presented in details in the eleventh meeting of the INTOSAI WGEA hosted in Tanzania on 25-29 June

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5- Submitting papers on ARAB SAI's experiences in environmental auditing in the fields of :

Water : – Auditing the extent of potable water validity and safety (Egypt) .

–Auditing water resources mobilization and utilization(Tunisia) .

Air : – Auditing Performance Evaluation for protecting air from pollution (Egypt) .

Waste : – Environmental Auditing on solid wastes (Egypt- Saudi Arabia- Libya- Tunisia- Algeria- Jordon- Kuwait) .

Ecosystems: – Environmental Auditing of Potential impacts on Marine Environment (Kuwait) .

Human Activities & Sectors :

- Auditing Sustainable Development Projects (Egypt) .
- Auditing Products Environmental Safety. (Libya- Tunisia) .
- Evaluation of Projects Environmental impacts (Saudi Arabia- Libya- Tunisia- Algeria- Jordon Kuwait) .
- Performance Auditing of Grants, Loans and international aids for protecting Environment (Morocco- Algeria) .
- Environmental Auditing on International Agreements for Protecting Environment (Kuwait) .

The ARABOSAI General Strategic plan for 2008-2012 was approved upon the decision number 57/2007 by the thirty-eighth Governing Board. The plan included two committees, i.e., Committee for "Auditing Professional Standards" and Committee for "Capacity Building".

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ARABOSAI Team for Environmental Auditing has been established within the competences of committee of " Capacity Building " upon the decision no.77 of the ARABOSAI 40th Governing Board in 2008.

The Team comprises six countries : Egypt, Palestine , Kuwait, Iraq, Jordan, Tunisia due to the decision number 93/2008 of ARABOSAI 41th Governing Board. Egypt's SAI has been chosen as chairman and coordinator of the Team in its first meeting held in Egypt on 10-11 May 2009 .

The most important results of that meeting and how far the Team participated in INTOSAI WGEA works:

First : Summary for The most important Achievement of the ARABOSAI Team on Environmental Auditing in its first meeting .

1- The Team's Regulation Statute, that includes the following points:

1/1- Objectives of the Team:

- Considering Environmental issues and helping ARAB SAI's in acquainting with the recent scientific developments in the field of environmental auditing and following up the continues development in this context to achieve audit tasks in the best possible way .
- Co-operating and co-coordinating with INTOSAI WGEA and with other regional environmental groups .

1/2- Team Competences:

- Preparing a working plan that fit with Team objectives previously specified.

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- Introducing suggestions to the ARABOSAI Committee for " Capacity Building " to develop training courses in a continuously and periodically manner in all aspects of environmental auditing to develop the human resources of ARABOSAI members.
- Gathering all available performance indicators on environmental auditing and releasing it to all the ARABOSAI members.

2- Setting down Mechanisms to Achieve and Implement Team Objectives and Competences :

- 2/1- Benefiting from the outcomes in the field of environmental auditing coordinating with specialized Institutions in the field of environmental protection, and scientific research entities methodologies in solving environmental problems aiming to supporting the efforts of environmental auditing .
- 2/2- Preparing a questionnaire to analyze the needs of ARAB SAI's in the field of environmental auditing.
- 2/3 Co-operate with the committee of " Capacity Building " to organize training courses in environmental auditing.

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2/4- Furnishing the Team homepage in the ARABOSAI website with all papers, activities, researches and studies of ARAB SAI's experience in the field of environmental auditing.

2/5- Benefiting from the outcomes of INTOSAI WGEA and regional Working Groups to transfer skills and professional experiences .

2/6-Participation in INTOSAI WGEA activities in the field of Translation.

3- Implementing the work plan (2010 – 2012) :

Setting up the work plan of the team 2010 - 2012(appendix 1).It will be presented in the upcoming meeting of the committee of " Capacity Building " that will be hosted by the Kuwaitian SAI in November 2009 and it will be approved in the upcoming meeting of the ARABOSAI 42th Governing Board that will be hosted by the Egyptian SAI in December 2009.The upcoming meeting of the Team has been identified to be held in September 2010. .

Second : Participation of ARABOSAI Team on Environmental Auditing in INTOSAI WGEA activities in the field of Translation

The Team participates in translation of the guidelines and manuals of INTOSAI WGEA to Arabic as follows :-

1- The material of the Auditing Biodiversity training course ⁽¹⁾:

The SAI of Egypt will carry out the translation of the material of the Auditing Biodiversity training course to Arabic that held in

⁽¹⁾ The SAI of Egypt has already translated the guidance of “Auditing Biodiversity” to Arabic and it is available on the web site of INTOSAI WGEA

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Qatar on 23-24 January 2009 on the fringe of the twelfth meeting of the INTOSAI WGEA .

2- Cooperation between SAIs :Tips and examples for Environmental cooperative audits” :

- The SAI of Jordan has already translated the guidance of the “Cooperation between SAIs :Tips and examples for Environmental Cooperative Audits” into Arabic .

3- "Auditing the Commitments of Countries World Summit on Sustainable Development held in Johannesburg"

The SAI of Tunisia is carrying out the translation of "Auditing the Commitments of Countries World Summit on Sustainable Development” held in Johannesburg to Arabic.

4- Evolution and Trends in Environmental Auditing.

The SAI of Egypt will have taken responsibility to translate “Evolution and Trends in Environmental Auditing” into Arabic.

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**(Appendix 1).
The Work Plan of ARABOSAI Team on Environmental Auditing
2010-2012**

Action	Responsibility	years		
		2010	2011	2012
1-Preparing Questionnaire Updating of the third questionnaire ⁽¹⁾ to analyze the needs of ARAB SAI's in the field of environmental auditing .	Egypt	Updating the questionnaire and send it to Team's members to make notes and suggestions, then send it to all ARAB SAI's members.	Analyzing and processing the results of the questionnaire.	Determining the needs of ARAB AI's in the field of environmental auditing in the future.
2-Developing a data base for Environment Team - Redesigning the homepage of the Team on the internet and including indicators, guidelines published from all available sources .	Tunisia	Redesigning the homepage and discuss it in the next meeting.	Begin implementing..	Finishing the home page.
3-Auditing Guidelines in the Field of Following-up and Performance Evaluation in Environmental Auditing on Sanitary & Industrial Drainage through : 3/1- Sources of pollution in sanitary & industrial drainage. 3/2-Auditing how far organizations comply with legalization rules and laws.	Egypt & Jordan	Collecting of SAI's experiences in dealing with problem of industrial and water drainage.	Provide auditing indicators and formulate the study.	Completing implementation.

⁽¹⁾ The third questionnaire which was prepared by the previous Sub-committee for Environmental Auditing Affairs of ARABOSAI.

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**(To be continued)
The Work Plan of ARABOSAI Team for Environmental Auditing
2010-2012**

Activities	Responsibility	years		
		2010	2011	2012
3/3- Performance efficiency and effectiveness in dealing with problems in this field.				
3/4- Effectiveness of implemented procedures to avoid violations causes.				
4- Tabulating the unfinished work of the previous Sub-committee ⁽¹⁾ :				Completing implementation.
4/1- Preparing performance evaluation indicators in the field of solid waste auditing and resume the ARAB SAI's experiences in this field.	Kuwait	furnishing the SAI of Kuwait and the SAI of Tunisia with the ARAB SAI's experiences in the field of solid waste and sustainable development auditing after the Team chairman addresses them.	-Providing audit indicators in the field of the solid waste and sustainable development auditing. -Preparing a summary which include experience of ARAB SAI's in the field of solid waste and sustainable development auditing.	
4/2- Providing a summary about the ARAB SAI's experience in the field of sustainable development projects auditing .	Tunisia			

⁽¹⁾ Regional Sub-committee for Environmental Auditing Affairs of ARABOSAI .