

Progress Report of ARABOSAI WGEA to be presented to the INTOSAI WGEA meeting, Tanzania 25-29 June 2007

A summary on the status quo of the Regional sub-Committee for the ARABOSAI Environmental Auditing as the SAI of Egypt is its coordinator :

Committee Establishment :

This Sub-committee was established by a decision of the Executive Council taken at its 26th meeting held in Kuwait on 9th to 10th March 1999.

Committee Membership :

The regional sub-committee for the ARABOSAI Environmental Auditing Affairs comprises eight countries: Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Libya, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, and Tunisia. The SAI of Egypt is the sub-committee coordinator.

Meetings :

the subcommittee has held five meetings :

- First meeting of ARABOSAI RWGEA held in Egypt from 1st to 5th October 2002
- Second meeting held in Amman from 7th to 10th September 2003.
- Third meeting held in Kuwait from 3rd to 6th April 2004.
- Fourth meeting held in Egypt from 21st to 25th September 2005
- the latest (fifth) meeting took place in Tunisia from 19th to 22nd June 2006

Brief on the most Important Achievements :

The committee's key achievements are :

- managing the distribution and analysis of two questionnaires to build a knowledge of environmental auditing at the regional level.
- launching a homepage on the ARABOSAI website.
- Submitting papers on SAI's experiences in environmental auditing (basics, methodologies and methods) in the field of :
 - waste (papers presented by all members except Morocco)

- Water (paper presented by SAIs of Egypt, Kuwait and Tunisia).
- Auditing projects sustainable development (Two papers presented by SAIs of Egypt and Tunisia).
- Auditing the Assessing Environmental Impact (Papers presented by SAIs of Tunisia, Libya, Jordan, Morocco and Kuwait).
- Performance auditing on solid wastes (Papers presented by SAIs of Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Algeria and Tunisia).
- Environmental auditing in the field of air pollution (undertaken by the SAI of Egypt, Jordan and Saudi Arabia).
- Performance auditing on grants, loans regional and international assistance in the environmental field (undertaken by the SAI of Algeria and Morocco)
- Auditing the environmental safety of the imported commodities (undertaken by the SAIs of Tunisia and Libya).

All of the papers were furnished to subcommittee homepage on the ARABOSAI website. (www.arabosai.org.com)

Implemented Training Activities

ARABOSAI has held a training seminar on the topic of "Environmental auditing" hosted by the SAI of Saudi Arabia from 24th to 30th September 2005.

Scientific competition in the field of environmental auditing has been organized among the ARABOSAI member SAIs.

In 2006 three copies of the best three researches (first , second, third) are distributing to all one of the members of ARABOSAI.

Latest Work plan :

Upcoming meeting and work plan :