

## Call for Nominations

### **4<sup>th</sup> INTOSAI WGEA Award – Inspiration in Environmental Auditing**

#### *Innovative Practices in Environmental Auditing*

The INTOSAI WGEA Secretariat proudly announces a call for nominations for the 4<sup>th</sup> INTOSAI WGEA Award – Inspiration in Environmental Auditing. The topic of this year's Award is "Innovative Practices in Environmental Auditing". The winners will be awarded at the ceremony to take place during the upcoming 23<sup>rd</sup> INTOSAI WGEA Assembly in Malta.

## Background

The INTOSAI WGEA Award has been designed to promote the sharing of environmental audit innovations and practices and to globally increase the visibility of environmental auditing. The first Award, announced at the 20th Assembly, focused on visualisations, and the second one at the 21st Assembly awarded WGEA participants' own stories on what the WGEA has meant to them under the slogan "Your WGEA Story". The 3<sup>rd</sup> Award was on the topic of "Impactful Environmental Audit", which focused on presenting audit results inspiringly and innovative methodology in auditing. For the 4<sup>th</sup> Award, the impact of innovation is taken further, to cover innovative audit topics and best practices.

### **4<sup>th</sup> Award topic: Innovative Practices in Environmental Auditing**

The WGEA is seeking nominations in two Award categories which both contribute towards innovative practices in environmental audits:

#### **Category 1: Innovative Climate Audit**

The INTOSAI WGEA is currently finalizing the projects in its 2023-2025 Work Plan, which featured important climate-related projects such as the cooperative audit on Climate Change Adaptation Actions, ClimateScanner and Nexus Area: Climate-Biodiversity. With this Award category, we hope to award Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) in innovative climate audit. In this category, the Jury looks for nominations on audits that portray innovative methodologies and best practices in climate audit. Additionally, the Jury pays attention to audit impact and innovative use of data visualizations. Impact and visualizations go hand in hand, as the audit is likely to be more impactful, when complementary visual elements are included in presenting audit results.

#### **Category 2: Emerging Environmental Issue in Audit**

The INTOSAI WGEA as a global working group supports SAIs in auditing a wide range of environmental issues. Innovative methodologies are needed to ensure efficient and credible auditing of these issues. In this category, a SAI to best present their innovations in an audit on an emerging environmental issue will be awarded. In the selection of the winner, the Jury will look at the use of innovative methodology, impact of the audit and innovative use of data visualizations.

## Criteria

The criteria is applicable to both of the categories.

- The audit demonstrates innovative approach(es) in audit methodology and exemplary practices in environmental auditing.
- The audit demonstrates impact to policy, practice, or public awareness.
- The audit demonstrates innovative use of data visualizations, meaning creative and effective use visual presentation to enhance audit findings.

### Instructions for nominations:

The audit put forward for the award should:

- a) be produced by a Supreme Audit Institution, and
- b) address a topic related to an emerging environmental issue/problem/programme/policy (in the 1<sup>st</sup> category, the topic of the audit should relate to climate change adaptation and/or mitigation).

Nominees should send:

- a) The audit in .pdf format or a link to the audit.
- b) A short description of the audit and its creation process (how did the idea evolve, who conducted the audit etc.) and how this audit has proved to be innovative. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> category, the description should involve an explanation on why and how this environmental issue is an emerging issue, and therefore subject for audit.
- c) Optionally, any other information that might be of interest.

## Submission of nominations

Please send your nominations by **5 June** to the INTOSAI WGEA Secretariat [intosaiwgea@vtv.fi](mailto:intosaiwgea@vtv.fi) (max. 1 submission per SAI in each category, in total max. 2 submissions). When submitting the nomination, kindly indicate which category it belongs to. Upon successfully receiving the submission, a confirmation email will be sent. Final decision on the winners will be made by the Award Selection Jury. Representatives from selected Steering Committee member SAIs will be invited to the Award selection Jury.