



## Call for Nominations

### **3<sup>rd</sup> INTOSAI WGEA Award – Inspiration in Environmental Auditing**

#### *Impactful Environmental Audit*

The Secretariat in collaboration with SAI Maldives proudly announces a call for nominations for the 3<sup>rd</sup> INTOSAI WGEA Award “Inspiration in Environmental Auditing”. The topic of this year’s Award is “Impactful Environmental Audit” which was decided at the 19<sup>th</sup> INTOSAI WGEA Steering Committee meeting earlier this year. The winners will be rewarded at the Award ceremony to take place during the upcoming 22<sup>nd</sup> INTOSAI WGEA Assembly in Rovaniemi, Finland.

#### **Background**

The INTOSAI WGEA Award has been designed to promote the sharing of environmental audit innovations and practices and to increase the visibility of environmental auditing globally. This Award is the 3<sup>rd</sup> in row. The first Award, handed over at the 20<sup>th</sup> Assembly, focused on visualisations, and the second one at the 21<sup>st</sup> Assembly rewarded WGEA participants’ own stories on what the WGEA has meant to them under the slogan “Your WGEA Story”.

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Award topic: Impactful Environmental Audit**

The topic of the Award includes three categories which all contribute towards impactful auditing:

##### **1) Presenting audit results inspiringly**

Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs), as external auditors, hold their governments accountable for public spending. An essential part of this task is to make their audit reports available to parliament, stakeholders, and the general public. Traditionally, the main product for representing audit results is a written audit report. However, long reports including many details may be challenging for the readers to digest at first, hence complementary and more visual products are needed to draw the attention of larger audiences. This, most likely, will also lead to more impactful auditing, when the audit results are seen by more and more stakeholders. In this category, the Jury looks for nominations on inspiring ways to present audit results.

#### **Instructions for nominations:**

The auditing output put forward for the award should:

- a) be produced by a Supreme Audit Institution, and
- b) address information related to a published audit or review addressing an environmental problem/programme/policy topic.

Nominees should send:

- a) An illustration in .pdf or .jpg format or a link to the output.
- b) A short account of the process for creating the output (how did the idea evolve, who produced the output etc.) and how the output has inspired the attention of audience.
- c) Optionally, any other information that might be of interest.

## 2) Using innovative methodology in auditing

Collecting and analyzing environmental data is a critical step in conducting audits. While more and more information is available, new methodologies to analyse this data are needed to ensure efficient and credible auditing. When a new methodology is successfully implemented, it will have a maximum impact while using less time and resources. In this category, the Jury expects nominations on environmental audit cases using innovative methodologies.

### Instructions for nominations:

The audit methodology put forward for the award should:

- a) be used by a Supreme Audit Institution and
- b) analyse information related to a published audit or review addressing an environmental problem/programme/policy topic.

Nominees should send:

- a) A short description of the methodology and its creation process (how did the idea evolve, who produced the output etc.) and how this method has improved the auditing process.
- b) An output in .pdf format or a link to the output using a methodology.
- c) Optionally, any other information that might be of interest.

## 3) What makes an audit impactful?

How do you define the impact? Have you seen a change triggered by the audit recommendations? Usually, the impact of the audits is found through the follow-up audits, or it may even be that the impact achieved by auditing is not recognized. This may lead to a decrease in appreciation towards auditing. However, impact can happen at many levels and through several cycles. In this category, the Jury seeks to find innovative ways how to define impact and receive examples of impactful audit cases.

### Instructions for nominations:

The audit example put forward for the award should

- a) be produced by a Supreme Audit Institution and
- b) address information related to a published audit or review addressing an environmental problem/programme/policy topic.

Nominees should send:

- a) A short description on how to define the impact of audit.
- b) An audit example in .pdf format or a link to the output that has an impact;
- c) Any other information to support the impact of the audit that might be of interest e.g. links to news articles or other public documents.

### Submission of nominations

Please send your nominations by **30 November** to the INTOSAI WGEA Secretariat [intosaiwgea@vtv.fi](mailto:intosaiwgea@vtv.fi) (max. 1 submission per SAI in each category, in total max. 3 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.