

The INTOSAI Working Group on SDGs and Key Sustainable Development Indicators

Terms of Reference

Mission

Support the coordinated efforts of the INTOSAI community to contribute to national goals and SDG implementation through promoting the elaboration and use of appropriate Key Sustainable Development Indicators (KSDIs) and advancing a strategic approach to SAIs' activities

Strategic goals

- Support the enhancement of SAIs' role in assessing the efficiency and effectiveness of government activities through promoting a strategic approach to auditing, the elaboration and application of KSDIs and innovative evaluation tools;
- Support the international role of INTOSAI in promoting SAIs as strategic partners of governments contributing to the implementation of national goals and SDGs by developing the quality of their insights and recommendations

Goals and Activities

Goal 1

Shaping common approaches and developing guiding principles on auditing SDG implementation by the use of - among others - KSDIs and introducing a forward-looking strategic dimension to SAIs' activities

Activities:

- 1 Enhancement of methodologies on auditing SDG implementation by developing and using, among others, KSDIs;
- 2 Best practices analysis and elaboration of guiding principles on the appropriate selection and application of KSDIs;

- 3 Development of methods on assessing risk management mechanisms in strategic programs and the validity of selected targets in terms of achieving SDGs and long-term national goals;
- 4 Development of common approaches to assessing policy coherence and prevention-oriented monitoring for an agile identification of policy implementation gaps and appropriate responsive measures;

Goal 2

Ensure a mutually beneficial exchange of information and experience between the members of INTOSAI and international organizations developing and using KSDIs and actively engaged in the SDG agenda

Activities:

1. Developing a knowledge base for the exchange of best practices on the strategic whole-of-government approach to SAI's activities;
2. Sharing experience in examining interlinkages between SDGs and national priorities and the incorporation of SDGs in national development plans;
3. Sharing best practices on evidence-based assessments of strategic government programs and elaborating recommendations on their development and implementation;
4. Exploring the opportunities of data analytics, creating a register of efficient data collection and data analysis tools, examining their possible application by SAIs in preparing recommendations on improving policies' implementation;
5. Sharing experience in SAI's evaluation and analytical capacities building;
6. Developing capacity building initiatives for SAIs' staff to share knowledge and enhance data analytics, risk assessment and policy coherence evaluation skills in cooperation with INTOSAI Development Initiative.

Goal 3

Encourage pilot projects on the implementation and monitoring of KSDIs and the assessment of SDG implementation progress

Activities:

1. Examination and preparation of progress reports, insights and recommendations on auditing specific SDG-related areas (ex. – education, environment, infrastructure);
2. Research on the quality of government reporting on the implementation of national goals and SDGs, identification of flaws in indicators and development of maturity models of progress measurement systems;

Goal 4

Contribute to the implementation of national goals and SDGs through enhancing inter-stakeholder communications

Activities:

1. Supporting SAIs' efforts in ensuring the inclusiveness of access to up-to-date KSDIs for a transparent public assessment of SDG and national goals implementation progress;
2. Disseminating best practices of monitoring the impact and implementation of audit recommendations related to the achievement of national goals and SDGs;
3. Examining inter-stakeholder communication and public awareness building strategies on issues related to the implementation of national goals and SDGs;