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**Discussion session 3: KSC’s cooperation with INTOSAI Regions**

In support of the four strategic goals under which INTOSAI broadly organises its work, INTOSAI has identified five crosscutting priorities that provide the underpinning of how INTOSAI will focus its work to achieve its goals in the coming years. One of such crosscutting priorities in the new INTOSAI Strategic Plan (2017-2022) is *“Crosscutting Priority 5: Building upon, leveraging and facilitating cooperation and professionalism among the regional organisations of INTOSAI”.*

INTOSAI’s 7 regional organizations provide an essential means of accomplishing INTOSAI’s goals across SAIs’ diverse cultural and geographic contexts. The Strategic Plan (2017-2022), therefore, seeks to leverage and facilitate cooperation and professionalism among INTOSAI’s regional organizations. The plan recognizes the creation of Regional Forums for Capacity Development as forums for regional organizations to share information among them and to address regional development issues at a cross-regional and strategic level.

INTOSAI’s regional organizations are well-positioned to play central roles in contributing to global efforts at the regional level to follow-up and review the implementation of the SDGs. The IDI partners with all of the INTOSAI regional organizations to identify the portfolio of SAI capacity development needs and to design and deliver programs to address those needs.

The INTOSAI Committee on Knowledge Sharing and Knowledge Services: Goal 3 (KSC) also recognizes the importance of the Regional Organizations in the area of knowledge sharing and as such, wanted to collaborate with the Regional Organisations in this regard. Further, one of the activities under the new Strategic Plan for KSC is to interact closely with the regions on Knowledge Sharing. Therefore, there will be an open discussion session on how to strengthen the cooperation with INTOSAI regions.