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| **Agenda item: 2** |  | **Opening remarks by Ms. Rita Mitra, Deputy Comptroller and Auditor General on behalf of Chairman of KSC** |
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**Dr. Moermahadi Soerja Djanegara, Chairman, The Audit Board of the Republic of Indonesia,distinguished Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen.**

**Good Morning.**

It gives me immense pleasure to open the 9th meeting of the Steering Committee of the INTOSAI Committee on Knowledge Sharing and Knowledge Services-Goal 3 (KSC) in Bali, Indonesia. This meeting is very important as it is the first meeting after INCOSAI in December 2016.

At the outset, let me thank Dr. Moermahadi Soerja Djanegara, Chairman, The Audit Board of the Republic of Indonesia for hosting this meeting at the beautiful city of Bali.

I would like to specially welcome the distinguished delegates from China and Philippines, as the new members of the KSC Steering Committee. Based on the decision taken at the 2016 INCOSAI, China has assumed the chair of a newly constituted Working Group on Big Data. SAI Philippines has taken over from SAI Mexico the role of Chair of Working Group on Public Debt. As you would all be aware the Task Force on Procurement has now been accorded the status of a Working Group. As a result of the decisions made at the 2016 INCOSAI, there are 11 Working Groups under the KSC.

Dear colleagues, this meeting assumes tremendous significance as it provides the KSC an opportunity to reflect as a group on the implications of several key decisions made at the Abu Dhabi Congress. Of particular significance to us are the formation of Forum for INTOSAI Professional Pronouncements (FIPP), approval of the Strategic Development Plan of INTOSAI Framework of Professional Pronouncements (IFPP), introduction of a performance assessment framework in the Strategic Plan of INTOSAI for 2017-22, the approval of two cross-cutting research projects to be undertaken by KSC and the IDI-KSC Capacity Development Programme on Auditing preparedness to implement the SDG. We have earmarked separate agenda items to discuss these issues.

The existing Terms of Reference (ToR) of KSC was approved by the INTOSAI Governing Board in 2009 and there was a need to update the ToR to reflect latest developments. The revised ToR has already been circulated to all the members and observers of KSC Steering Committee. Similarly, the Goal Chairs have been asked to prepare a Risk Register for their respective goals and the draft Risk Register has again been circulated before the meeting. We would welcome active discussions on these issues at the meeting.

Concerns have been expressed on the absence of a quality assurance mechanism for documents that are outside the IFPP and accordingly, the Goal Chairs have prepared a draft paper on QA for non-IFPP documents. This is yet another new issue that would be discussed at the meeting.

The Steering Committee meeting gives us an opportunity to collectively review the progress achieved by the Working Groups of KSC in relation to programmes and activities undertaken by them in line with the INTOSAI Strategic Plan 2017-2022. In addition to the report by the Working Groups, for the first time we will also have reports from the two Research Project Teams on the progress made by them on the Research Projects. The three Goal Chairs (PSC, CBC and KSC) have attempted a reporting dashboard to be used by the Working Groups and the Goal Chairs to report on the progress made by the Working Groups and the KSC. We would appreciate your inputs on the reporting dashboard at the meeting.

The deliberations at this meeting are crucial as it will provide valuable inputs for the Goal-3 report to be presented at the next Governing Board meeting to be held at Austria in November. I would, however, like to request everyone to present brief reports so that sufficient time is available for discussions and the discussions could focus particularly on the progress made towards achieving KSC’s Strategic objectives.

Presentations and discussions have also been planned on activities of Professional Standards Committee (PSC), Capacity Building Committee (CBC), INTOSAI General Secretariat, Development Initiative (IDI) and International Journal of Government Auditing (IJGI).

As you all might be aware, the INTOSAI Goal Chairs (PSC, CBC and KSC) are collaborating on issues of common interest. Meetings of all the three Goal Chairs are held on regular intervals to discuss various important issues. Significant progress have been made since we met last year at Washington D.C. on our collaboration with other INTOSAI Goal Chairs. The Professional Standards Committee and Capacity Building Committee will present a brief report on the ongoing cooperation between the INTOSAI Goal Chairs.

Dear colleagues, in order to strengthen cooperation with the INTOSAI Regions, we had invited Secretary Generals of all the seven INTOSAI Regions to attend the 8th KSC Steering Committee meeting. However, due to other commitments, the Regions are unable to attend this meeting. KSC Chair in consultation with the other Goal Chairs is exploring other ways to closely engage with the regions.

Lastly, I would like to thank the delegates and the different Working Groups represented here for their overwhelming support in convening this meeting. I hope that this opportunity to meet and share our rich experience through interaction with each other at this meeting will pave way for greater cooperation and collaboration in the process of Knowledge Sharing.

A lot of preparatory work had to be done to ensure the smooth conduct of the meeting. I thank the Supreme Audit Institution of Indonesia for the excellent arrangements made by them for the meeting and I look forward to a successful meeting with fruitful deliberations.

Thank you.