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| **Agenda item: 2** |  | **Opening remarks by Ms. Anjali Anand Srivastava, Deputy Comptroller and Auditor General on behalf of Chairman of KSC** |
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**Mr. John F.S Muwanga, Auditor General of Uganda,**

**Distinguished Colleagues,**

**Ladies and Gentlemen.**

**Good Morning.**

It gives me immense pleasure to open the 10th meeting of the Steering Committee of the INTOSAI Committee on Knowledge Sharing and Knowledge Services-Goal 3 (KSC) in Kampala, Uganda.

1. At the outset, let me thank Mr. John F.S Muwanga, Auditor General of Uganda for hosting this meeting in Kampala.
2. This meeting gives us an opportunity to collectively review the progress achieved by the Working Groups and Project Groups in relation to programmes and activities undertaken by them in line with the updated INTOSAI Strategic plan 2017-22. The progress reports to be discussed at this meeting will form the basis of our Report to the 71st meeting of the INTOSAI Governing Board being held in Moscow on 15-16 November 2018.
3. The Knowledge Sharing Committee, since its creation in November 2007, seeks to facilitate exchange of best practices on areas in which SAIs work. We are entrusted with the important task of promoting improved knowledge sharing, reuse, learning, collaboration and innovation. We strive to contribute to the improvement of performances of SAIs through sharing of lessons learnt. Our focus is on the management of diverse audit methodologies as a strategic asset and encouraging its sharing amongst SAIs. This will help us to share valuable organizational insights, avoid reinventing the wheel, and reduce the learning time in auditing new areas and to adapt to changing environments.
4. Dear colleagues, the Working Groups of KSC are doing commendable work as presently seven projects have been undertaken under the Strategic Development Plan 2017-19 of INTOSAI Framework of Professional Pronouncement. This would result in harmonizing and consolidating 19 ISSAIs/INTOSAI GOVs of the old framework into 6 new GUIDs in new INTOSAI Framework for Professional Pronouncements. Additionally, 3 new pronouncements are also being envisaged. A brief on the progress of these projects will be presented under Agenda Item No. 9 and 28. Further, the working groups are also developing 26 other guidance material.
5. Distinguished delegates who have attended the KSC meetings in the past, would know that there are several new discussion issues in the agenda of this meeting. The meeting will provide us with an opportunity to brief the members about the features of the revamped INTOSAI Community Portal. The agenda also earmarks discussion on Strategic Development Plan of IFPP, Quality assurance of non-IFPP products, Emerging issues, and ways to engage with Regions and Stakeholders. I thank SAI Uganda and SAI Indonesia for graciously accepting to moderate the sessions on Regions and Stakeholder engagements respectively. I am sure their experience will add considerable value to the discussions.
6. 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. The Professional Standards Committee will present a brief report on the ongoing cooperation between the INTOSAI Goal Chairs.
7. Presentations and discussions have also been planned on activities of Professional Standards Committee (PSC), INTOSAI General Secretariat and INTOSAI Development Initiative (IDI). Unfortunately, the Capacity Building Committee and International Journal of Government Auditing (IJGA) will not be joining us for this meeting.
8. The task of the preparation of the next triennial KSC work plan 2020-22 would commence shortly. We are hoping that this meeting would provide us important inputs for the development of the next work plan. I would request the members to also suggest possible avenues to utilize the Goal Chair allocation constructively for the benefit of INTOSAI Community.
9. I thank the delegates and the different Working Groups and Project 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 will pave way for greater cooperation and collaboration in the process of Knowledge Sharing.
10. A lot of preparatory work had to be done to ensure the smooth conduct of the meeting. I thank the Office of the Auditor General of Uganda for the excellent arrangements made by them for the meeting and I look forward to a successful meeting with fruitful deliberations.

Thank you.