

Report of WGFACML  
2020

Reporting dashboard - Report of the INTOSAI Working Group on  
The Fight Against Corruption and Money Laundering (WGFACML) Strategic objectives review  
report (11 August 2020)

Key to progress indicator colours

	Initiatives / projects on schedule
	Initiatives / projects behind schedule
	Serious difficulties being experienced – Internal factors
	Serious difficulties being experienced – External factors (beyond the control of the WG)
	Not yet scheduled to start
	Initiatives / projects completed

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<p><b>Work Plan Goal 1</b></p> <p>Co-operation between SAIs to develop and finalize guidelines that support their efforts in detecting and fighting corruption and money laundering and develop working papers.</p>	<p>Develop a guideline on "Promoting Controls on Public Funds"</p>	<p>To develop a guideline on Promoting Controls on Public Funds to be led by the SAI of Ecuador.</p> <p><b>Scope of the guideline:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promoting controls on government funds allocated for acquisition of goods and services for current use to directly satisfy individual or collective needs of the members of the community. Not including benefits based on contributions that are based on earnings; National Insurance, retirement pension, ...</li> </ul>	<p>Progress to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In Windhoek, 2013: WGFACML Work Plan included a guideline on Promoting Controls on Public Funds to be led by the SAI Ecuador (Goal 1, Obj. 1, 1st guideline)</li> <li>During the last meeting held in China in April 2019, a draft was previewed and at the beginning of May the draft paper was circulated to the whole group to get comments on it.</li> <li>The first draft of the guideline was circulated on the WG members to give their comments, and the SAIs of Peru &amp; USA make some comments.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>The following steps:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The comments are to be included in the draft guideline.</li> <li>SAI Ecuador is in the process of carrying out the amendments received from KSC.</li> <li>Note: SAI Ecuador has chosen QA level 3 for the guideline.</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> In the case of single large projects / initiatives, the progress indicator could also be one of the following three progress statements: <sup>(i)</sup> the project has been initiated/come into existence (has been defined, planned, and resourced), <sup>(ii)</sup> the project is being implemented (and is on track, or behind schedule, in trouble – green or amber or red/Purple), and <sup>(iii)</sup> the project has delivered the main outcome (is either completed – black – or its outcome is functioning as intended / producing the results, e.g. a technical support function; maintain, monitor and enhance). Appropriate colour may be chosen as the background of the cell. <sup>2</sup> SP 2017-22, page 36, refers to the strategic objectives review to include "determining what actions and next steps are most needed to ensure continued progress towards each objective". The progress achieved till date and the key items/next steps needed to ensure continued progress towards each objective and to manage risks may be indicated here.

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<p><b>Work Plan Goal 1 Cont...</b></p> <p>Cooperation between SAI's to develop and finalize guidelines that support their efforts in detecting and fighting corruption and money laundering and develop working papers.</p>	<p>Develop a guideline on "Stolen Assets Recovery" (Goal 1, Obj. 1, 2<sup>nd</sup> Guideline)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Useful toolkit for SAI's auditors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Best practices, strategies and actions</li> <li>Actionable guidance</li> </ul> </li> <li>Brevity and clarity</li> <li>Well supported, high quality and consistent with documents produced by our international partners</li> <li>Appendix Toolkit – Questions for SAI's Auditors to supplement existing procedures</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WGFAFML Work Plan approved Asset Recovery Guideline initiation, as well as several other new guidelines</li> <li>Current subgroup members: USA (Chair) Tanzania Poland Egypt</li> </ul> <p>Included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Importance of asset recovery and SAI role</li> <li>Asset recovery steps</li> <li>Agencies within the SAI's country that have responsibilities related to asset recovery efforts</li> <li>How do these agencies collaborate (within the country) to implement asset recovery</li> <li>Do the agencies involved have sufficient resources and expertise</li> <li>To what extent are there clear policies and procedures for seizing assets (i.e., initiating asset seizure, gathering and tracing assets, securing assets, and setting and enforcing court orders</li> <li>To what extent has the SAI's country been involved in repatriation, e.g. are there any available cases for review</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Subgroup members (USA and Tanzania) meet regularly (in-person and via VTC)</li> <li>Since creating the outline for the guideline, we drafted proposed questions for SAI auditors .</li> <li>A complete framework for the product and a draft for the product was previewed during the last meeting held in China.</li> <li>The product will be reviewed internally in late Summer/early Fall, and then undergo external review (including WGFAFML). The document will be completed by the end of 2020/early 2021.</li> <li>Note: SAI USA has chosen QA level 3 for the guideline.</li> </ul>

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		- What legislative measures are in place to enable the return of confiscated/forfeited property	
<p><b>Work Plan Goal 1 Cont...</b></p> <p>Cooperation between SAIs to develop and finalize guidelines that support their efforts in detecting and fighting corruption and money laundering and develop working papers.</p>	<p>Develop a guideline on "Audit of Corruption Prevention in Public Procurement" (Goal 1, Obj. 1, 3<sup>rd</sup> Guideline)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In addition to ISSAI 5700 (Audit of Corruption Prevention), Preparation of a Guideline for the audit of corruption prevention measures in public procurement</li> <li>Taking into account: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Avoidance of duplication</li> <li>Specialties of the public procurement process</li> <li>Already existing international documents</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Subgroup members:</b> <b>Austria (chair)</b> Poland Chile Czech Republic Iraq Malaysia Namibia Oman Turkey Yemen</p> <p><b>Structure:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduction (SAI of Austria) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scope of the Guideline</li> <li>Reference to "The Fundament" – ISSAI 5700</li> <li>Explanation of "The Amendment" – actual guideline</li> </ul> </li> <li>Corruption in Public Procurement (SAI of Poland/Austria) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Definition</li> <li>Types of corruption</li> <li>Typical Risks</li> <li>Impact of corruption</li> </ul> </li> <li>Public Procurement (SAI of Czech Republic) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Principles of Public Procurement</li> <li>Types of award procedures</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kick off meeting in Prague/Czech Republic May 2017 Schedule Detailed structure Content of chapters Allocation of duties</li> <li>2nd meeting in Bonn/Germany October 2017 Discussion on first draft Discussion on best practice examples</li> <li>Project Proposal, February 2018</li> <li>3rd meeting in Vienna/Austria April 2018 Addition of more auditing questions</li> <li>The subgroup held a meeting in Oman in March 2019 during which they studied the comments and remarks.</li> </ul> <p>Next Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minor amendments to be made</li> <li>Request for approval of the project proposal and the exposure draft from FIPP</li> <li>Publication of exposure draft</li> <li>Evaluation of comments and remarks</li> <li>Meeting in Egypt -2020</li> <li><b>Due to the recent pandemic circumstances, all activities are postponed to be determined later</b></li> <li>Note: SAI Austria has chosen QA level 2 for the guideline.</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stages of procurement process</li> </ul> <p>4. Corruptions Prevention on organizational level (SAI of Austria, Malaysia)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requirement of professional management</li> <li>• Supporting instruments and tools (e.g. e-procurement)</li> </ul> <p>5. Corruptions Prevention In the different stages of the Procurement Process (SAIs of Oman, Iraq, Namibia)</p>	
<p><b>Work Plan Goal 1 Cont...</b></p> <p>Cooperation between SAIs to develop and finalize guidelines that support their efforts in detecting and fighting corruption and money laundering and develop working papers.</p>	<p>Develop a guideline on "Fighting Against Money Laundering" (Goal 1, Obj. 1, 4<sup>th</sup> Guideline)</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To state the role of SAI in fighting against money laundering.</li> <li>- To develop practical guidance on auditing and evaluating the public institutions engaged in fighting against money laundering.</li> <li>- To provide the practical tool for SAI auditors on how to deal with money laundering cases (gathering, securing, evaluating audit evidence and/or being expert witness in court)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Members:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Poland (Subgroup Leader)</li> <li>- Iraq</li> <li>- Tanzania</li> <li>- Zambia</li> <li>- As a result of the review of existing ISSAIs and INTOSAI GOVs, to develop and maintain expertise in the various fields of public-sector auditing (auditing of anti-money laundering system). Money laundering is linked with corruption, fraud and shadow economy. Efficient fighting of money laundering helps to</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Although most of the work has been done , but that guideline is now pending due to some administrative arrangements that will be solved in the near future.</li> </ul>

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	<p>- The guideline will support the auditor in understanding a specific subject matter and the application of the relevant ISSAIs</p> <p>Purpose: To provide user-friendly guideline that explains the key steps of international fight against money laundering, identifies potential audit areas for SAIs, and provides a usable guidance for SAI auditors in their audits of anti-money laundering activities.</p> <p>The work performed will help address priorities 2.1 and 2.2 in the 2017-2019 Strategic Development Plan. This project can be classified among priority 2 projects.</p>	<p>enhance accountability and transparency, as well as reducing fraud. The guideline will contain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Real examples</li> <li>- Real audit plan</li> <li>- Real SAI support</li> </ul>	

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<b>Work Plan Goal 1 (cont) :</b> Co-operation between SAIs to develop and finalize guidelines that support their efforts in detecting and fighting corruption and money laundering and develop working papers.	Develop a guideline on “ Public Private Partnership Projects”	Poland (Subgroup Chair) The purpose of the project is to draft a document that will define possible areas prone to corruption in the concession and public –private partnership projects , and will provide useful guidance for auditors who conduct audits of such projects. Project objectives : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To define the role of SAIs in the fight against corruption in the concession and public- private partnership projects.</li> <li>- To develop methods for the identification of the areas at risk.</li> <li>- To draft practical guidelines on how to plan and conduct audits related to the fight against corruption in the concession and public –private partnership projects.</li> <li>- To prepare practical guidelines for auditors on how to conduct audit activities in course of audits related to the fight against corruption in the concession and public-private partnership projects.</li> </ul>	The main framework of the guideline was previewed in the last meeting held in China. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Due to the recent pandemic circumstances, all activities are postponed to be determined later</li> </ul>

<p><b>Work Plan Goal 2:</b> Promote Building Capacities to SAIs professionals in the field of fighting Corruption as well as fighting money laundering.</p>	<p>Objective 1: Activate international co-operation between WGFACML and International Agencies that the WG has already identified in the field of fighting corruption and money laundering, and identify other partnerships.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Identify and post on WGFACML website a list of international organizations.</li> <li>▪ Identify Key international partners</li> <li>▪ Develop the communication and cooperation channels with the key international partners.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A list of international organizations is available on the WGFACML website.</li> <li>- Key international partners have been identified: The World Bank Financial Market Integrity Group and the Egmont Group.</li> <li>- The World Bank Financial Market Integrity Group has accepted invitations to present on previous WGFACML Meetings. Many international partners have been invited to attend the working group's meetings as observers.</li> <li>- SAI Poland organizes specialized training courses in that field of Fighting Corruption and Money Laundering and the WG members are welcome to get benefit from these programs.</li> <li>- The WGFACML Secretariat held a virtual meeting with the <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Due to the recent pandemic circumstances, all activities are postponed to be determined later</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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<p><b>Work Plan Goal 2 (cont):</b></p> <p>Promote Building Capacities to SAIs professionals in the field of fighting Corruption as well as fighting money laundering.</p>	<p>Objective 2:</p> <p>Conduct training programs and workshops in co-operation with the (IDI) and in co-operation with other SAIs using the material of the adopted Guidelines issued by the WGFACML.</p> <p>The 2014 Global Survey indicates that many SAIs face considerable challenges in fulfilling their mandates of preventing, detecting and reporting on corruption. 98 SAIs and seven INTOSAI regions have prioritized this area for support, and after several discussion with the different stakeholders IDI has launched the programme on 'SAI Fighting Corruption'.</p> <p>The main objective of the programme is greater effectiveness of SAIs in fighting corruption.</p>	<p>A program on Fighting Corruption has been developed by IDI. This program is supposed to be based upon WGFACML's ISSAI 5700 which includes four programme elements for preventing corruption which</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ appropriate framework of standards and regulations,</li> <li>▪ code of ethics,</li> <li>▪ appropriate human resources management, and</li> <li>▪ appropriate internal control system.</li> </ul> <p>The PA involves a two- tier focus in terms of the audits being conducted to address two levels. These two levels are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Overall Government level</li> <li>▪ One or more specific sectors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- IDI developed a training program on Fighting Corruption cross the various regions of INTOSAI that depends in a way on the product of our working group.</li> <li>- A member of the WG Secretariat participated in several events of that training program in the ARABOSAI region.</li> <li>- We have started contacts with IDI to develop special programs in the field but we have not completed them yet.</li> <li>- Due to the recent pandemic circumstances, all activities are postponed to be determined later</li> </ul>
<p><b>Work Plan Goal 2 (cont):</b></p> <p>Promote Building Capacities to SAIs professionals in the field of fighting Corruption as well as fighting money laundering.</p>	<p>Objective 3:</p> <p>Identification of training needs among SAIs regarding issues related to fight against corruption and money laundering, with the purpose prioritizing requests of capacities development.</p>	<p>Disseminate a survey of the training needs among SAIs regarding issues related to fight against corruption and money laundering aiming at determining priorities of capacity development.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The survey was sent to all the WG members but only 6 SAIs responded to the survey.</li> <li>- During the last meeting in China, it was decided to resend the survey to all the members to acknowledge the training needs of all the members.</li> <li>- Due to the recent pandemic circumstances, all activities are postponed to be determined later</li> </ul>



<b>Work Plan Goal 4:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Co-operate with INTOSAI SAIs and International Agencies in the field of Corruption and Money Laundering</li> </ul>	<p>Develop a newsletter for the WGFACML to disseminate the WG experiences and to acknowledge its activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The First draft of the newsletter was previewed in China meeting , and it was agreed that it will be send to our colleagues in Germany , Austria and USA for reviewing before issuing it to the whole community of INTOSAI.</li> <li>- The first newsletter was published on the WGFACML website.</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sharing best practices and experiences in the field of fighting corruption and money laundering</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The WGFACML Secretariat members participated in a virtual meeting with the INTOSAI Professional Standards Committee Chair and Vice-President as well as the Technical Support Function Team .</li> <li>The WGFACML Secretariat is in the process of finalizing the migration of the WGFACML website into the INTOSAI Community Portal</li> </ul>