



SAI EGYPT

**The 15th Meeting of INTOSAI Working Group on
Fight Against Corruption and Money Laundering**

Hosted virtually by the Accountability State Authority

EGYPT

May 11th, 2022

11:00 - 14:00 UTC



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Minutes of the 15th INTOSAI WGFACML Meeting

Under the auspices of **H.E. Counsellor / Hesham Badawy**; President of the Accountability State Authority of Egypt and Chair of the INTOSAI Working Group on Fight Against Corruption and Money Laundering, the ASA hosted virtually **the 15th Meeting of the INTOSAI Working Group on Fight Against Corruption and Money Laundering** on May 11th, 2022. The Meeting, which was presided over by **H.E. Counsellor / Mohamed El-Faisal Youssef**; the ASA Vice President, began at 11:00 UTC with the participation of the ASA's delegation including the WGFACML Secretariat members - representatives of SAI Egypt - as well as (63) participants with a total of (70) representing (23) of the WG member SAIs which were: **Austria, China, Colombia, Czech Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Fiji, France, Indonesia, Iraq, Malaysia, Mexico, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Russian Federation, Thailand, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United States of America, Venezuela, and Yemen.**



Item 1: The Opening Speech and Welcoming the Meeting's Participants

H.E. Counsellor/ Mohamed El-Faisal Youssef ; the ASA Vice President, inaugurated the Meeting with an opening speech in which he welcomed the Meeting's delegations who participated despite the COVID-19's repercussions which necessitated working during exceptional circumstances. **H.E.** congratulated SAIs France and Ukraine for joining the membership of the WGFACML and then he highlighted some of the achieved Working Group Sectt.'s activities which included:

First: Reinforcing the co-operation among the WG member SAIs in order to set a number of professional pronouncements.

Second: Enhancing the SAIs' members' capacity building pertaining to fighting corruption and money laundering through co-ordinating with national and international entities to organize training programs.

Third: Sharing the best practices and experiences of the Supreme Audit Institutions in the field of fighting corruption and money laundering through publishing the relevant articles and books on the WGFACML's website.

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H.E. Counsellor/ Mohamed El-Faisal Youssef concluded his speech by encouraging the WG member SAIs to continue with their effective and perpetual contributions to the Working group which will support it in moving forward to complement the steps it has already taken in the field of fighting corruption and money laundering.

Item 2: Adopting the Meeting's Agenda Items

The participating WGFCML member SAIs adopted the Meeting's Agenda Items.



Item 3: Presentation #1

The WGFCML Secretariat's Progress Report on the work achieved since the last WG Meeting on November 24th, 2020

The WGFCML Sectt. presented the following to the WG member SAIs:

A- The activities achieved since the WG's last Meeting on November 24th, 2020 which were as follows:

- 1- Developing and Finalizing Guidelines, the WG Secretariat has coordinated with the INTOSAI KSC Chair; SAI India, to publish the Guideline "Audit of Corruption Prevention in Public Procurement", led by SAI Austria, on the INTOSAI Community Portal for an Exposure Period of 45 days ending on May 29th, 2022 for seeking further comments from the INTOSAI Community in order to finalize the Guideline's legal assessment and thus issue its Quality Assurance Certificate.***
- 2- Promoting Building Capacities of SAIs' Professionals in the Field of Fighting Corruption and Money Laundering as well as Activating the International Cooperation between the WGFCML and the International Agencies. The WG Sectt. is in the process of negotiating the organization of a training program for the WG member SAIs with national as well as international entities in order to satisfy their training needs regarding issues related to fighting corruption and money laundering.***
- 3- Migrating the WGFCML's Website to the INTOSAI Community Portal with the enthusiastic, co-operative and persistent aid of SAI India.***

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4- Sharing Best Practices and Experiences of SAIs in the Field of Fighting Corruption and Money Laundering through issuing the Second Issue of the WGFACTML’s Newsletter.

B- The Virtual Meetings attended by the Working Group Chair and Secretariat since the 14th INTOSAI WGFACTML Meeting:

1- The 75th INTOSAI Governing Board Meeting that was held on November 23rd, 2021 and resulted in many resolutions, the most prominent of which are:

- *The adoption of the proposal to present SAI Egypt to the INCOSAI XXIV as the candidate of the AFROSAI Region for hosting the INCOSAI XXV in the year 2025. This item will be endorsed during the INCOSAI XXIV that will be held in November 2022 in Brazil.*
- *The approval of the Rules of Procedures for INCOSAI XXIV.*
- *The approval of the production of a concise INTOSAI Strategic Plan (2023-2028), retaining the existing four-goal structure and renaming the “Crosscutting Priorities” to be the “Organizational Priorities”.*

2- The 13th KSC-SC Meeting that was hosted virtually by SAI India; the KSC Chair, on September 16th, 2021 where the WGFACTML Progress Report for the previous period was presented and approved. The Meeting’s participants endorsed that SAI Egypt will host the 14th KSC-SC Meeting in September 2022 in case it will be held physically.



C- The WGFACTML’s Logo: For establishing a unique and specific character for our Working Group, the WG Secretariat - together with the WG member SAIs - have agreed on a very distinct and professionally designed Logo for the WGFACTML.



**Item 4: Presentation #2
The Guideline “Audit of Corruption Prevention in Public Procurement”**

The representative of the Austrian Court of Audit, the Sub-Group Leader responsible for developing the Guideline on “Audit of Corruption Prevention in Public Procurement”, made a presentation on the Guideline’s progress.

- *The Guideline is currently published on the INTOSAI Community Portal for an Exposure Period of (45) days ending on May 29th, 2022.*

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- ❖ *The Stolen Asset Recovery Initiative (StAR) estimates that the proceeds of crime, corruption, and tax evasion total between \$1 trillion and \$1.6 trillion annually.*

Item 7: Presentation #5

"The Role of the Accounts Chamber of the Russian Federation in Anti-Corruption"

The representative of the Accounts Chamber of the Russian Federation made a presentation on the Meeting's theme entitled "The Role of the Accounts Chamber of the Russian Federation in Anti-Corruption".



- ✚ *The Accounts Chamber of the Russian Federation's mission is to promote fair and responsible governance as a prerequisite for the sustainable development of the Russian society and for a decent life for the people.*
- ✚ *The Chamber's priority task is to develop legislative and institutional conditions that prevent abuse as well as develop the environment of integrity by improving anti-corruption measures.*
- ✚ *The main directions of anti-corruption activities are:*
 - ✓ *Methodology: The improvement of anti-corruption audit methodology*
 - ✓ *IT Instruments: The integration of advanced technologies and tools*
 - ✓ *Communication: Strengthening co-operation with law enforcement and regulating authorities*
 - ✓ *Personnel: The development of auditors' competences*
 - ✓ *Knowledge Sharing: Strengthening the interaction within the Supreme Audit Institutions*

Item 8: Presentation #6

"Preventing and Combating Corruption - Challenges and Accomplishments - BPK's Experiences"

The representative of the Audit Board of the Republic of Indonesia made a presentation on the Meeting's theme entitled "Preventing and Combating Corruption - Challenges and Accomplishments - BPK's Experiences".

- *BPK's Audits & Roles: Prevention: Optimize prevention and stop corruption to occur*
- *Detection: Capable to detect an act of corruptions immediately should they have already occurred*

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- *Repressive: The detected act of corruptions should be immediately prosecuted as thoroughly as possible in accordance with the laws and with high certainty.*
- *BPK's Challenges: (1)A limited number of auditors
(2) Audit Software
(3) Facilities and Infrastructure (Including Information System)*
- *BPK's Efforts to Overcome the Challenges:
(1) Mission : Promote and Encourage Corruption Prevention
(2) BPK's Strategic Initiatives – Corruption Prevention*
- *BPK's Accomplishments*

Item 9: Presentation #7

"Fight Against Corruption : the Role of French Financial Jurisdictions"

The representative of the French Court of Accounts made a presentation on the Meeting's theme entitled "Fight Against Corruption: the Role of French Financial Jurisdictions".

- *Part I: The French financial jurisdictions are fit to contribute to prevent and fight against corruption, through their jurisdictional activities and their other audit activities:*
- *Part II: New entities, dedicated to prevent and fight against corruption, were lately created and the Court of Accounts co-operates with them.*
- *Part III: The Court of Accounts and the Regional Chambers of accounts financial jurisdictions strengthen the role of citizens.*

(All the aforementioned presentations are published on the WG's website).

Item 10: The Host Country of the 16th INTOSAI WGFACML Meeting in 2023

During the WG's 14th Meeting that was held virtually on November 24th, 2020, the WG member SAIs voted in favour of the State Audit Office of the Kingdom of Thailand's physically hosting of the 15th Meeting of our Working Group. However, the repercussions of the COVID-19 Pandemic hindered SAI Thailand from hosting the Meeting. Thus, as SAI Thailand expressed its willingness to physically host the 16th INTOSAI WGFACML Meeting in 2023, the WG member SAIs participating in the Meeting agreed.



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Item 11: The Closing Remarks

H.E. Counsellor / Mohamed El-Faisal Youssef; the ASA Vice President, delivered the Meeting's closing remarks. H.E. expressed his appreciation to all the Meeting's participants for their keenness to attend the Meeting as well as for their effective participation which resulted in a fruitful Meeting that promises to achieve the WG's aspired goals efficiently and effectively in addition to enriching the Working Group's activities.

H.E. Counsellor/ Mohamed El-Faisal Youssef, then, encouraged the WG members to reinforce the bonds of co-operation and collaboration among them in addition to sharing knowledge and experiences as well as achieving more valuable accomplishments in the coming years. H.E. also congratulated the State Audit Office of the Kingdom of Thailand for being the host country of the upcoming WGFACML Meeting in 2023 - in case it will be held physically.

His Excellency announced the closure of the 15th INTOSAI WGFACML Meeting at 1:15 UTC .