



FEEDBACK REPORT ON THE 10TH MEETING OF INTOSAI WORKING GROUP ON FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION AND MONEY LAUNDERING (WGFACML): 27-29 SEPTEMBER 2016 AT THE BUNDESRECHNUNGSHOF IN BONN, GERMANY

1. INTRODUCTION

The SAI of Germany hosted the 10th WGFACML in Bonn, Germany for the period 27-29 September 2016 at the Bundesrechnungshof. The following 16 SAIs was present at the meeting: Namibia, Germany, Ecuador, Poland, Iraq, Iran, Oman, Egypt, Indonesia, Malaysia, Pakistan, Austria, Mexico, Czech Republic, China and USA. Namibia was represented by Mr Junias Etuna Kandjeke, Auditor-General, accompanied by Ms Monica Hummel – Deputy Director and Ms Maretta Eiman, Personal Assistant. The objective of the meeting was to discuss the latest developments and achievements undertaken by the Working Group members. The agenda of the meeting was prepared by the Accountability State Authority of Egypt (ASA), the Chair of the INTOSAI WGFACML.

2. MONDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 2016

The Working Group members were welcomed by the President of SAI Germany at a cocktail held at the Bundesrechnungshof.

3. MATTERS DISCUSSED: TUESDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER 2016

3.1 Welcoming remarks was done by a representative of SAI Germany which was followed by an opening speech by the President of ASA and chairman of the WGFACML. The group then proceeded outside for the taking of the group photo. Returning to the venue inside the WGFACML Secretariat gave an overview of the meeting agenda.

3.2 *Goal 1: Objective 2*

An overview of the 1st Guideline on “Enhancing Good Governance for Public Assets” and new developments of the activities was presented by the SAI of Poland as chair of the sub-group.

3.2 *Goal 1: Objective 2*

An overview of the 2nd Guideline on “The Audit of Corruption Prevention in Government Agencies” and new developments of the activities was presented by the SAI of Germany as chair of the sub-group.

3.3 *Goal 1: Objective 1: Second Guideline*

The SAI of USA made a presentation on “Stolen Assets Recovery” as chair of the team. The presentation covered:

- What is asset recovery and why is it important
- Factors to consider related to asset recovery
- Key stakeholders in public sector asset recovery
- Coordination of asset recovery efforts
- Coordination Challenges
- Identification of assets and challenges
- Seizing and freezing of assets and challenges
- Forfeiture and confiscation of assets and challenges
- Repatriation of assets and challenges; and the
- Possible role of SAIs in asset recovery

Members for this subgroup are: USA, Egypt, Poland, Tanzania, Pakistan and Indonesia.

3.4 *Goal 1: Objective 1: First Guideline*

The SAI of Ecuador presented a video on “Promote controls on public funds” which highlighted some of the strategies used in Ecuador:

- Public Hearings
- Promotional campaigns
- Super ethical project – campaign on ethical values
- Poster contests – aimed at students

Resolution: Chair of the WGFACTML to send letters to member SAIs asking for support to the subgroup.

3.5 *Goal 1: Objective 1: Third Guideline*

SAI of Germany as chair of the team made a presentation on “Audit of corruption prevention in public procurement”. The milestone plan for this subgroup will be ready by January 2017 and its first meeting will be arranged for early 2017 in central Europe.

3.6 An INTOSAI Development Initiative (IDI) representative made a presentation on “SAI fighting Corruption”. The presentation covered:

- Needs assessment and prioritization
- Programme stages
- Audit of institutional framework
- Cooperative audit support model
- Assessment of implementation of ISSA30 by SAIs, and
- SAI /Stakeholder platform (regional, onsite)

The session for this day was wrapped up by the WGFACML Secretariat at 16h15.

4. CONTINUATION OF MATTERS DISCUSSED: THURSDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER 2016

The Chairman of the WGFACML opened meeting.

4.1 This was followed by a presentation of SAI China on audit experiences in fighting corruption and money laundering.

4.2 *Goal 1: Objective 1: Fourth Guideline*

A presentation on “Fight Against Money Laundering” was made by SAI Poland as chair of the team. SAI of Iran also shared their experiences. This guideline mainly concentrates on ISSAI 12 and 14.

Members for this subgroup are: Poland, Tanzania, Germany, Iraq and Zambia.

4.3 *Goal 1: Objective 3: Working Papers*

The SAI of Poland presented “Institutional cooperation among SAIs and other stakeholders involved in fight against corruption and money laundering”. They intend to start with the preparation of working papers in 2017 and also to arrange the first meeting in early 2017.

Resolution: Working Group members to send their input (preferably in English) to the WGFACML Secretariat as soon as possible.

4.4 *Goal 2: Objective 1*

The WGFACML Secretariat presented the “Identification of training needs among SAIs regarding issues related to fight against corruption and money laundering, with the purpose of prioritizing requests of capacities development”.

4.5 *Goal 4: Objective 2*

The WGFACML Secretariat proposed to share best practices and experiences of the SAIs in the field of fighting corruption and money laundering through:

- Issuing a newsletter for the WG (which will include):
 - An introduction
 - Editorial (opening article)
 - WGFACML news (activities)
 - Laws
 - Articles (written by member of WG)
 - WG Members contact details

Resolution: A colourful logo to be designed to distinguish the group. Poland and Germany will revise the content of the news letter before issuing, while the USA will revise the language of the news letter.

5. **NEXT MEETING**

5.1 The Secretariat to send letters of request to WG SAIs to host next meeting.

6. **OBSERVATIONS**

- No bags, gifts, t-shirts given, only a pen and a small paper file
- Name tags given back to host for re-use
- Provide delegates with transportation details to and from airport/hotel at own cost
- Meeting venue to be at the office premises of the host, to cut venue hiring/transport costs
- Welcoming cocktail and lunches to be light and served at the same venue
- Arrange accommodation within walking distance to the meeting venue, and
- Arrange a dinner within walking distance from delegates accommodation

7. **CONCLUSION**

In conclusion, I would like to thank the Auditor-General for granting me the opportunity to experience and be exposed to an international meeting of this kind.