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4TH MEETING OF THE INTOSAI WORKING GROUP ON AUDIT OF EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES – ILLICIT FINANCIAL FLOWS

The Office of the Auditor-General Fiji participated in the 4th all members meeting of the International Organisation of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI) Working Group on Audit of Extractive Industries (WGEI). The meeting was held in Manila, Philippines from the 27 to 29 May 2019 with the theme 'Illicit Financial Flows in Extractive Industries'.

Speaking at the meeting the Auditor- General Mr Ajay Nand said that building capacity in the area of audit of extractive industry is important and that SAI Fiji will actively attend the meetings and participate in workshops and training to carry out audits on extractive industry for the benefit of its people and the citizens of Fiji.

The Fijian delegation updated the working group on "Promoting Information sharing in Extractive Industries ".

Mr. Nand was accompanied by Ms. Maritina Cirikisuva and Ms. Sonam Prasad who presented on Fiji's achievements in the WGEI which included:

- Alignment of the Terms of Reference;
- Development of Communication Strategy;
- Creating Awareness within SAI Fiji;
- On-going capacity building; and
- Formulation and distribution of a survey questionnaire in SAI Fiji and the PASAI region.

The purpose of the INTOSAI WGEI members meeting was to get an update on the progress of the implementation of the work plan which was established to ensure that objectives of WGEI was met. WGEI in its first six years of existence implemented 2 work plans, the latest work plan was for a 3 year period 2017 - 2019.

The Steering Committee of INTOSAI WGEI consist of 10 member countries which SAI Fiji is also a member of and represents the Pacific Association of Supreme Audit Institutions (PASAI) region.

There are 45 registered members of the INTOSAI Working Group on Audit of Extractive Industries.



Members of the WGEI Steering Committee

About WGEI

The INTOSAI Working Group on Audit Extractive Industries (WGEI) was established in 2013 under the Knowledge Sharing and Knowledge Services Committee (Goal 3). The WGEI currently comprises 45 members put together consists of 23 percent of the 193 members of INTOSAI, coming from all over the six continents of the world for being very instrumental in ensuring that WGEI survive till date. The Office of the Auditor General of Uganda is the present Chair of the WGEI and reports to the WGEI Steering Committee. The scope of the working group includes oil, gas and solid minerals. The working group was established by the XXI INCOSAI in Beijing 2013 to harness knowledge for SAIs in the audit of Extractive Industries (EI) in order to address governance concerns in countries endowed with extractive resources and fill the knowledge gap of SAIs in the audit of extractive Industries. This is in order to promote good governance and sustainable development. The WGEI is organized around a "Community of Practice"(CoP) where WGEI members share and develop resources, interact and network both within and beyond the SAI community. The Community of Practice is thus an operational tool to achieve specific WGEI objectives, and a platform for interaction both within and beyond INTOSAI. The CoP Coordinator is part of the WGEI secretariat and reports to the WGEI Steering Committee through the Chair, the Auditor General of Uganda. WGEI in its first three years of existence made substantial progress and achieved significantly in the above six objectives. It is now stable and has won members confidence which made them to unanimously resolve in its 3rdAnnual Meeting in Mombasa Kenya, to continue operations to steer members to the next level.