

The 13th KSC SC meeting, 16 September 2021 (4.30-4.35 pm)

Opening Remarks by Mr Girish Chandra Murmu, Comptroller & Auditor General of India and the Chair of Knowledge Sharing & Knowledge Services Committee(KSC)

Distinguished delegates, Ladies and gentlemen

Good Morning, Good Afternoon and Good Evening as we are in different time zones.

I extend a warm welcome to our colleagues from the INTOSAI Chair, General Secretariat, INTOSAI Development Initiative, INTOSAI Professional Standards Committee and the INTOSAI Capacity Building Committee. We immensely value your continued support, counsel, and cooperation.

I would also like to welcome the representatives of our working groups who are the mainstay of this committee.

Ladies and Gentlemen, in an increasingly complex and challenging environment, for all organizations, knowledge is one of the most important strategic assets. Today, success of any organization is determined by its ability to develop, manage and effectively put to use this strategic asset. Exchange of knowledge build the capacity, confidence and conviction of individuals and organizations to act.

As such, Knowledge Sharing Goal Committee and its Working Groups, hold a position of great responsibility, promise and potential. Knowledge sharing is a challenging process which, while connecting our stakeholders to new information, should also be done in a way that catalyzes innovative thinking, inspires and facilitates collaboration between institutions and aids quick decision making and meaningful reform.

Our working groups focus span is the entire spectrum of public policy and administration. From science and technology to the environment, from fighting against corruption to sustainable development, from financial modernization to public debt, our working groups draw upon the expertise of its members in a variety of subjects to develop guidelines and handbooks to support the public audit enterprise worldwide. Further, in a crisis situation like the current Covid pandemic, the working groups have to take note of developments leading to transformation, reinvention and process re-engineering across the Government and non-Government organisations and develop appropriate guidelines to maintain the agility in the public audit system.

The contributions of our working groups has resulted in improved organizational effectiveness of SAIs by ensuring that guidance and standards are developed based on the latest knowledge, capitalizing on past experience and expertise acquired by our audit community; This has strengthened the ability of SAIs to respond quickly to emerging

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issues on the ground, rapid mobilization of INTOSAI-wide expertise and experience, avoidance of previous mistakes and duplication of efforts; Our Committee has facilitated establishing and empowering communities of practice and networks that cut across sectors and geographic locations.

Yet, much as we would wish to feel contented, we are well aware that continuous improvement is the only way to progress, stay relevant and be future-ready. We need to ensure that our efforts are within the overall sustainable development context and our initiatives are responsive to stakeholder demands.

As INTOSAI is gearing up for a new six-year strategic cycle, it is a great opportunity for all of us to take concerted action upon the suggestions from the KSC survey and make steadfast progress in delivering our commitments to participating member SAIs and enrich our collective wisdom.

I hope that today's deliberations in this 13th KSC Steering committee meeting will be a stepping stone in facilitating and guiding the Knowledge Sharing and Services Goal through the next strategic cycle of INTOSAI.

Before I conclude, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to SAI Egypt, which had earlier agreed to host the in-person meeting of the KSC Steering Committee in Egypt in 2021. SAI of Egypt have now extended their willingness to host an in-person KSC Steering Committee meeting in 2022. Hopefully, with vaccinations and strict adherence to health and safety measures, we should be able to have a physical meeting next year.

With these words, I declare the 13th KSC Steering Committee meeting open. I wish you all the best of happiness and health.

Thank you!!