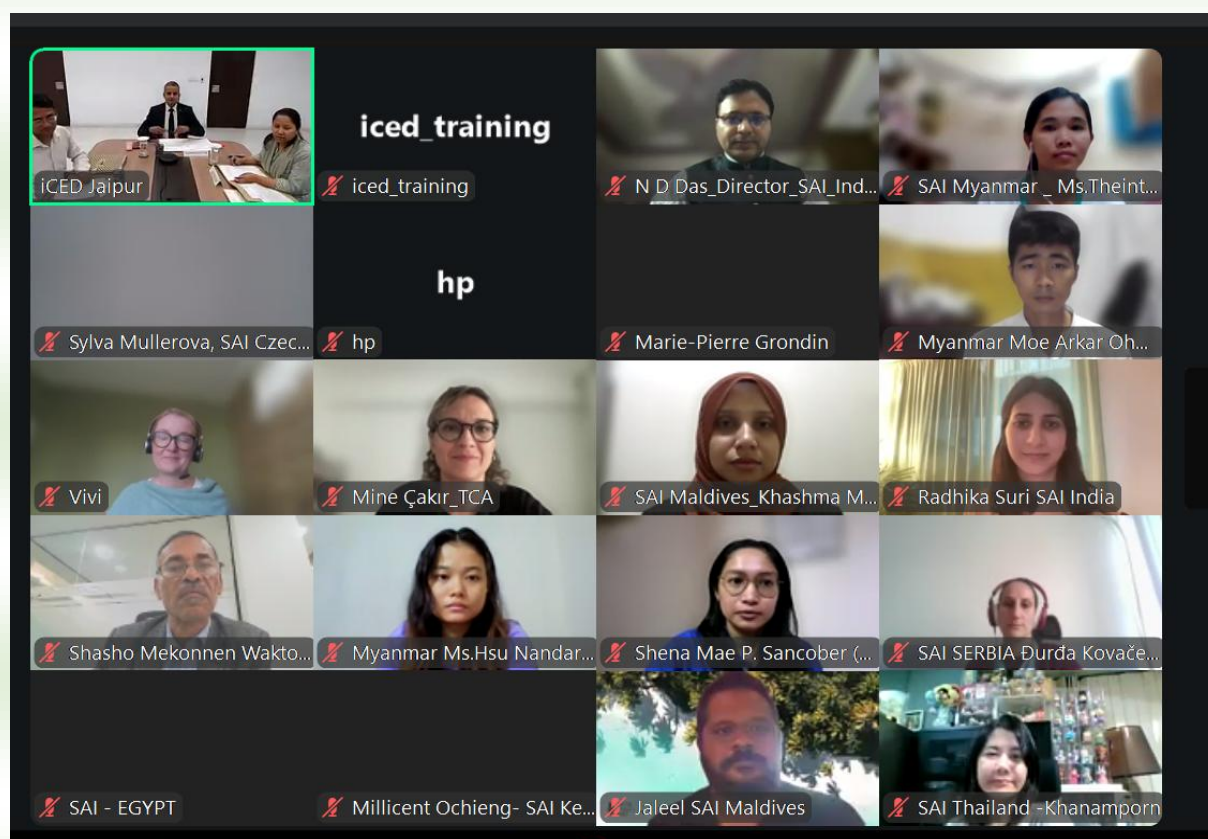


International Webinar on “Nexus Area: Climate and Biodiversity” on

24th September 2025

International Centre for Environment Audit & Sustainable Development (iCED), as the Global Training Facility (GTF) of INTOSAI Working Group on Environmental Auditing (WGEA) organized an International Webinar on “Nexus Area: Climate and Biodiversity” on 24th September 2025 through virtual mode in association with INTOSAI(WGEA). A total of 116 participants from 22 SAIs across the globe participated in this webinar.



Dr. Abhishek Gupta, DG, iCED addressing the participants during the Inauguration of the International Webinar

Dr. Abhishek Gupta, Director General, iCED welcomed the Dr. Vivi Niemenmaa , Secretary General, INTOSAI WGEA secretariat, Mohamed Ibrahim Jaleel , Assistant Secretary General, INTOSAI WGEA secretariat and participant of webinar and formally inaugurated the first webinar in series of 4 webinars scheduled for WGEA for this year. Dr. Gupta in his inaugural address highlighted the background and significance of the webinar and outlined the importance of such initiatives for SAIs in developing robust frameworks for auditing measures for sustainable biodiversity and mitigating climate change actions and their interrelated impacts.

The following virtual session were held during webinar:

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1.	Project Presentation – Report and audit question bank	Ms. Marie-Pierre Grondin Director, Performance Audit - Environment and Sustainable Development, Office of the Auditor General of Canada
2.	Audit of Climate and Biodiversity: A Case Study from SAI Canada	Mr. Jerry V. DeMarco Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development, SAI Canada
3.	Audit of Climate and Biodiversity: A Case Study from SAI Maldives	Ms. Aminath Nausha, Senior Auditor and Mr. Mohamed Ibrahim Jaleel, Director, SAI Maldives
4.	Breakout Session & Discussions	<i>All participants</i>
5.	Wrap up and key messages	Dr. Vivi Niemenmaa, Secretary General, INTOSAI WGEA Secretariat, National Audit Office of Finland

A special feature of this webinar was the use of virtual breakout rooms, where participants engaged in discussions among themselves. The faculty members joined these breakout rooms to interact with participants and address their queries on the topic. After the breakout sessions resource persons shared their insights on these breakout discussions followed by a wrap up and key message by Dr. Vivi, Secretary General.

Valediction of the Webinar

The Director General of iCED graced the valedictory session and thanked the participants for their active engagement in the programme. He also expressed his gratitude to all the resource persons for sharing their valuable experiences, with special thanks to SAI Canada, SAI Finland and SAI Maldives for their faculty support. He also acknowledged support of Mr. Sami Yläoutinen, Chair of the INTOSAI (WGEA) for the webinar.

Before concluding, he invited all SAIs to take part in the upcoming iCED webinars and onsite courses planned for 2025–26 in association with INTOSAI (WGEA).

The webinar concluded with a vote of thanks to all the participants for their active participation.