

International Webinar on “Environmental Impacts of Extraction in Extractive Industries” on 08th October 2025

International Centre for Environment Audit & Sustainable Development (iCED), as the Global Training Facility (GTF) of INTOSAI Working Group on Audit of Extractive Industries (WGEI) organized an International Webinar on “Environmental Impacts of Extraction in Extractive Industries” on 08th October 2025 through virtual mode in association with INTOSAI (WGEI). A total of 43 participants from 19 SAIs across the globe participated in this webinar.

Dr. Abhishek Gupta, Director General, iCED welcomed participant of webinar and formally inaugurated the first webinar in series of 4 webinars scheduled for WGEI for 2025-26. In his inaugural address, Dr. Gupta highlighted the significance of the topic and emphasized the importance of such collaborative initiatives in enhancing the audit capacities of SAIs, particularly in developing robust frameworks for auditing extractive industries.

Extractive industries like oil, gas, and mining are vital for many countries' economic development but also pose environmental and social risks. Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) play a crucial role in auditing these industries to promote transparency, accountability, and sustainable resource management. Through high-quality, evidence-based audits, SAIs help ensure natural resources are used responsibly for the benefit of both present and future generations.



The keynote session on “Environmental Impacts of Extraction in Extractive Industries” was delivered by Mr. Madhusoodanan Nair, Retired IA&AS officer from SAI India. His comprehensive and insightful presentation was well received and appreciated by the participants.

Valediction of the Webinar

Dr. Abhishek Gupta, Directory General, iCED graced the valedictory session and thanked to the participants for their active engagement in the programme. He also expressed his gratitude to Mr. Madhusoodanan Nair, IA&AS (Rtd.) for his insightful session and sharing valuable experiences, with special thanks to Mr. Edward Akol, Chair of the INTOSAI WGEI and Auditor General of Uganda, along with his team, for their invaluable support in organizing this international webinar..

Dr. Gupta concluded by inviting all SAIs to participate in the upcoming iCED webinars and onsite training programmes planned for the year 2025–26 in collaboration with INTOSAI WGEI.

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