

## **International Webinar on “Circular Economy and Resource Efficiency in Extractive Industries” On 01st December 2025**

The International Centre for Environment Audit & Sustainable Development (iCED), serving as the Global Training Facility (GTF) of the INTOSAI Working Group on Audit of Extractive Industries (WGEI), organized a virtual International Webinar on “Circular Economy and Resource Efficiency in Extractive Industries” on 1 December 2025. The webinar was attended by 97 participants from 26 Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) worldwide.

Dr. Abhishek Gupta, Director General of iCED, inaugurated the third webinar in a series of four webinars scheduled for 2025-26. In his opening address, he underscored the importance of collaborative initiatives in enhancing the audit capacities of SAIs, particularly in developing robust frameworks for auditing extractive industries.

Dr. Gupta highlighted the relevance of a circular economy, which aims to minimize waste, optimize material use, and regenerate natural systems. For the extractive sector, this means adopting innovative technologies, improving resource recovery and recycling, and ensuring efficient and responsible resource use.

Dr. Gupta also highlighted about key questions about resource utilization, waste reduction, and the role of policies in supporting sustainable extraction practices. The webinar aimed to address these issues, showcase best practices, and strengthen audit and governance frameworks.

The session was delivered by Dr. Prajna Paramita Mishra, Associate Professor at the School of Economics, University of Hyderabad. Her comprehensive and insightful presentation was well-received by participants.

Ms. Geetali Tare, Additional Deputy Comptroller & Auditor General, also attended the webinar and shared valuable insights on India’s

experience in auditing the circular economy and resource efficiency. She highlighted the Comptroller & Auditor General (C&AG) of India's audits under the Mines and Minerals Development and Regulation (MMDR) Act, which focus on the utilization of mining revenues for the benefit of local communities and on enhancing transparency in mine governance. She further emphasized that India has an established policy framework for the circular economy and resource efficiency and that the C&AG of India is actively auditing these areas.



*During the inauguration of International webinar Dr. Abhishek Gupta, DG iCED, Director (Training & Research), iCED, Dr. Prajna Paramita Mishra, (Faculty) and participants from various SAIs.*

### **Valediction of the Webinar**

Dr. Abhishek Gupta, Director General, iCED graced the valedictory session and thanked all the participants for their active engagement in the webinar. He expressed his gratitude to Dr. Prajna Paramita Mishra for sharing her valuable insights and experiences and extended special thanks to Mr. Edward Akol, Chair, INTOSAI WGEI and Auditor General of Uganda, and his team for their continued

support in organizing the international webinar.

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