

International Webinar on “Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) Considerations in Extractive Industries” on 07th November 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, Social, and Governance (ESG) Considerations in Extractive Industries” on 07th November 2025 through virtual mode in association with INTOSAI (WGEI). A total of 107 participants from 26 SAIs across the globe participated in this webinar.

Dr. Abhishek Gupta, Director General, iCED, welcomed the participants and formally inaugurated the second webinar in the four-part series scheduled for WGEI for 2025–26. In his inaugural address, Dr. Gupta highlighted the relevance of the topic and emphasized the importance of such collaborative initiatives in strengthening the audit capacities of SAIs, particularly in developing robust frameworks for the audit of extractive industries.



Dr. Abhishek Gupta, Director General, iCED, Ms. Meena Bisht, Director (Training & Research) and Participants from various SAIs at iCED during the inauguration

He further emphasized that ESG principles are central to ensuring a sustainable future for the extractive sector, guiding organizations to operate responsibly, safeguard the environment, engage meaningfully with communities, and uphold transparency and integrity in governance. Given the critical importance of the

extractive sector to national development, Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) are uniquely positioned to enhance transparency and accountability through effective audits. By conducting high-quality, evidence-based audits, SAIs can ensure that extractive resources are managed responsibly and in the best interests of both present and future generations.

The session on “Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) Considerations in Extractive Industries” was delivered by Mr. Pierre Petit-De Pasquale, Standards Director - Initiative for Responsible Mining Assurance (IRMA). 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 webinar. He expressed his gratitude to Mr. Pierre Petit-De Pasquale for sharing his 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.

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.