

ONE YEAR OF GSAI IN ACTION

G S A I

GLOBAL SAI ACCOUNTABILITY INITIATIVE

Optimising the joint efforts of INTOSAI and donor partners for targeted SAI support

In March 2023, the kick-off meeting for the Global SAI Accountability Initiative – GSAI – took place in Oslo, Norway. Over the months that followed, the reach of this initiative, which pairs some of the most challenged Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) with peer SAIs and partner organisations, extended to several countries at an in-depth level. In our one-year review, discover some of the highlights from twelve months of GSAI in action.



8 SAIs selected for GSAI:

Belize, Benin, Dominica,
Haiti, Honduras,
Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon and
Tajikistan



Working with 7 SAI peer partners:

SAIs of France, Costa Rica,
Poland, Mexico, India,
Azerbaijan, and Latvia



And 6 partner organisations:

CAROSAI and OLACEFS
secretariats, CIPFA, GIZ,
Regional Chamber of
Accounts of Guadelupe-
Guyane- Martinique and
OECD Sigma



6 cooperation agreements signed during the year

between SAIs, peer SAIs
and partners and started
implementation phase



14 country visits held during the year

along with hybrid support
meetings

GSAI's background

GSAI aims to mobilise effective and well-coordinated support to SAIs in challenging contexts, often operating in environments that face serious political, economic, and/or social challenges.

The initiative is designed to empower these SAIs to take forward their own capacity development and reach a new level of sustained capacities and performance over time.

Launched in 2022 by the INTOSAI-Donor Cooperation (IDC) as part of its broad work to support the independence, performance and value of SAIs in developing countries, GSAI is managed by IDI and funded by European Union and USAID.

GSAI Timeline:



Above all, GSAI aims to empower challenged SAIs to maximise their impact within their country through an ecosystem of support including the beneficiary SAI, peer SAI, stakeholders and partners. See what members of those circles have to say about GSAI's impact.



Alongside questions relating to the interventions of SAIs in emergency situations such as pandemics and climate change, questions about good management of increasingly scarce resources in our countries remain a challenge for our governments and a legitimate concern for our populations. Our financial jurisdictions must give high priority to effective audits and controls.

Ms. Ismath Bio Tchane, First President of the Court of Accounts of Benin



It is an honour for the SAI of Costa Rica to have been considered for the GSAI-Honduras project. Within the whole set of challenges that every SAI has, we have sought to identify and prioritise efforts in key and highly relevant components for SAI of Honduras (challenging but achievable), in order to focus the support and gradually seek beneficial results for the Court, for the Honduran society and for the peers that participate; we all learn and we all benefit from the experience, an important premise of this project.

Ms. Marta Eugenia Acosta Zuniga, Comptroller General of Costa Rica



The European Union is proud to support Tajikistan's Chambers of Accounts. This support should lead to better financial oversight, promoting transparency and accountability in managing public funds. A vital step towards good governance and fostering trust in Tajikistan.

Mr. Marc Buchmann, EU Head of Cooperation, Tajikistan



We have a unique way of collaboration in the INTOSAI community, and I think this project is an excellent example of how sister institutions can develop together. We in IDI look forward to playing our role, and making available global resources useful for the partners and provide financial support through the GSAI programme.

Mr. Einar Gørrissen, Director General, IDI

From the SAIs - Dominica Case Study

The emphasis of GSAI is on providing the beneficiary SAIs with the tailored and sustained support, tools and confidence to build the SAI's overall capacity development, including strategic planning and implementation and highlighting the SAI's value to their countries.

Find out how the SAI of Dominica has taken this on board with support from peer partner, SAI of Latvia, who understand their journey from first-hand experience.

Uniting towards greater public accountability: how SAI Dominica is growing with the 'pay it forward' approach of peer partner, SAI Latvia - [STORY HERE](#)



From the SAIs - Tajikistan Case Study

To take capacity development forward, SAI of Tajikistan was encouraged to work with the support received from the GSAI partners. Planning the project jointly with their peer SAI and partners helped them to trust the process – and themselves.

Developing confidence as well as auditing practices: how SAI Tajikistan moved into the driving seat in their GSAI development experience - [STORY HERE](#)



GSAI Country-Level Details

Each beneficiary SAI, once agreements are signed, has a dedicated space on IDI's website. In here you can find the overview of the country projects including the tailored support mechanisms, the collaboration partners, and the roadmap each SAI is taking in this process. Check out each GSAI beneficiary below:



[Benin](#)



[Belize](#)



[Dominica](#)



[Honduras](#)



[Kyrgyzstan](#)



[Tajikistan](#)

And finally, thanks to all the SAIs, peers, donors, and partner organisations working together to co-create this important, impactful initiative. This video on the Global SAI Accountability Initiative says it all.

This video is accessible with subtitles in English, French, Russian, and Spanish (duration - 9:03).



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