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Ms. Archana Shirsat is Deputy Director General at the INTOSAI Development Initiative (IDI) based in Oslo, Norway, where she heads up the Department for Professional & Relevant SAIs. The department supports SAIs in moving towards full compliance with standards and in demonstrating ongoing relevance to stakeholders by fostering innovation in audit and education practices, leveraging technological advancement and facilitating audit impact. This is delivered through a number of global, regional and SAI level initiatives like PESA, SAI Young Leaders, cooperative audits, ensuring audit quality, facilitating audit impact, auditing the implementation of sustainable development goals etc. As a member of the IDI management team, she is also involved in IDI's strategy, advocacy, stakeholder engagement, and knowledge-sharing initiatives and activities.

Since responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, she and her team have explored and experimented with the concepts of flexibility, agility and resilience in supporting SAIs and their audit work. This includes supporting audits of sustainable public procurement (linked to SDG 12.7), audits of strong and resilient national public health systems (linked to SDG 3.d), audit of elimination of intimate partner violence against women (linked to SDG 5.2) and audit of transparency, accountability and inclusiveness in the use of emergency funding for COVID-19.

Ms. Shirsat started her career in public sector audit as an Indian Audit and Accounts Service officer in 1995. She has held various management positions in the SAI of India. Prior to joining the IDI in 2012, Ms. Shirsat worked as Principal Director of Audit and Member Audit Board in Mumbai, India, where she was responsible for the audit of public sector companies in oil and gas sector, aviation and railways.



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