

End-term review of support to SAI South Sudan National Audit Chamber (NAC) Strategic Change Project 2020 - 2024: NAC SCP Steering Committee Response

Background:

During 2017-2020, National Audit Chamber, South Sudan (NAC), African Organisation of English-Speaking Supreme Audit Institutions (AFROSAI-E) and INTOSAI Development Initiative (IDI) had a bilateral cooperation with support of peers from SAI Kenya, Norway and Uganda. Continuing with the project, a second phase of the Peer-support project – the “NAC Strategic Change project 2020-2024” was initiated. The Cooperation agreement was signed in August 2019 between NAC, IDI, SAI Kenya (Office of the Auditor General of Kenya – OAGK) and AFROSAI-E. Funding has been obtained from the Norwegian Embassy in South Sudan. The overall objective of the project is to enable NAC to successfully implement its strategic plan. This end-term review was undertaken to report on the overall results achieved.

Management Response

Recommendations	NAC SCP Steering Committee Management Response
To enable sustainable and long-term impact of the capacity-building achieved so far, we find it essential that continuity of NAC’s activities is secured until the political conditions improve.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommendation Accepted <p>Action Due: IDI will follow up with stakeholders and donors for renewing the project.</p>
As discussed in this report and highlighted by the Auditor General of South Sudan, NAC has held workshops for both the PAC and accounting officers of various public entities. We find that continuing such activities in the future could increase NAC’s potential impact.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommendation Accepted <p>Action Due: IDI will follow up with stakeholders to keep up with these activities.</p>
IDI can play an important role in ensuring coherence between the various donors’ and stakeholders’ responsibilities. According to IDI, joint donor meetings have previously been proposed to NAC, and we find that this possibly could be beneficial.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommendation Accepted <p>Action Due: IDI will follow up with stakeholders to keep up with these activities.</p>
This could imply that it will be effective if IDI continues being involved, “fills in gaps”, and contributes to needed knowledge sharing, also in the long term.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommendation Partly Accepted <p>Action Due: IDI will follow up with stakeholders to keep up with these activities especially in the unlikely scenario of IDI not being directly involved</p>

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<p>IDI should have a strategy in South Sudan that includes actions that can contribute to sustaining the achieved objectives, also after support is discontinued</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendation Accepted <p>Action Due: IDI will develop an appropriate exit strategy whenever needed</p>