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"Generating public value with
good auditing practices"



Official photograph of the LXXIV Ordinary Meeting of the OLACEFS Governing Board.

EDITORIAL

It is a great satisfaction to meet again in the spaces that we had to leave because of the pandemic, such as our face-to-face meetings, which now with the new normality have given way to quite creative ways of incorporating face-to-face and virtual platforms to remain united despite the distance. That is the essence of OLACEFS: unity, resilience, cooperation, creativity, best practices and knowledge sharing.

Therefore, in this edition of the Cooperando Newsletter, the reader will be able to know the details of the Governing Board Meeting and other very important meetings at the level of SAIs, Subregions and OLACEFS in general. Likewise, you will be able to know the actions that SAIs have been implementing in terms of audits, training, programs and good practices that allow our Regional Organization to continue being an international reference.

Nelson Shack Yalta
President of OLACEFS



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LXXIV OLACEFS Governing Board



Heads and high authorities of the member SAIs from Mexico, Uruguay, Chile, Brazil, Peru, Guatemala and Paraguay (left to right).

On April 21, 2022, the LXXIV Meeting of the Governing Board of the Latin American and Caribbean Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (OLACEFS) was held in the coastal city of Valparaíso, Chile.

The meeting was chaired by Mr. Nelson Shack (Comptroller General of Peru), President of OLACEFS, together with the Executive Secretariat, headed by Mr. Jorge Bermúdez (Comptroller General of Chile), and the elected Councilors: Minister João Augusto Nardes (Federal Court of Accounts of Brazil), and Minister Álvaro Ezcurra (Court of Accounts of Uruguay), together with Mr. Edwin Salazar (Comptroller General of Uruguay), and Mr. Edwin Salazar (Comptroller General of Chile). Edwin Salazar (Comptroller General of Accounts of Guatemala), President of OCCEFS, and Mr. Camilo Benítez (Comptroller General of Paraguay), President of EFSUR; and Mr. David Colmenares (Superior Audit Office of the Federation of Mexico), head of the host SAI of the next Ordinary General Assembly of OLACEFS. In addition, Mr. Erwin Ramirez, representing the German Cooperation Agency (GIZ); and Mr. Martin Zapata, for the IACA Regional Coordination for Latin America, also attended as guests.

During the meeting, the various OLACEFS Committees, Commissions and Working Groups presented their activities carried out during the past year. Likewise, the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between OLACEFS and the International Anti-Corruption Academy (AICA) for the development of capacities of the SAIs of the region, the presentation of the MEDRI (Mechanism for the Rapid Defense of the Independence of the SAIs of OLACEFS), the advances presented by the OLACEFS-GIZ Project, among other important points, were highlighted.

For more information on the meeting and to see the working documents, please visit: <https://olacefs.com/lxxiii-reunion-del-consejo-directivo/>

Coordinated Audit of the Sendai Framework: SDG 1, Target 1.5

The Working Group on Disaster Management Audit in the Framework of the Sustainable Development Goals (GTFD) invited the OLACEFS community to join the Coordinated Audit on the Sendai Framework and poverty reduction that will take place during 2022 and 2023.

The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 is a global, voluntary and non-binding agreement adopted at the 3rd United Nations (UN) World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, endorsed by the General Assembly through Resolution 69/283.

The overall objective is to "assess the implementation of government strategies on disaster risk prevention and reduction to strengthen governance and build resilience of the population living in poverty and contribute to the achievement of SDG 1 and Target: 1.5 by 2030."

This audit is part of the Regional Project on Strengthening External Financial Control for the Prevention and Effective Fight against Corruption (OLACEFS - GIZ). The audit will be led by the Superior Audit Office of the Federation of Mexico in its capacity as Chair of the GTFD. It will have the technical support of the German Cooperation through GIZ. The field work of the audit will be developed during 2022 and 2023.

During 2022 the training work and the planning workshop will be carried out. During 2023 the execution of the audit and the individual reports as well as the overall report will be carried out.



International Seminar "Advances in Internal Control and the Application of Artificial Intelligence in Control Services"



Dr. Edwin Salazar (SAI Guatemala), Econ. Nelson Shack (SAI Peru) and Dr. Henry Ara (SAI Bolivia) at the opening of the International Seminar (from left to right).

On June 14, the International Seminar "Advances in Internal Control and the application of Artificial Intelligence in Control Services" was held, organized by the Office of the Comptroller General of the Republic of Peru in its capacity as Presidency of OLACEFS, in the city of Ica, Peru.

The event was held with the purpose of sharing experiences and good practices of the Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) of OLACEFS in the application of Internal Control, Public Integrity and Artificial Intelligence in control services. Likewise, it was attended by the SAIs of the region, who remained connected through virtual platforms.

The Comptroller General of the Republic of Peru and President of OLACEFS, Econ. Nelson Shack, gave the welcome words to the international seminar, highlighting that "as a Regional Organization, spaces like these allow us to develop the main work of OLACEFS oriented to the exchange of knowledge and experiences that lead to the application of best practices in our SAIs that affect improving the quality of life of citizens.

Next, presentations were made by Dr. Edwin Salazar, Comptroller General of Accounts of the Republic of Guatemala; and Dr. Henry Lucas Ara, Comptroller General of the Plurinational State of Bolivia, on the application of internal control in their respective SAIs. Lic. Christian Sanabria Montaña from the Office of the Comptroller General of the Republic of Colombia continued with a presentation on the Colombian case regarding artificial intelligence. Subsequently, Mr. Jesús Rodríguez, President of the General Audit Office of the Argentine Nation, presented the external control and its link with the internal control. Finally, presentations were made by the officials of the Comptroller General of the Republic of Peru on public integrity, internal control, and data analysis.

Accounts of the President of the Federative Republic of Brazil



The Federal Court of Auditors (TCU) approved, on Wednesday (29/6), the accounts of the president of the Federative Republic of Brazil, Jair Messias Bolsonaro, for the year 2021. The ministers unanimously followed the proposal of the rapporteur, Minister Aroldo Cedraz. The preliminary opinion brings ten recommendations and five alerts to the Federal Executive. In total, three irregularities and three improprieties were pointed out in the report on the execution of the Union's budgets and eight distortions were identified in the General Balance Sheet.

According to the rapporteur, the facts did not present, as a whole, sufficient materiality and seriousness to support an adverse opinion on the management of the budgets and other operations carried out with federal public resources.

In total, 105 elements of the Pluriannual Plan (PPA) 2020-2023 were examined, selected by criteria of materiality and relevance. Of these, 25% were rejected due to reliability or quality issues. For the rapporteur, it is the responsibility of the MAP to make the budget cycle transparent.

The president of the Court of Accounts, Minister Ana Arraes, the other ministers and the representative of the Public Prosecutor's Office before the TCU made comments on some points, such as: secret budget; increase in poverty; deaths and the government's actions in the pandemic.



Minister Aroldo Cedraz presents the proposal regarding the accounts of the President of the Federative Republic of Brazil.

National Self-Control Exercise to be held in Cuba for state agencies



Beginning of the application of the National Self-Control Exercise to state agencies in Cuba.

The National Self-Control Exercise for Cuban state agencies, from the business system and budgeted units, is being carried out from the beginning of June until July 15, informed the Comptroller General of the Republic, Gladys María Bejerano Portela.

The objective of this exercise, included in the Presidential Decree that approved the Control Directives and Objectives for this year, is to promote a culture of control and prevention in the administrations, strengthening ethical conduct, participative control systems and transparent accountability.

The exercise will be supported by the National Association of Economists and Accountants of Cuba (ANEC), the Union of Jurists (ANJC) and the Cuban Workers' Central (CTC) and its National Unions, based on the Self-Control Guides, updated as of May 10 of the current year and available for downloading at the website www.contraloria.gob.cu

This Guide will serve for the execution of Strategic Audits as those practiced a few months ago with the previous Guide, is organized by components and is oriented that it should be appropriate to the needs and characteristics of each sector and management level, with the deletion of everything that does not process and add everything that is deemed necessary. The most important thing, it was insisted in the meeting held at the headquarters of the Office of the Comptroller General, will be the contribution of each group under the leadership of their respective chiefs and the broadest and most effective participation of the workers.

Employees of the Supreme Audit Institution reaffirm their commitment to ethics



Rosa María Pérez, President of the National Association of Social Communicators, and Gladys María Bejerano, Comptroller General of the Republic of Cuba.

As every June 14, in honor of the birthdays of two great figures of Cuban history, Antonio Maceo Grajales and Ernesto Guevara de la Serna, the workers of the Office of the Comptroller General of the Republic of Cuba signed the Ethical Commitment that will govern their work until the same date in 2023.

The main activity was presided over by the Comptroller General, Gladys María Bejerano Portela, the president of the National Association of Social Communicators Rosa María Pérez Gutiérrez, together with other executives and guests.

In unison, solemn acts took place in each of the Provincial Comptroller's Offices and the Comptroller's Office of the Special Municipality of Isla de la Juventud, where all its workers, comptrollers, auditors and administrative personnel ratified their commitment to the ethical values that govern their work.

The declaration of the ethical commitment was read by newly hired young workers, representing the different substantive and assurance areas of the organ. The activity concluded with the signing of the working agreement between the Office of the Comptroller General of the Republic and the Cuban Association of Social Communicators.

CGE and WWF held their first workshop to improve SDG oversight in the environmental field

In the framework of the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) and the Office of the Comptroller General of the State of Ecuador, on the morning of May 25, the first face-to-face workshop was held to contribute to the Strengthening of Governmental Control of Compliance with the SDGs related to the Environment. This space was attended by three experts from the non-governmental organization and staff from the National Directorate of Natural Resources Auditing.

The members of the World Wildlife Fund presented the importance of governmental control on issues related to biodiversity conservation, with emphasis on the information they have gathered in studies on timber, fisheries and wildlife. The economic quantification made on the loss of native forests in Ecuador, which amounts to approximately 4 billion dollars, stands out.

The main activity in this area was to identify new audit topics, expanding the objects that have historically been audited by our control unit. Thirty audit ideas were identified in areas such as water, biodiversity conservation, fisheries, forests and protected areas, mining, hydrocarbons, climate change, agriculture and waste, which coincide with the targets of SDGs 03, 06, 07, 13, 14, 15 and 16.

The purpose of this meeting was to share knowledge and experiences between both entities and reaffirm the importance of the conservation of natural resources from different areas of society. The information obtained will be analyzed and priority will be given to the issues in which CEM may be involved.



Participants of the Workshop to improve SDG oversight in the environmental field.

In a transparent process the SAI of El Salvador added new auditors to its work teams



Welcoming ceremony for new government auditors.

In compliance with the commitment of the President and Magistrates to strengthen the public function, the Court of Accounts added 33 new Government Auditors who will join efforts to enhance and modernize the auditing process and consolidate this institution as a modern, reliable and specialized entity in the control and auditing of State resources.

Through a public call and with the purpose of forming a Bank of Eligible Persons, this institution opened the reception of resumes to apply for different positions. As a result, nearly 400 resumes were received from internal and external candidates.

After an exhaustive process of evaluation and selection of the above mentioned profiles, the number was reduced to 254 people who were called to be examined, of which a reduced group obtained the highest qualification that certified them to be part of the Human Talent of this SAI.

In the welcoming ceremony, the authorities explained their expectations regarding their performance, which must be technical, independent and diligent. They were also given technological tools and a compendium containing the regulations applicable to the development of their functions.

Strengthening public function and good governance through training on technical issues



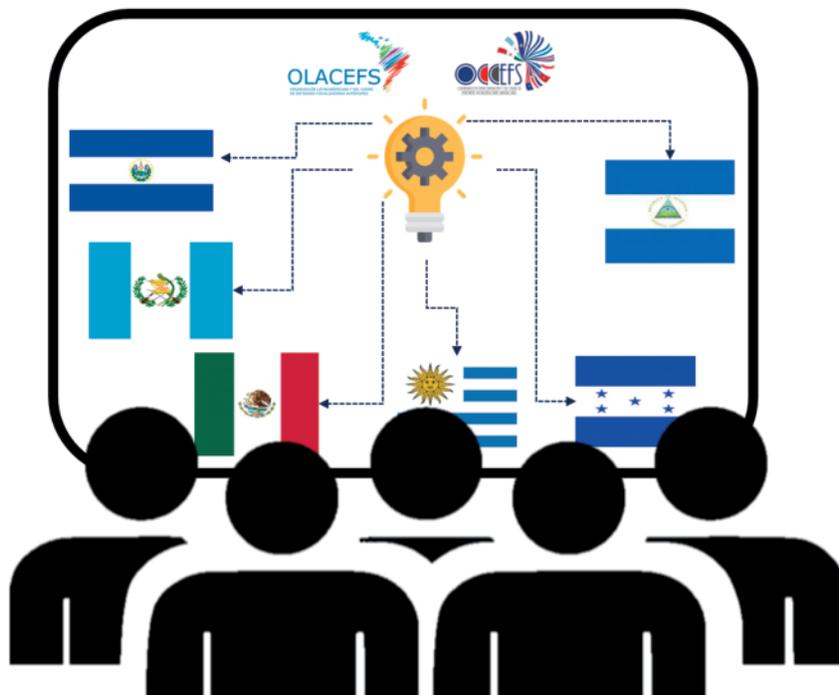
Development of training on technical issues for the public servants of the Court of Accounts of El Salvador.

In order to promote good governance and increase the capacities of both its human talent and public administration personnel, in February, the Auditing Institution of El Salvador imparted three important technical topics: "Strengthening the Internal Control System"; "Tools and Techniques for Effective Auditing" and "Evaluation of the Internal Control System COSO approach".

The Management Body of this SAI promotes the development of professional and institutional capacities within the field of auditing, with the objective of strengthening public administration.

The strategic approach of this entity determines to increase the knowledge, abilities and aptitudes of the personnel; in the same way, the Law of the Court of Accounts of the Republic of El Salvador, in its article 5 on its faculties and functions, numeral 9, mandates "To train the servants of the entities and organisms of the public sector, in the matters for which it is responsible; to regulate and coordinate the training".

Training for SAIs in the OLACEFS and OCCEFS region



One of the priorities of the Superior Audit Office of the Federation (ASF) of Mexico is to offer OLACEFS and OCCEFS member SAIs support for the building of institutional capacities to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of management, as well as the modernization of public administration. Along these lines, during the second half of 2022, the ASF will provide technical support to the Office of the Comptroller General of the Republic of Nicaragua for the updating of the Nicaraguan Government Auditing Standards (NAGUN), as well as training for the audit staff of the Court of Accounts of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay in Performance Auditing.

Furthermore, reaffirming the ASF's commitment to the Framework Cooperation Agreement with the SAIs of the Northern Triangle of Central America, the SAI of Mexico will offer the SAIs of El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras an exchange of best practices and knowledge on Forensic Auditing, Performance Auditing and the Internal and Quality Control System.

SAIs of Colombia and Paraguay sign an inter-institutional cooperation agreement to work jointly and exchange experiences

On the occasion of the EFSUR meeting held in the city of Asunción in April 2022, the SAIs of Paraguay and Colombia held a bilateral meeting with the purpose of signing an inter-institutional cooperation agreement, by the Comptrollers General, Dr. Camilo Benítez and Dr. Carlos Felipe Córdoba, of the CGR Paraguay and CGR Colombia respectively.



Dr. Camilo Benítez and Dr. Carlos Córdoba, heads of the SAIs of Paraguay and Colombia, respectively (from left to right).

By means of the document, both institutions commit to join efforts and articulate collaboration to advance joint actions in matters of reciprocal interest based on cooperation, advice and technical support in line with their objectives and functions with a view to achieving their goals and the rational and optimal use of their resources for the benefit of each of the Supreme Audit Institutions. During the bilateral meeting, representatives of the aforementioned Supreme Audit Institutions presented specific topics, including the work carried out by both bodies.

In the case of Paraguay, the Director General of the Directorate of Governmental Control, Dr. Gladys Fernandez lectured on Best Practices and spoke about the national evaluation of the level of maturity of the internal control system based on the Minimum Requirements Standards, MECIP 2015 of the Agencies and Entities of the State and municipal governments.

As for the representative of Colombia, Lic. Maria Fernanda Rangel, Director of the Directorate of Information, Analysis and Immediate Reaction (DIARI), explained that the DIARI represents the efficient use of technology in the exercise of surveillance and fiscal control, it is also one of the main bodies supporting the National Fiscal Control System.

SAI Peru launches new Social Control Mentors program. It invites senior citizens to join as control guides



Senior citizens (often retired) with extensive experience in the public and private sectors will be the new guides of social control.

Since early July, the Office of the Comptroller General of the Republic of Peru has been calling for senior citizens over the age of 60 to join the new citizen participation program "Social Control Mentors", where they can contribute added value to the activities of social control of public works and services.

This volunteer program, whose motto is "Empowering others makes you bigger!", aims to promote citizen participation of senior citizens, many of whom are already retired, with knowledge and experience in the public or private sector, to exercise the role of social control guide and contribute to governmental control.

The requirements to participate in this innovative program are to be Peruvian, be 60 years of age or older, have knowledge and experience in the public or private sector, have no criminal, judicial or police record, and not hold political office or be affiliated with a political organization.

Initially, the "Social Control Mentors" program is being launched in the country's capital city, but there are plans to expand it nationwide. Participating seniors will receive public recognition, free courses on social control and access to forums and international conferences on government control and public management. More information at www.gob.pe/contraloria

Peru: More than 76 thousand candidates to submit their Sworn Statement of Interests

More than 76 thousand candidates formally registered to run for governors, regional councilors, mayors and municipal councilors, must submit to the Office of the Comptroller General of the Republic of Peru their preventive Sworn Statement of Interests (DJI), within the framework of the Regional and Municipal Elections 2022.

This requirement, established for the first time in our history, pursuant to Law 31277 of June 22, 2021, will contribute to achieve greater transparency of those who intend to direct and manage public resources, since they will have to report on their personal, family, economic, labor and financial ties, in order to avoid conflicts of interest that could affect the performance of potential authorities.

Given this new legal mandate, the Office of the Comptroller General assumes the challenge of receiving and making transparent the DJI of those who participate in the electoral process and have the obligation to comply with the country, but mainly with the citizen voters, who based on the personal information of the candidates will be able to cast an informed and reflective vote.

Candidates who have a digital signature can file the DJI 100% virtually, while if they opt for the physical presentation of the DJI, they can do it individually or in groups at any of the offices of the Office of the Comptroller General or at the 196 institutional control bodies of the provincial municipalities at the national level, until September 19. The DJI in the latter case will be in printed format, with a handwritten signature, enclosing a simple letter in a sealed envelope.

More information at:

<https://www.gob.pe/institucion/comptroller/campa%C3%B1as/5606-declaraciones-juradas-de-intereses-dji>



For the first time, more than 76,000 candidates will file their DJI to prevent possible conflicts of interest in case they are elected.

CCRD participates in Regional Congress on Internal Audit, Management Control, Risk and Finance



CCRD President Janel Andrés Ramírez Sánchez and Plenary Member Elsa Peña Peña, participate in the Regional Congress on Internal Audit, Control of Management, Risk and Finance.

At the Regional Congress on Internal Audit, Control of Management, Risk and Finance (CRAICG) sponsored by the Institute of Internal Auditors of the Dominican Republic, Inc. the president of the Chamber of Accounts of the Republic (CCRD), Janel Andrés Ramírez Sánchez, presented the new methodology for the preparation of the Annual Audit Plan (PAA) based on risk as a tool to help achieve the objectives of this institution and the Center for Intelligence, Effective Monitoring and Prevention of the CCRD.

Before an audience of accountants, auditors and technicians, he showed achievements such as the creation of a technological instrument for municipalities and Municipal District Boards to send their financial information instead of carrying it physically and the use of technological applications that facilitate the audit of the use of public resources with the creation of the Center for Intelligence, Effective Monitoring and Prevention (CIMEP), an objective and technical tool, which considers the total universe of entities identified through the Budget.

The Regional Congress on Internal Audit, Control of Management, Risk and Finance (CRAICG 2022), is the most relevant event on Audit, Control, Corporate Governance and Risk Management held in the Dominican Republic.

40 years that count

The Court of Audit (TCU) of Spain is commemorating the 40th anniversary of the approval of its Organic Law, although its historical antecedents go back centuries. The 1982 law expanded on Article 136 of the 1978 Constitution, which establishes that the Court of Audit is the supreme audit body of the State and also assigns it accounting jurisdiction. On the occasion of the anniversary, the Court has prepared a series of events and actions that will take place throughout 2022.



House of His Majesty King Philip IV at the Zarzuela Palace.

King Felipe VI received in audience the members of the Plenary and a week later the Court of Audit wanted to share the anniversary with the External Control Bodies of the Autonomous Communities in an event at the University of Alcalá. The President of the Court of Audit, Enriqueta Chicano Jávega, explained that not only 40 years of history and recent regulations of the institution are being commemorated, but also "the maturity of an external control system in Spain based on cooperation and loyalty between the Court of Audit and its regional counterparts".

During 2022, several days of reflection on external control will be held. In addition, the Court of Audit is launching the "tagline" or slogan "We count for you" and has produced an informative video that seeks to increase awareness of the institution in Spanish society and the Spanish-speaking community.

Link to the video:

https://www.tcu.es/tribunal-de-cuentas/export/sites/default/.galleries/videos/Video40_1.mp4



Plenary session of the Court of Audit together with the External Control Bodies (OCEX).

The Court of Accounts warns of a drop in child vaccination



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ESTADO DO ESPÍRITO SANTO

The Court of Accounts of the State of Espírito Santo in Brazil has been inspecting operational issues related to Covid-19 vaccination since 2021. With the recommendations made, public managers improved the conditions of vaccination posts and started to store vaccines in appropriate refrigerators.

Although the State has sufficient doses of vaccines available for the population, and has health units operating regularly, there is a low rate of vaccination of children (5 to 11 years old) against Covid: a reality that also exists in other Brazilian states.

According to councilman Domingos Taufner, speaker of the process, "parents are not taking their children to be vaccinated mainly due to false news transmitted on social networks about vaccines, which in turn reduced the demand for vaccines against other diseases such as measles and polio, extinct diseases that are at risk of returning. This is serious.

In order to contribute to the achievement of better results, the Court recommended to public managers to encourage child vaccination, in addition to having referred the issue to the State Public Prosecutor's Office, in order to investigate the criminal practice in relation to the dissemination of false news.

Review more information at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EWE-yRmKf-s> and <https://www.tcees.tc.br/tce-es-conclui-que-vacinacao-de-criancas-contra-covid-19-no-es-ocorre-de-forma-desigual-nos-municipios/>



Handing over the child vaccination report to the State Public Prosecutor's Office.

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OCCEFS Regional Meeting on Auditing



Opening ceremony of the OCCEFS Regional Meeting on Auditing. From left to right: Lic. Janel Andrés Ramírez Sánchez, President of the Chamber of Accounts of the Dominican Republic, Econ. Nelson Shack Yalta, Comptroller General of the Republic of Peru and President of OLACEFS, Econ. David Rogelio Colmenares Paramo, Superior Auditor of the Federation of Mexico and Coordinator of the OCCEFS Capacity Building Committee, Dr. Edwin Humberto Salazar Jerez, Comptroller General of Accounts of the Republic of Guatemala and President of OCCEFS, Lic. Roberto Antonio Anzora Quiroz, President of the Court of Accounts of the Republic of El Salvador.

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On March 23-24, 2022 in Mexico City, the OCCEFS Regional Meeting on Auditing was held, an initiative presented by Dr. Edwin Humberto Salazar Jerez, Comptroller General of Accounts of the Republic of Guatemala and President of the OCCEFS, in coordination with Econ. David Rogelio Colmenares Paramo, Superior Auditor of the Federation of Mexico and leader of the OCCEFS Capacity Building Committee (CIC).

This meeting provided a space for SAIs to exchange experiences, best practices and innovative tools that contribute to the development of audit work, mainly in three thematic areas: good governance, transparency and prevention and fight against corruption.

It was also an opportunity to thank the contributions and commitment of the 11 member SAIs of the OCCEFS, as well as the support of the SAI of Peru and interested parties, for the integration of the publication "Building the Road to Prosperity: Witnesses of the History of Governmental Control in the Central American and Caribbean Region", a project that articulates the mechanisms to ensure better levels of transparency, accountability and quality of public spending. This publication will be presented during the XLVI Ordinary General Assembly of the OCCEFS.

EF SUR Planning Workshop on Coordinated Audit SDG 1, Covid-19 Impact and Gender Gaps

On June 27, 28 and 29, at the headquarters of the General Audit Office of the Argentine Nation (AGN), the planning workshop was held for the Coordinated Audit: "Policies implemented to achieve the targets of SDG 1 and mitigate the impact of Covid-19, with emphasis on reducing gender gaps". The activity organized by the technical team of EFSUR of the AGN, had the participation of the Supreme Audit Institutions of the region and aimed to develop the planning matrix on which the SAIs will work.



Participants of the Planning Workshop for the SDG 1 Coordinated Audit.

During the opening of the workshop, the Auditor General of the Argentine Nation, Ms. Graciela de la Rosa, highlighted three key words to understand the importance of this audit: poverty, COVID-19 and gender gaps. De la Rosa mentioned that "this audit is a huge challenge for our SAIs and will provide the necessary technical, professional, objective and committed view on this critical period in the development of the 2030 Agenda". Likewise, de la Rosa emphasized that "we must highlight gender equality as a fundamental premise in the audits of our SAIs" and "this is why this audit is so important for our nations, contributing to the auditing of the development of the 2030 Agenda to measure the impact of the pandemic from a gender perspective".

This coordinated audit is unique in Latin America and involves the participation of 14 Supreme Audit Institutions of the region and the Office of the Comptroller of Bogota. The delegations of the SAIs of Argentina, Chile, Ecuador, Paraguay, Guatemala, Puerto Rico, Venezuela, Dominican Republic and the representative of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) Erwin Alberto Ramírez Gutiérrez attended the meeting in person. The delegations from Peru, Costa Rica and the Office of the Comptroller of Bogota also attended virtually.

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II Seminar on Poverty and Gender, Covid-19 Impact, organized by EFSUR



Heads and high authorities of the SAIs of Paraguay, Peru, Argentina, Chile and Brazil (from left to right) who participated in the II International Seminar on Poverty and Gender, Impact Covid-19.

On June 30 and July 1, the II International Seminar on Poverty and Gender, Covid-19 impact, was held in the Eva Perón Room of the General Audit Office of the Argentine Nation, and was also transmitted virtually. This event, organized by the Supreme Audit Institutions of South American Countries (EFSUR) and the General Audit Office of the Argentine Nation, took place within the framework of the coordinated audit of public policies for the fulfillment of SDG 1 mitigate the Covid-19 impact and reduce gender gaps.

The opening remarks were made by Mr. Jesús Rodríguez, President of the AGN; Econ. Nelson Shack Yalta, Comptroller General of Peru and President of the Latin American and Caribbean Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (OLACEFS); and Mr. Jorge Oliveira, Minister of the Federal Court of Accounts of Brazil. Afterwards, a series of panels began with presentations by representatives of the different SAIs, national and international legislators, technical teams of the AGN and representatives of public agencies related to the subject. Relevant issues such as gender violence within the framework of COVID-19, feminization of poverty, the gender perspective in legislative work, the effects of the pandemic on the Argentine labor market, and the impact of the pandemic on gender equality, according to UN representatives, were addressed.



Finally, on Friday, June 1, the event was closed by the authorities of the SAs in the panel "Auditing SDG 1 from a gender perspective in Latin American countries". The panel was moderated by the Auditor General of Argentina, Ms. Graciela De la Rosa, who thanked the SAs for their active participation during the meeting. "We are convinced that auditing the SDGs is part of the task of our SAs, not only because of the INTOSAI, OLACEFS and UN agreement, but also because from the Human Rights approach, the SDGs are fundamental rights of the inhabitants of our peoples", said de la Rosa.

On the other hand, de la Rosa remarked that "in order to contribute to resolving these enormous inequality gaps, deepened by the pandemic, it is essential to carry out good audits". Finally, she stressed that "this coordinated audit in which 15 audit institutions are working is very important, not only because of the number, but also because of the quality of each of our technicians and professionals. It is a unique audit in Latin America and in the world".

The next speaker was Dr. Ana Arraes, President of the Federal Court of Accounts of Brazil, who, through a video, pointed out the importance of having more women occupy decisive positions in the SAs of the world. Marta Eugenia Acosta Zúñiga, Comptroller of the Republic of Costa Rica, emphasized that the challenge of SDG 1 is fundamental for all societies, especially those that lag behind in terms of women's rights.

Nelly Salvo, General Secretary of the Office of the Comptroller General of the Republic of Chile, explained the importance of the creation of the Working Group on Gender Equality and Non-Discrimination (GTG) within OLACEFS to address gender inequalities within SAs. Erwin Ramirez, Regional Director at GIZ, highlighted the more than 10 years of technical cooperation with SAs in the region and underlined the collaboration tools offered by GIZ for this new audit. Finally, Dr. Camilo D. Benítez Aldana, Comptroller General of the Republic of Paraguay, emphasized the great responsibility of SAs around the world to enforce this SDG policy, with special attention to the gender perspective.

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During the XXXIII Extraordinary Assembly of the Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions of South American Countries (EFSUR), the Office of the Comptroller General of the Republic of Chile was unanimously elected to occupy the EFSUR presidency from July 1 to December 31, 2022. The meeting was held at the General Audit Office of the Nation, in a hybrid manner, with presence inside the premises and virtually. The main items on the agenda were the resignation of the SAI of Paraguay from the presidency of EFSUR, and the election of the SAI of Chile, led by the Comptroller General Dr. Jorge Bermúdez Soto.

María Graciela de la Rosa (in charge of the Executive Secretariat), Comptroller Dr. Camilo Benítez Aldana, from the Office of the Comptroller General of the Republic of Paraguay (in charge of the Presidency of EFSUR), Comptroller Econ. Nelson Shack Yalta, from the Office of the Comptroller General of the Republic of Peru, Minister Jorge Oliveira from the Federal Court of Accounts of Brazil, and the General Secretary Dr. Nelly Salvo, from the Office of the Comptroller General of the Republic of Chile.



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Also participating virtually were Deputy Comptroller Dr. Jhosnel Peraza, from the Office of the Comptroller General of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Dr. Patricia Arandia, General Secretary of the Office of the Comptroller General of Bolivia, Ms. María Isabel Vásquez, National Director of International Affairs for the Office of the Comptroller General of Ecuador, and Dr. Rafael Quintas, Director of International Affairs of the Court of Accounts of Uruguay.

In this way, the Office of the Comptroller General of the Republic of Paraguay ended its mandate at the head of the Presidency of the Organization after 3 years, in which important advances were made such as the statutory update and the Strategic Plan 2020-2022, which promoted coordinated audits of relevance around the Sustainable Development Goals.

Heads of SAI members of EFSUR were received by the President of the Republic of Paraguay



President of the Republic of Paraguay, Mr. Mario Abdo Benítez, together with heads and representatives of the SAIs of Bolivia, Colombia, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, Mexico and Venezuela, at a protocol meeting.

Within the framework of the EFSUR Paraguay 2022 meeting, the heads of EFSUR, headed by the Comptroller General of Paraguay and President of said sub-regional organization, Dr. Camilo Benítez Aldana, held a protocol meeting with the President of the Republic of Paraguay, Mr. Mario Abdo Benítez.

The delegation was made up of heads and representatives of the SAIs of Bolivia, Colombia, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, Mexico and Venezuela.

EFSUR Paraguay 2022 began last March 29 with the opening of the Workshop on Planning the Coordinated Audit of SDG 6 "Clean Water and Sanitation" and culminated with a program that included the International Dialogue "Water and Sanitation", at the headquarters of the Central Bank of Paraguay, and later the extraordinary meeting of the Joint Commission of EFSUR.

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SAI of Paraguay hosts the planning workshop of the Coordinated Audit "SDG 6 Clean Water and Sanitation"



Dr. Camilo Benítez, Comptroller General of the Republic of Paraguay, with teams of auditors from the SAIs participating in the Coordinated Audit of SDG6 Clean Water and Sanitation.

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The Office of the Comptroller General of the Republic of Paraguay, within the framework of the meeting of the Supreme Audit Institutions of the countries of South America (EFSUR), held in the city of Asuncion, received the auditors members of the teams of the SAIs participating in this initiative.

The meeting was attended by auditors from the SAIs of Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Ecuador, Peru, Paraguay and Venezuela. The meeting was an opportunity to discuss the planning matrix and reach a consensus on all aspects related to the Coordinated Audit.

This international joint work seeks to verify compliance with the targets of SDG 6 "Clean Water and Sanitation" with regard to two of its targets: 6.1 referring to access to safe drinking water at an affordable price and 6.2 which refers to sanitation itself, treatment plants, effluents and all that this implies.

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SDG 3b Coordinated Audit Consolidation Workshop to be held

On August 11 and 12, the "Workshop on Consolidation of the Coordinated Audit to Sustainable Development Goal 3b" will be held at the National School of Control of the Office of the Comptroller General of the Republic of Peru, leader SAI of the Coordinated Audit.

The workshop aims to provide guidelines for the development of the regional report and the consolidation of the national reports of the participating SAIs.



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Likewise, the meeting seeks to share experiences and good practices specific to the execution of the coordinated audit of SDG 3b. In addition, it will be held in hybrid mode, i.e., both virtual and face-to-face.

The workshop will be attended by the audit teams of the SAIs that are part of the Coordinated Audit, which are those belonging to the countries of Argentina, Brazil, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Uruguay, Italy and the subnational entities of the Municipalities of Bahia, Bogota and Buenos Aires. Peruvian health sector authorities and cooperating organizations, such as the Pan American Health Organization, are also expected to attend.

The Coordinated Audit of SDG 3b is being carried out within the framework of the OLACEFS Working Group on Disaster Management Auditing in the framework of the Sustainable Development Goals (GTFD), which is chaired by the Superior Audit Office of the Federation of Mexico.

UPCOMING AGENDA

JULY

6	Master Lectures "Hands to Work: Policy on Gender Equality and Non-Discrimination. Sexual/Labor Stalking/Harassment Axis
8	Institutional Anniversary of the SAI of Paraguay
13	Institutional Anniversary of the SAI of Colombia
24	Institutional Anniversary of the SAI of Puerto Rico

AUGUST

1	Institutional Anniversary of the SAI of Cuba
3	Master Lectures "Hands to Work: Policy on Gender Equality and Non-Discrimination. Organizational Culture Axis
4-5	OLACEFS Strategic Planning Workshop 2023-2028
11-12	Workshop on the Consolidation of the Coordinated Audit of SDG 3b
13	Institutional Anniversary of the SAI of Uruguay

SEPTEMBER

7	Master Lectures "Hands to Work: Policy on Gender Equality and Non-Discrimination. People Management Axis
20	Institutional Anniversary of the SAI of Nicaragua

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