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“Generating public value with
good auditing practices”



Group photo of the XXXI Ordinary General Assembly of OLACEFS held in Oaxaca de Juárez, Mexico.

EDITORIAL

Dear colleagues,

I express my gratitude to the OLACEFS membership for having allowed the SAI of Peru to hold the presidency of the Regional Organization for the period 2019-2022; granting us the possibility of promoting greater participation and inclusion among members, the creation of new bodies, the implementation of various forms of communication and the consolidation of greater knowledge in control matters. Even in difficult conditions, such as the Covid-19 pandemic that we had to face, the members of our beloved Regional Organization demonstrated their commitment, resilience and great vocation for service. This could be seen, among other spaces, through the various editions, and in their different official languages, of the Cooperando newsletter in which the committees, commissions, working groups, SAIs and Subregional Groups made known their activities, progress and innovations, thus contributing to the exchange of knowledge and experiences, demonstrating the leadership of OLACEFS worldwide. Thank you very much to each of you!

Nelson Shack Yalta
President of OLACEFS 2019-2022



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GTINFRA: The OLACEFS Working Group on Auditing Infrastructure Policies and Regulation moves forward



Participants of the face-to-face workshop of the Regional Project "Strengthening External Control for the Prevention and Effective Fight against Corruption" - GIZ / OLACEFS, Brasilia, December 2, 2022.

At the LXXV Meeting of the Governing Board of OLACEFS, held on September 20, 2022, in Oaxaca City, Mexico, the creation of the Working Group on Auditing Infrastructure Policies and Regulation (GTINFRA) was approved, as proposed by the Federal Court of Accounts (TCU) of Brazil. The activities of this Working Group include, among others, coordinated audits of infrastructure policies, plans and actions, maturity of institutions, as well as infrastructure studies and projects, business environment, and the permanent promotion of training of Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs).

In this perspective, the members of the TCU of Brazil presented the main points of the Term of Reference for the creation of the GTINFRA during the face-to-face workshop organized by the German Cooperation (GIZ), within the framework of the expanded Executive Committee of the Regional Project "Strengthening External Control for the Prevention and Effective Fight against Corruption", which took place in Brasilia, on December 2, 2022. The members of the SAI of Brazil took the opportunity to share with the OLACEFS members present the main approaches of the initiative and the instruments available to advance the cooperation agenda in infrastructure, which is essential for the development of the region. The TCU is grateful for the expressions of membership in the WGINFRA that it has received and invites interested SAIs to send their expressions to dicor@tcu.gov.br.

CCC presents the results of the OpenGeoHub initiative



The Capacity Building Committee (CCC) of the Organization of Latin American and Caribbean Supreme Audit Institutions (OLACEFS) held, on December 6, 2022, a virtual event to disseminate the results of the OpenGeoHub initiative.

This project represents a continuation of OLACEFS' efforts, since 2016, to develop geospatial competencies in the staff of Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) in the region. The OpenGeoHub is the result of cooperation between OLACEFS and German cooperation, through GIZ.

The seven projects applied with geotechnologies will address the following topics:

- Analysis of satellite-generated environmental degradation alerts in indigenous lands of the Legal Amazon;
- Characterization of land use and land occupation dynamics, using MapBiomass data, along the BR319 highway influence zone;
- "Warming up" of gold: identifying weaknesses in the mining chain through geotechnologies;
- Distribution of public facilities and vulnerability to extreme events in favelas;
- Proposal for analysis of the application of federal resources in public policies for mitigation and prevention of disasters caused by torrential rains with the support of Google Earth Engine (GEE) - case applied in the municipality of Rio de Janeiro;
- Use of satellite alerts to evaluate the interruption of transmission lines due to forest fires.

The CCC is at your disposal for further information about this initiative or about the training of Geotechnology Specialists, through the e-mail ccc@tcu.gov.br.



Mackenzie River in Canada as seen from space (Image: Nasa)

COMTEMA holds Technical Workshop on Climate Change



Participants of the "Technical Workshop on Climate Change" held by COMTEMA in Asuncion, Paraguay, December 5-7, 2022.

From December 5 to 7, COMTEMA held in Asuncion the "Technical Workshop on Climate Change", coordinated by the TCU (presidency) with the support of the CGR of Paraguay and GIZ, within the framework of the Project "Strengthening External Control in the Environmental Area".

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the role of SAIs in the issue of climate change and to involve them in the Global ClimateScanner Initiative, led by the TCU as chair of Intosai, as well as to follow up on the Oaxaca Declaration, which records the Olacefs' support for ClimateScanner. The workshop was also an opportunity to share work and experiences on environmental issues, such as sustainable public procurement, protected areas, agrochemicals, solid waste, and water use concessions, contributing to the strengthening of environmental auditing capacities.

Fifteen SAIs, the U.S. GAO, Intosai's Working Group on Environmental Auditing (WGEA), IDI, and GIZ participated in the workshop. CGR-Chile presented the results of the survey conducted with 20 Olacefs SAIs on their contribution to the fight against climate change, and TCU presented the ClimateScanner, promoting group discussions on the project.

Webinar 25N GTG



Día Internacional de la Eliminación de la Violencia Contra la Mujer

Webinario 25N Violencia en el Lenguaje: El Poder de la Palabras



Participants of the webinar held in commemoration of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women.

On November 25, the Working Group on Gender Equality and Non-Discrimination (GTG) organized a webinar on violence in language, entitled "Violence in Language: The Power of Words", in commemoration of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women.

With more than 300 people as audience, this event included a keynote speech on violence in language presented by Miriam Jerade, a specialist in continental language philosophy, where we were able to understand that communication is much more than the words we sketch. Also, the official launch of the Observatory of Gender Inclusion and Diversity (GID) platform of the OLACEFS GTG and the launch of the OLACEFS Participatory Guide on the Use of Neutral Language, developed by the Observatory, took place.

Missed the webinar or want to relive it? Watch it here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3xxiTL8O8qI>



OLACEFS has a Guide on Neutral Language

Considering the gender perspective, inclusion and diversity in the actions of SAls is not only a matter of equality, it is also a matter of complying with public integrity standards. That is why the Working Group on Gender Equality and Non-Discrimination makes available to OLACEFS a guide proposing the use of inclusive language through neutrality, where lexical options that do not prioritize one social group over another or the use of one of these as universal are preferred, avoiding the visual burden in written language.

Thus, through different tools made available to the OLACEFS community, the aim is to create inclusive and safe work environments for all people.

You can read the Guide at: <https://olacefs.com/ogid/guia-de-lenguaje-neutral/>



GTFD: Planning Meeting 2023

One of the year-end activities of the OLACEFS Governing Board is to approve the work projects of the technical bodies and working groups to be carried out during the following year.

In this regard, the member SAIs of the Working Group on Audit of Disaster Management in the Framework of the Sustainable Development Goals ("GTFD") met on December 12, 2022 to review the projects to be submitted for approval by the governing body.

On this occasion, considering the new OLACEFS Strategic Plan 2023-2028, the visualization and agreements of the XXXI Ordinary General Assembly of OLACEFS and the perspective of the results of the XXIV International Congress of Supreme Audit Institutions (INCOSAI).

To date, the Working Group has three task forces, which lead specific topics that allow strengthening the value and benefit of SAIs in this field:

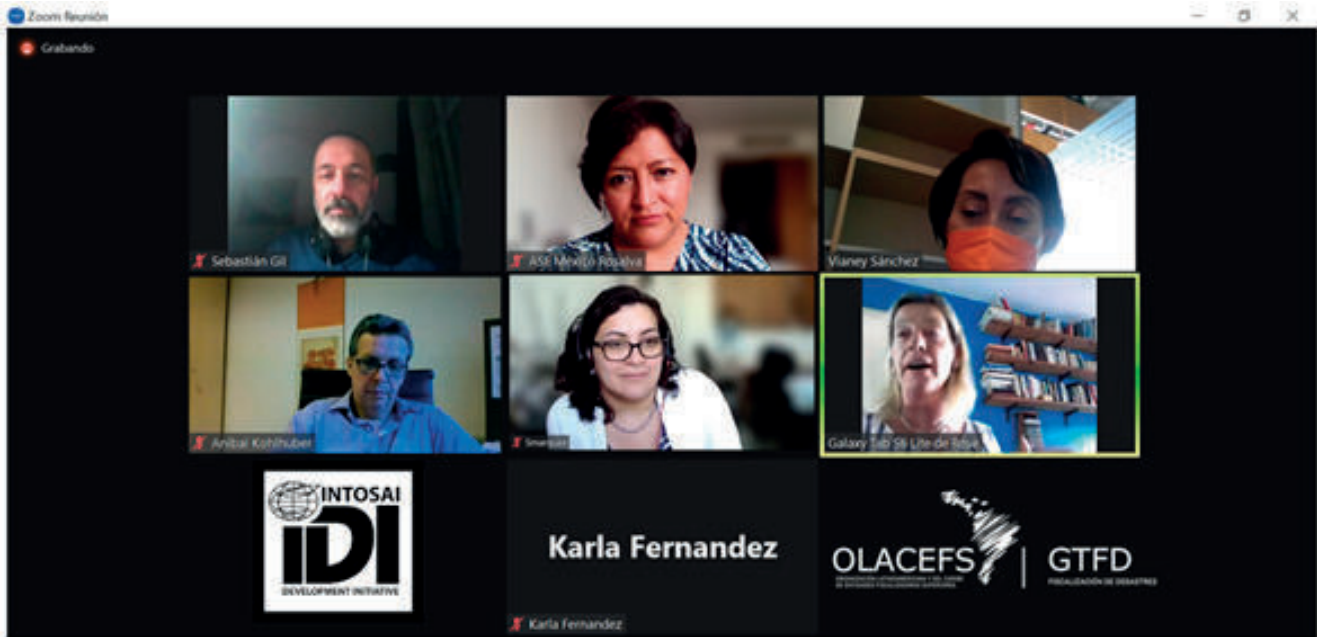
SAI	Task force	
Court of Accounts of the Republic of El Salvador	Latin American Women's Network for Disaster Risk Reduction	
Office of the Comptroller General of Accounts of the Republic of Guatemala	Climate change and disasters	
Office of the Comptroller General of the Republic of Peru	Coordinated Audit to SDG 3b	



SAIs of Brazil, Bolivia, Colombia, El Salvador, Ecuador, Guatemala, Peru, Mexico and the HTC Province of Buenos Aires.



GTFD: Reflections of the IDI Mentoring Team about TAI Audits



From left to right: Sebastián Gil, IDI Regional Manager, Rosalva Miguel from the ASF of Mexico, Chair of the WGFD, Beatriz Lázaro, Mentor from the SAI of Mexico, Anibal Kohlhuber, IDI Co-Coordinator, Sonnel Márquez, Mentor from the SAI of El Salvador, Rose Marie Atanasiu, Mentor from the SAI of Uruguay, Karla Andrea Fernandez Gómez, Mentor Advisor from the SAI of Chile.

On December 7, 2022, the INTOSAI Development Initiative held a meeting with mentors from the Cooperative Audits on Transparency, Accountability and Inclusion (TAI) in the use of resources for the COVID-19 emergency response.

This is a global initiative in which the SAIs of Argentina, Bolivia, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay participate.

The virtual meeting discussed the challenges faced by the audit teams in reviewing the components of transparency, accountability and inclusion, as well as the agility, quality and promotion of stakeholder participation.

It is important to remember that the main areas of focus of TAI audits are emergency public procurement, donations management and implementation, emergency socio-economic packages and the implementation of national COVID-19 vaccination programs.

Presidency of OLACEFS organized International Forum "Corruption under the magnifying glass"



Participation of the heads of the SAIs of Peru, Costa Rica and Mexico, together with other experts, in the International Forum "Corruption under the magnifying glass".

In the framework of the "International Anti-Corruption Day", the Presidency of OLACEFS held by the Office of the Comptroller General of the Republic of Peru organized the International Forum "Corruption under the magnifying glass", which was held on December 7 and was attended by national and international experts on anti-corruption issues, as well as Supreme Audit Institutions of the OLACEFS region.

The welcoming remarks and presentation were given by Econ. Nelson Shack, Comptroller General of Peru and President of OLACEFS. Likewise, the panel of experts included Ms. Marta Acosta Zúñiga, Comptroller General of Costa Rica; while Econ. David Rogelio Colmenares, Superior Auditor of the Federation of Mexico, gave the closing remarks.

The forum also presented the National Anti-Corruption Observatory of the Supreme Audit Institution of Peru, which aims to contribute, from the field of scientific research, to understand the phenomenon of corruption and functional misconduct in the public sector, as well as to improve and innovate the processes of government control, and contribute to improve decision-making in order to strengthen the prevention and fight against corruption in the country.

OLACEFS Heads participated in the Public Integrity Network of Latin America and the Caribbean: Innovation and Integrity for better control of Public Management

Innovation in public integrity policies for better management control is one of the pending challenges in Latin America and the Caribbean. This challenge for an effective implementation of preventive and anti-corruption policies also entails the need to look at the political economy of reform and changes in organizational culture.



OLACEFS representatives participate in sessions of the Public Integrity Network for LAC.

To discuss innovative solutions from the public sector and explore the challenges of implementing the necessary reforms, the OECD-IDB Integrity Network for LAC is an appropriate forum, as it brings together the main people responsible for Integrity Systems in the countries of the region.

The OECD-IDB Regional Policy Dialogue, co-organized with the Republic of Honduras, was held in face-to-face mode with simultaneous translation from Spanish into English and Portuguese. Through sessions held on December 1 and 2, 2022, the aim was to follow up on what was discussed during the Summit of the Americas and INCOSAI 2022, and to exchange experiences to identify lessons learned and challenges in the design and implementation of innovative policies for the prevention and control of corruption from the public sector.

Throughout the various sessions of the meeting, OLACEFS Heads and representatives from the Supreme Audit Institutions of Brazil, Belize, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay, together with prominent international specialists, participated in the meeting.

OLACEFS makes presentation at CLAD International Congress on the Reform of the State and Public Administration

The Latin American Center of Administration for Development (CLAD) organized the "XXVII CLAD International Congress on State and Public Administration Reform", hosted by the Government of Bolivia. The meeting was held in Sucre, Bolivia, from November 22 to 25, 2022.



In this regard, the Office of the Comptroller General of the Republic of Peru, in its capacity as Presidency of OLACEFS, was a co-sponsor of the aforementioned Congress, and made a special presentation entitled "Social Control and Information and Communication Technologies: The Experience of the Office of the Comptroller General of the Republic of Peru between 2018 and 2021". The presentation was based on the document of the same name prepared by Econ. Nelson Shack, head of the aforementioned Supreme Audit Institution, which is a report that offers a vision of social control as an ally of governmental control, not only in terms of coverage of control services, but also for its cost-effectiveness. In addition to the intensive use of information technologies such as interoperability and massive data analysis, which optimizes the results and effectiveness of the fight against corruption. Likewise, the document is the systematization of good practices in the matter, so that they can be implemented and replicated by other countries interested in promoting an active citizen participation, individually or organized.

The panel took place on Wednesday, September 23, 2022, and was attended by representatives of the Supreme Audit Institutions of OLACEFS: Herless Porras (SAI Peru), Ever Larroza (SAI Paraguay), Alexandra Rivera (SAI Panama) and Aristi Ramos (SAI Panama).

The CPC participates in the Regional Virtual Forum on Preventive Auditing: Efficient Public Spending for Just, Peaceful and Inclusive Societies



Panelists at the Regional Virtual Forum on Preventive Auditing.

The event was organized by UNOPS and UNDP - within the framework of the Thematic Coalition on Governance and Institutions of the Regional Collaboration Platform. The objective of the forum was to strengthen partnerships with audit institutions in the region, considering their relevance for the transparent, efficient and responsible execution of public funds and their work for proper accountability.

On behalf of the presidency of the OLACEFS Citizen Participation Commission, Patricia Guillén Nolasco, Manager of Social Control and Complaints of the SAI Peru, participated as speaker, detailing the activities of the commission and the challenges for the new period 2023 -2025, as presidency of the Commission. It should be noted that regional initiatives were shared at the event, which also included the participation, among others, of Dr. Camilo Benítez Aldana, Comptroller General of the Republic of Paraguay, who will assume the presidency of OLACEFS as of January 1, 2023.

To review the content of the Regional Forum visit:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9eKfbgdvT70>

Second Edition of the CPC Innovation Workshop and Training Course

The OLACEFS Citizen Participation Commission carried out the second edition of the Training Course for Trainers in Citizen Participation Strategies, which was conducted in a blended learning format. Thus, the virtual phase was held from August 25 to September 29, 2022, while the face-to-face phase was held on October 19 and 21, 2022, in the city of Lima, Peru, with the additional development of an Innovation Workshop on Citizen Participation Strategies, in order to complement the knowledge of the participants, with the support of GIZ.



Official photograph of the Second Edition of the Training Course for Trainers in Citizen Participation Strategies and Innovation Workshop.

The course was attended by representatives of the SAIs of Chile, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, Panama, Peru, Dominican Republic, Uruguay and Venezuela. Also present were representatives of the Office of the Comptroller of Bogota and the Honorable Court of Accounts of Buenos Aires. Finally, it is worth mentioning that the commitment of the participants is to replicate the course in their respective entities.

Ratification of the SAI Peru as Chair of the CPC and incorporation of member

In October, after the call for the election of the new CPC presidency, the SAI Peru was ratified to continue in charge of the presidency of the Commission for the period 2023-2025, thus thanking the members of the Commission for their support.

On the other hand, in November, the CPC presidency received a communication from the General Audit Office of the Republic of Colombia requesting to become a member of the Commission. After complying with the established procedure, an official communication was sent to the head of the General Audit Office of the Republic of Colombia, welcoming her as a member of the CPC.

XXIV INCOSAI: TCU gathers 147 countries in Brazil and assumes the presidency of INTOSAI



Minister Bruno Dantas of the TCU of Brazil and other INTOSAI authorities during the XXIV INCOSAI, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

From November 7 to 11, 2022, in the city of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, the XXIV International Congress of Supreme Audit Institutions (INCOSAI) was held, an event that counted with the participation of 147 countries and 30 cooperating institutions to deliberate on strategic issues and discuss relevant topics for society from the perspective of external control.

For this edition, the meeting had two main topics for discussion: "The work of Supreme Audit Institutions in the context of public calamity" and "Global voice, global results and long-range impact". Relevant and current topics such as, for example, poverty reduction, digital transformation, sustainability, gender equality, among others, were also added to the Congress approaches.

During INCOSAI, the Federal Court of Accounts (TCU) of Brazil assumed the presidency of the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI), remaining at the helm until 2025. During its term, the TCU of Brazil intends to develop a strategy to communicate the values, independence and results of Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) around the world.

It was three days of much debate, as well as integration and articulation work, which resulted in the approval of the Rio Declaration, which marked the closing of the XXIV INCOSAI. Access its English version here:

https://www.intosai.org/fileadmin/downloads/about_us/Organs/Congresses/2022_Rio_Declaration/EN_24_Rio_Declaration_final.pdf

The Office of the Comptroller General of the Republic of Chile organized the "VI International Seminar on Sustainable Development Goals, Auditing and Sound Institutions"



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On October 27, the CGR of Chile held the sixth version of this International Seminar, which addressed the question: "How are the SDGs advancing? Indicators and Impact Measurement".

The event highlighted the importance of the 2030 Agenda and how the different actors in a country and the international community should implement a measurement system for the SDGs, as well as the role that Supreme Audit Institutions should assume in this evaluation process.

The day included welcoming remarks by Mr. Jorge Bermúdez Soto, Comptroller General of the Republic of Chile, and a keynote speech by Ms. María José Torres Macho, Resident Coordinator of the UN System in Chile.

Subsequently, the activity was carried out in panels with different speakers who addressed three main topics: "Clean Water and Sanitation"; then "Food Security and Sovereignty"; and finally "Women and Reduction of Inequalities".

Finally, the day was held in a format of face-to-face discussions, with transmission via streaming, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Chilean time, aimed at the general public.

Anti-Corruption Alliance UNCAC Chile commemorates its tenth anniversary



Event commemorating the tenth anniversary of the UNCAC Chile Anti-Corruption Alliance.

On Tuesday, December 13, the tenth anniversary of the UNCAC Chile Anti-Corruption Alliance was commemorated in Santiago, Chile. The event consisted of a presentation of the institutional report entitled "10 years working for integrity" and the special edition of the Chilean Journal of State Administration on the fight against corruption. Afterwards, authorities and participants attended a fair open to the public entitled "Protect Integrity".

It should be noted that this Alliance consists of an intersectoral working group composed of 33 public, private, multilateral, academic and civil society institutions. It was created in 2012 under the leadership of the SAI of Chile and the United Nations Development Program with the aim of promoting the implementation and dissemination of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC), as well as strengthening the fight against corruption and promoting transparency.

This instance contributes to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 16 and 17 on Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions; and Partnerships to Achieve the Goals.

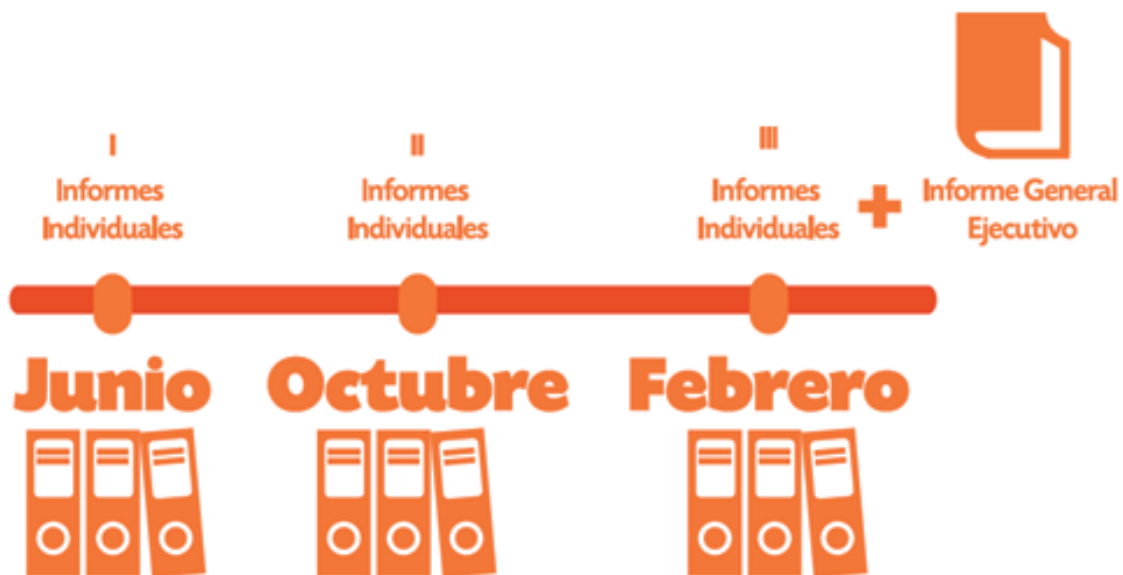
Result of the Superior Audit of the Public Account 2021

On October 28, 2022, the Superior Audit of the Federation (ASF) of Mexico made the Second Delivery of Individual Reports on the Results of the Superior Audit of the Public Account 2021 in a semi-presential manner.

Econ. David Colmenares Paramo, Superior Auditor of the Federation, said that with the results of the delivery it is possible "to have reviews of greater horizon by virtue of the fact that the superior audit is one of the most versatile tools available to the Mexican State to supervise its own operation and promote compliance with the objectives set out in its policies and programs". A total of 692 individual reports were delivered for 102 financial compliance audits, 26 performance audits and 564 audits with both approaches.

It should be recalled that the Mexican SAI is the specialized technical body of the Chamber of Deputies, endowed with technical and managerial autonomy, in charge of auditing the use of federal public resources in the three Powers of the Union; the autonomous constitutional bodies; the states and municipalities; and in general any entity, individual or legal entity, public or private, that has collected, collected, administered, managed or exercised federal public resources.

These reports are available at the URL <http://informe.asf.gob.mx/> and at <http://www.asfdatos.gob.mx/>



Delivery of Individual Reports of ASF Results, Citizen's Guide, p.17.

SAI of Paraguay presents update of its citizen oversight regulations



The SAI of Paraguay, after a long journey with citizens in pursuit of transparency, accountability and the fight against corruption, renews its commitment to continue strengthening the mechanisms of citizen participation, with the updating of the regulation of citizen oversight through Resolution CGR No. 1131/22.

This process was supported by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), through technical assistance for the strengthening of the citizen oversight process, in the updating of the regulations, the design of tools and training for the effective implementation of the mechanism.

Citizen oversight mechanisms are part of a wide range of possibilities within the mechanisms of citizen participation, they are participation tools through which a group of individuals or civil society organizations develop a monitoring exercise on public management in an organized manner and in collaboration with the CGR.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION is a set of actions, channels and tools through which the CGR incorporates citizens and civil society organizations (CSOs) and other actors in the public oversight processes it develops in order to contribute to the fulfillment of its institutional mission, promote transparency and strengthen accountability in the management of public affairs.

The Office of the Comptroller General of the Republic is committed to creating and strengthening ties with citizens, always seeking to innovate in more effective forms of citizen participation.

National Anti-Corruption Observatory implemented in Peru



The National Anti-Corruption Observatory provides inputs to innovate and optimize the exercise of governmental control.

The National Anti-Corruption Observatory is a web platform that consolidates the latest studies and research conducted by the Office of the Comptroller General of the Republic of Peru on the behavior of corruption and functional misconduct in the public sector, as well as its effects on state management. Its implementation will contribute to improve decision making by public managers and authorities.

On this platform the results of the Corruption and Functional Misconduct Index (INCO) 2021 will be available, which evaluates, for the first time, the performance of entities in terms of transparency, accountability and the commission of irregular acts that affect the correct exercise of management. A total of 1377 public entities have been evaluated, which together represent 95% of general public spending in the period of analysis.

INCO estimates the levels of corruption and functional misconduct by geographical scope (region and province) and institutional scope (entities by level of government and sectors), and makes it possible to formulate a ranking of the public entities evaluated. Its estimates are based on the findings of governmental control and official sources of information from entities such as the National Civil Service Authority (SERVIR), the Ministry of Economy and Finance (MEF) and the Supervisory Body of State Contracting (OSCE).

The CGR makes this system available to SAIs that wish to use it. Access the National Anticorruption Observatory by entering the link <https://observatorioanticorrupcion.contraloria.gob.pe/> or through the website contraloria.gob.pe.

OCCEFS AND EFSUR ACTIVITIES



EF SUR present at the International Forum on Government Auditing



From November 8 to 10, the International Forum on Government Auditing was held at the Museum of Tomorrow, in the city of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The event was held within the framework of the INTOSAI Congress 2022 (INCOSAI). Lic. María Graciela de la Rosa, Auditor General of Argentina, represented EFSUR in the panel on gender equality, which addressed the issue of how audit institutions can contribute to achieving SDG 5 Gender Equality.

During her presentation, the Argentinean Auditor, in charge of the Executive Secretariat of EFSUR, stressed the importance of the Human

Rights perspective and the principles of equality and non-discrimination to comply with the 2030 Agenda. She then referred to the negative impact of the pandemic on pre-existing gender gaps, such as the decline in the participation rate and the increase in unemployment among women in Latin America. "By 2021, one out of every two women was not inserted in the labor market, which represented a setback of 5 years, according to ECLAC," he said. In addition, she added that during 2020 the number of unemployed women reached 12.1% of women in the region, which meant an increase of 2.6% compared to the previous year.

Regarding the work of government audits, de la Rosa highlighted the coordinated audit being carried out on SDG 1 End poverty, mitigation of the impact of COVID-19 with an emphasis on reducing gender gaps. In this case, it was proposed to evaluate the effectiveness of the policies implemented to meet targets 1.2 (poverty reduction) and 1.3 (social protection measures), between 2020 and 2021. Fifteen Audit Institutions from Latin America participated.

To close her presentation, the Argentinean Auditor stressed the challenge of making audits visible and following up on recommendations; and proposed incorporating gender mainstreaming in SDG audits.



Panelists at the International Forum on Government Auditing.



Webinar on Poverty and Well-being Indicators: How to measure poverty in Latin America?



On Tuesday, November 22, the Webinar on Poverty and Well-being Indicators was organized by the EFSUR team of AGN, with the support and collaboration of GIZ, in the framework of the Coordinated Audit "Policies implemented for the achievement of SDG 1 targets and mitigation of the impact of covid-19, with emphasis on reducing gender gaps".

During the opening of the event, Lic. María Graciela de la Rosa, Auditor General of Argentina and representative of the Executive Secretariat of EFSUR, said that the importance of these panels lies in examining poverty, social protection measures and the impact on gender gaps. She added that "there is a need for consensus and a deepening of technical knowledge on the measurement, development and integration of poverty and well-being indicators from both a national and regional perspective.

The meeting was divided into two panels, the first on "Poverty and well-being indicators in relation to the SDGs at the national level" in which representatives of the national statistics institutes of Argentina, Mexico and Paraguay spoke. The second panel on "Integration of poverty and well-being indicators at the regional level" was presented by specialists from the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and the Center for Labor and Social Distributive Studies (CEDLAS) of the University of La Plata (Argentina).

In closing, Dr. Erwin Ramirez, Director of the OLACEFS (GIZ) Regional Anti-Corruption Project, said that this seminar provided an opportunity to learn about experiences and methodological differences in Argentina, Mexico and Paraguay.

The webinar was attended by representatives of EFSUR and OLACEFS members, 14 technical teams from different SAs and more than 50 participants.



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EFSUR's Annual Assembly was held



On Thursday, November 24, the XXXIV Annual Ordinary Assembly of the Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions of South American Countries (EFSUR) was held. Among the main points was the alignment of the actions of the 2023-2025 tactical plan with those of the 2023-2028 strategic plan of OLACEFS. In addition, the adaptation of the new regulations based on the new statute of EFSUR was discussed, which will be prepared with the contributions and feedback from each Supreme Audit Institution.



Regarding the reports on coordinated audits, the progress on SDG 1: "Mitigation of the impact of COVID-19, and reduction of gender gaps", led by the Audit General of Argentina and in which 15 SAIs participate; and SDG 6: "Clean Water and Sanitation", led by the Office of the Comptroller General of the Republic of Paraguay in collaboration with seven other control bodies in the region, was presented on video. The incorporation of the Malvinas Islands to the Organization's logo was also approved, in line with the initiative voted by OLACEFS at the last Assembly.

Dr. Jorge Bermúdez Soto, Comptroller General of the Republic of Chile and President of EFSUR, and Lic. María Graciela de la Rosa, Auditor General of the Republic of Argentina, on behalf of the Executive Secretariat, were present; the Comptroller General of the Republic of Paraguay, Dr. Camilo Benítez Aldana, president-elect of OLACEFS; the President of the Court of Audit of Uruguay, Cra. Susana Díaz, and Ministers Cra. Diana Marcos and Dr. Darwin Machado; the Deputy Comptroller General of the Office of the Comptroller General of Colombia, Dr. Carlos Zuluaga Pardo and the Deputy Comptroller General of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Dr. Jhosnel Peraza. Also representatives of the Office of the Comptroller General of the State of Bolivia, the Federal Court of Accounts of Brazil, the Office of the Comptroller General of the State of Ecuador and the Office of the Comptroller General of the Republic of Peru.

Workshop on EFSUR's Coordinated Audit of SDG 6



Participants of the EFSUR Coordinated Audit Workshop on SDG6 held in Santiago, Chile.

The Workshop on Monitoring and Supervision in the Execution, Presentation of Partial Results and Good Practices of the Coordinated Audit of EFSUR to SDG 6 was held in Santiago de Chile on December 12, 13 and 14. The workshop was held in person, with transmission via Teams, with the participation of delegates from the SAI members of the coordinated audit, from Argentina, Chile, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru and Venezuela.

The inaugural day included a keynote speech by Mr. Gabriel Zamorano Seguel of the Superintendency of Sanitary Services of Chile, who spoke about the Superintendency's vision in relation to SDG 6. Also participating were Ms. Paulina López, Independent Consultant and Mr. Sebastián Miller Astete, Economist of the Inter-American Development Bank, who spoke about the vision of external organizations in relation to SDG6; and the vision of the Office of the Comptroller General of the Republic, with the participation of Ms. María Francisca del Fierro and Cesar Maureira from the Environmental Unit of the SAI of Chile.

Afterwards, on December 13 and 14, the workshop was held in working sessions where the technical teams worked on the axes of the matrix and issues to be highlighted in the process of continuation and completion of the CA.



Capacity Increase Committee (CIC)



In 2022, the Central American and Caribbean Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (OCCEFS), among other activities, strengthened capacities in the area of the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda. This year was an opportunity to develop the Regional Meeting on Auditing, a space in which good practices and lessons learned that SAIs in the region have acquired were exchanged. Conferences on SDG Audits and Data Analysis were held.

Due to the above, and with the support of the SAIs of Cuba, Costa Rica, Honduras, Guatemala, Puerto Rico and Dominican Republic, member SAIs of the CIC, in 2023 this working body will continue to fulfill its commitment to training and capacity increase, in line with the Strategic Development Plan, the Annual Operational Plan and the Report on the Detection of Training Needs of the OCCEFS.

From the coordination of the Capacity Increase Committee, headed by the Superior Audit of the Federation of Mexico, we wish you a prosperous year 2023.



XXIV INCOSAI: Brazil's TCU launches "ClimateScanner", a tool for global auditing of government actions related to climate change



Launch of the "ClimateScanner" initiative at the XXIV INCOSAI, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

The "ClimateScanner" platform, which will enable a global audit of government actions related to the fight against the climate crisis, was officially launched on November 10, 2022, during the XXIV International Congress of Supreme Audit Institutions (INCOSAI), in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The Federal Court of Accounts (TCU) of Brazil, which chairs the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI) and is part of the organization's Working Group on Environmental Auditing, is leading the development of this tool.

The ClimateScanner is being developed in conjunction with international experts and will enable Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) around the world to assess government actions related to climate change. This assessment will be structured at two levels - national and international - and along three axes: governance, financing and public policies. The platform will be structured throughout 2023 and will be available for consultation in 2024.

For more information on the ClimateScanner, please visit:
<https://sites.tcu.gov.br/climatescanner>

XXIV INCOSAI: SAI20 meets to advance SDGs and post-pandemic recovery



Indonesia currently chairs the SAI 20.

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In parallel to the meetings of the XXIV INCOSAI, which took place from November 7 to 11, 2022, in the city of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, the Federal Court of Accounts (TCU) of Brazil brought together the countries of the SAI 20 (Superior Audit Institutions), a group that brings together the Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) of the members of the financial G20. The SAI20 was created in 2022 to assist SAIs in the context of economic recovery after the crisis of Covid-19 and with the aim of contributing to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Since the creation of SAI20, virtual and face-to-face meetings have taken place to make commitments and advance work agendas.

Representatives from the SAI of Indonesia, currently chair of SAI20, and the SAI of India, which will assume leadership in 2023, participated in the meeting along with the SAIs of Brazil, Germany, Argentina, Saudi Arabia, Australia, South Korea, France and Mexico. Brazil's TCU will lead the group in 2024. For Minister Bruno Dantas, president of Brazil's TCU, SAI20 has the capacity to act to improve public policies on crucial issues such as health, governance and sustainability.

UPCOMING AGENDA

JANUARY

1	Institutional Anniversary of the SAI of Argentina
7	Institutional Anniversary of the SAI of El Salvador
20	Institutional Anniversary of the SAI of Honduras
26	Senior Management and Governance Workshop (OLACEFS-GIZ Regional Project)

FEBRUARY

28	Institutional Anniversary of the SAI of Peru
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MARCH

15	Institutional Anniversary of the SAI of Guatemala
23	Institutional Anniversary of the SAI of Curaçao
26	Institutional Anniversary of the SAI of Chile



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