

Portfolio on Relations with other INTOSAI Regional Organizations

The **Spanish Court of Audit**, a member of the EUROSAI Governing Board, holds the portfolio “Relations with other INTOSAI Regional Organizations”. As EUROSAI Secretariat, the Spanish Court of Audit has a strategic position in the Organization and has built strong relationships along the years with EUROSAI’s peers in the INTOSAI community, so in fact our SAI has been devoted to this portfolio for a long time.

As **background** information, it is useful to bring to our minds the long cooperation relationship between EUROSAI and other INTOSAI Regional Organizations, mostly OLACEFS, ARABOSAI and ASOSAI, with whom EUROSAI has signed in the past cooperation agreements. Bilateral Joint Conferences among EUROSAI and those Regions have been the main collaboration instruments used since 2000. In addition, a MoU between AFROSAI and EUROSAI was signed in 2014 but has not been developed so far. The EUROSAI Governing Board has reiteratedly expressed its commitment with an enhanced cooperation with other Regional Organizations.

Our portfolio **aims** to enhance EUROSAI cooperation with other INTOSAI Regional Organizations by improving the cooperation mechanisms already in place and fostering additional forms of knowledge sharing and cooperation. Therefore, the portfolio is focused on *managing the relations with EUROSAI’s peers in INTOSAI in order to design a reinforced way of cooperation*, mostly in line with the Strategic Goal 1 on Professional Cooperation of the ESP 2017-2023, and *channeling and fostering different forms of knowledge sharing and cooperation activities* to be executed by the respective actors and implementing bodies of EUROSAI. Also, we seek *to foster dialogue in the Fora of INTOSAI Regional Organizations* (e.g Regional Forum for Capacity Development, INTOSAI Regions Coordination Platform), with the idea of identifying areas of mutual interest and other ways of collaboration more focused in audit aspects. To that end, co-leaders, Working Groups and Task Forces are EUROSAI’s key players to put in practice such cooperation.

In line with the above, the Secretariat has made so far the following **progress**:

- **Identification of topics** of mutual interest during the workshop with the regions organized in May 2017, during the X Congress (see attached list).
- In close consultation with the other regional Secretariats, **Terms of References for future Joint Conferences** with OLACEFS, ARABOSAI and ASOSAI have been drafted, striving to enhance this type of events and ensuring that they are an enriching experience that offer real added value to participants.
- The **EUROSAI-AFROSAI cooperation framework** has also been prepared, in close consultation with AFROSAI Secretariat, marking the launching of this cooperation and addressing it in a practical way.
- Following the EUROSAI Secretariat’s proposal, the Regional Forum on Capacity Development (November 2017) agreed to include *region-to-region practical knowledge sharing sessions* in the INTOSAI-Regions Coordinating Platform meetings. The EUROSAI Secretariat offered to chair the first of such sessions, to be held in June 2018.

ANNEX

MARKETPLACE OF IDEAS – X EUROSAI CONGRESS

Breakout session: Regional Cooperation. Istanbul, 24th May.

During the breakout session chaired by the Secretariat on Regional Cooperation, held in Istanbul, on the 24th May, at the X Congress, participants identified the following topics for possible future cooperation activities with other INTOSAI Regional Organizations:

TOPICS TO SHARE EXPERIENCIES WITH OLACEFS, ARABOSAI and ASOSAI	TOPICS TO SHARE EXPERIENCIES WITH AFROSAI
1.- SGDS 2.- PMF 3.- Extractive audit 4.- Illicit financial flows 5.- Environmental Audit 6.- Promoting ethical conduct in public sector organisations trough SAI's audits 7.- Audit of political parties and financing electoral campaigns 8.- Audit of public enterprises (EUROSAI with ASOSAI) 9.- Public procurement in state/public owned enterprises (EUROSAI with ASOSAI) 10.- Audit Committees functioning 11.- Fraud prevention in public owned enterprises 12.- IT audit (EUROSAI with ASOSAI and AFROSAI) 13.- Deficit under public sector (EUROSAI with ARABOSAI) 14.- Migration/ Refugees (cooperation EUROSAI, ASOSAI and AFROSAI) 15.- Security 16.- Audit methodology of public resources 17.- Outsourcing of private audit firms 18.- Risk assessments 19.- Potential liabilities 20.- Big Data	1.- Joint Conferences 2.- Seminars, workshops and training 3.- Parallel audits 4.- Technical assistance 4.- IT audit 5.- SDGS 6.- Illicit financial flows 7.- Extractive audit 8.- PMF 9.- Environmental Audit 10.- Ethics (AFROSAI with EUROPE) 11.- Outsourcing of audits to put audit firms (AFROSAI with EUROPE) 12.- Illicit Financial flows (AFROSAI with EUROPE) 13.- Extractive Industries: oil and gas (AFROSAI with EUROPE and ARABOSAI) 14.- Contingent liabilities (AFROSAI with EUROPE)