



Sub-Committee on Peer Reviews

Sub-Committee meeting minutes

Finlandshuset, Stockholm, Sweden



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Tuesday, 8th September 2015, 10:45 – 12:00

Imrich Gál, the Sub-Committee on Peer Review (SC PR) Chair representative, welcomed the participants at the meeting opening. The participants approved the proposed meeting programme as it was posted on the CBC web page. To the particular programme items, the participants were presented the following individual presentations:

1. Information on SC PR activities since the last meeting 2014 in Lima

1.1 The Subcommittee membership



1 Presentation -
MEMBERSHIP.pptx

1.2 Glossary – for SAI of Mexico



2 Presentation
GLOSSARY.pptx

1.3 The peer review survey within INTOSAI community 2015, its assessment and results



3 Presentation - PR
SURVEY.pptx

The participants also were presented with a flyer that presented the main observations and results of the survey.

1.4 The peer review and ISSAI 5600 promotion since Lima meeting



4 Presentation PR
PROMOTION.pptx

1.5 SC PR cooperation with SAI of Austria – global peer review on independence

Information on the project was given by Ms Monika Gonzales-Koss, the INTOSAI Director of Strategic Planning. She has outlined the main features of the project as presented in the ppt document (below).



5 Presentation
GLOBAL PR ON INDE

1.6 Open discussion on SC PR activities, observations by the SC PR members

The meeting participants asked several questions about the peer review survey to clarify some minor aspects of the process. They also expressed their contentment with the presented progress of the SC PR works. The German representative A. Steenzen informed the participants about a new approach to peer review process the German BRH has developed, notably a “peer consultations” that is in a less formal and not “full blown” peer review; though, it uses ISSAI 5600 as the main guide and standard.

2. Revised INOSAI 5600 – preparation for endorsement draft and INCOSAI 2016

2.1 The presentation of the revised standard

The meeting participants were informed about the revision process as well as the final outcome – the revised ISSAI 5600 and its annex PRAQ.



6 Presentation ISSAI
5600 - REVISED.pptx

The participants also were presented with a flyer that presented the complete results of the ISSAI 5600 revision. The SC PR members have approved the ISSAI 5600 and Annex for CBC Steering Committee approval for further steps according to Due Process for INTOSAI Professional Standards.

2.2 Milestones for the draft endorsement

The SC PR members were presented with the future milestones of the ISSAI 5600 leading to the standard approval by the INCOSAI 2016.



7 ISSAI 5600
MILESTONES 1.pptx

2.3 Open discussion on the subject, observations by the SC PR members

SC PR members expressed their utmost contentment with the presented outcome of the ISSAI 5600 revision and congratulated to the SC PR Chair on job well done. The SC PR members were advised by the Chair to look at and use the CBC web page where all relevant documentation including the extended report to the Steering Committee was at their disposal.



ISSAI 5600 - August
2015 draft.docx



ISSAI 5600 Annex
PRAQ - August 2015

3. *New strategic development of the SC PR after 2016*

The SC PR Chair suggested the SC members the future tasks of Sub-Committee. They were published at the CBC web page (as last part of the report) as to:

1. Continue to revise ISSAI 5600 according to the Due Process for INTOSAI professional standards with the goal to present it at INCOSAI 2016 (see Annex 2 for the milestones).
2. Propose the INTOSAI bodies, regional working groups and the whole INTOSAI community to hold a global conference/workshop with peer review as topic (possible theme *Good practice for conducting peer review*) that would sum up the status quo and further discuss the issue after the revised ISSAI 5600 adoption at the XXII INCOSAI, providing adequate interest would be shown by the professional community.
3. Continue to develop and update the peer review documentation through global peer review surveys.
4. Address the Secretariats of the Regional Working Groups to turn to their member to share peer review documentation with the rest of the INTOSAI community on CBC web page as the peer review documentation available to *Sub-Committee* is fairly skewed towards documents in English.
5. Address the Secretariats of the Regional Working Groups and all (historically) advanced SAIs and regions outside EUROSAI to become more forthcoming in their engagement as possible per reviewing SAI as the survey results showed regional imbalance when four SAIs made up almost 40% of all SAIs engagements as peer reviewing entity and only 18 SAIs (11% of INTOSAI membership) did openly put forward this willingness to offer their capacity as possible peer reviewing SAI.
6. Continue to promote peer review as a tool for quality assurance and capacity building within the INTOSAI community in hands-on position (like in the above INTOSAI global survey on independence and its report assessment in 2016) and wider professional audience (like IIA Slovak Chapter Conference in October 2015 with presentation *Peer review as global assessment tool of SAIs activities*).
7. Draw INTOSAI community's attention to the fact that 20% of the SAIs have no web page.
8. The Sub-Committee proposes to the CBC Steering Committee to endorse the ISSAI 5600 and its Annex PRAQ for exposure according to the Due Process.

The SC PR members have approved the above future tasks and directions for the Sub-Committee.

The SC PR Chair thanked all present for their participation and the meeting was than adjourned.

Note:

At its meeting on Thursday 10th September, 2015, the CBC Steering Committee has:

- Approved ISSAI 5600 for exposure and expressed support for continued development of ISSAI 5600 in accordance with the Due Process an in line with the proposed time line;
- Taken a note of the report and recognised the progress achieved by the subcommittee thus far;
- Expressed support to the continued work of the subcommittee in line with the report;
- Underlined the importance of considering possible synergies with the SAI PMF.