

CBC Guides: Where next?

Background:

- Since CBC started 11 Guides and Occasional Papers have been developed - many have been translated into key INTOSAI languages – see attachment for full list.
- The Guides are now available on intosaicbc.org along with numbers of downloads over the past 2 years – no such data is available on downloads in the early years.
- The aim of the series was to share good practices in particular practices related to managing SAIs and not to duplicate the work of the PSC on ISSAIs or the work of the Knowledge Sharing Committee on specialist areas of audit. It was not the intention that these Guides would sit within the ISSAI framework but be something faster moving and less long lasting.
- The intention also was that the series would have a common look and brand.
- Dissemination of the Guides has been through direct emails to all SAIs, articles in the INTOSAI Journal and inclusion on key websites.
- There have been some efforts to use the Guides in the regions as a base for discussion and reflection on local practices and as a base for developing regional specific guides.
- The Guides have been developed through a consultative process involving a small group of SAIs and then peer reviewed by CBC before being released.
- Some 8 years after the release of the first Guide it is timely for CBC to re-look at this series and its continued relevance.

Issues:

- Is the list complete – particularly in terms of translated versions?
- Do the Guides still serve a purpose and if so what is that purpose?
- Should Guides have a shelf life after which they need to be updated? If so how long? And do we update all Guides progressively or should some now be dropped? If so which ones?
- Do we need any new Guides – if so on what topics – remembering they are aimed primarily at SAI management?
- Should we develop the Occasional Paper series? And if so on what subjects?
- Is there anything we should do to better disseminate and use the Guides?
- Is there anything general which should be done to improve the presentation/style etc?
- Anything else?

Proposal:

- A small group is created to consider this issue and propose a plan for the management of CBC guides and occasional papers in time for the CBC Annual Meeting in 2016.