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Dear friends and colleagues

It is with great pleasure that I present to you the fifth and final newsletter for the XXII-INCOSAI.

I am also happy to announce that at this stage we have more than 155 SAIs that will be represented at the Congress.

With only a few weeks to the Congress I will use this newsletter to give you an update on what to expect from the XXII-INCOSAI.

First I will give you an update on the 26 organizations that will host a booth throughout the Congress and the seminars that will take place on Friday 9 December. After that, I will give a brief update on the preparation for the Congress themes as well as the Discussion Board and encourage you to participate in the discussions. Further I want to inform you about the on-line document library. Finally I will tell you about my ambition for the Congress and what I hope will be the outcome of the XXII-INCOSAI and taking INTOSAI forward.



Booths and Seminars



In our preparations for the XXII-INCOSAI we decided to prioritize the booth and seminar concept and dedicate a half day at the Congress for delegates to visit different booths and attend seminars.

All committees, sub-committees, working groups, regions etc. within the INTOSAI community have been invited to host a booth at the Congress. The interest in hosting a booth has been overwhelming, not just from the INTOSAI community but also from external stakeholders as well as local organizations within the UAE.

Based on the great interest from this variety of organizations we have decided to further expand the concept so all organizations can have their booth open from Wednesday 7 December until the last day of the Congress, Sunday 11 December.

At the Congress you will be able to meet the following organizations in the booths.

Regions:

- ASOSAI
- AFROSAI
- AFROSAI-E
- ASEANSAI
- CAROSAI
- EUROSAI
- OLACEFS

Committees:

- The Capacity Building Committee (CBC)
- The Knowledge Sharing Committee (KSC)

Working groups and task forces:

- Working Group on Audit of Extractive Industries
- Working Group on Environmental Auditing
- Working Group on Key National Indicators
- Task Force on Public Procurement Audit

Other INTOSAI activities:

- INTOSAI Development Initiative (IDI)
- INTOSAI General Secretariat
- INTOSAI Donor Cooperation
- SAI Performance Measurement Framework

External stakeholders:

- IFAC
- CIPFA
- IIA
- UN
- OECD
- GIZ

Local organizations:

- SAI UAE
- National Archives
- Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA)

At the afternoon session on Friday 9 December there will also be activities in the seminar rooms that encircle the exhibition area.

The goal committees: CBC, KSC and PSC will be hosting seminars throughout the afternoon in three of the rooms. The goal committees have put together the program for the seminar sessions and will present work and themes related to each of the goal committees' functions.

More detailed information on the booth and seminars will be provided at the Congress, through the INCOSAI website and in the INCOSAI application that can be downloaded for free from the Apple store or the Play store for Android and Apple smartphones and tablets by searching INCOSAI2016.

Update on the themes for the XXII-INCOSAI



With only a few weeks to the Congress the preparation for the themes is at its final stage.

The theme papers have been published in the five official languages and can be found in the on-line document library. A range of related documents has been produced, such as the regional papers and SAI survey results, these can also be found in the document library (see below for more info).

Around four hours have been allocated for each of the themes on Thursday 8 December and Friday 9 December at the Congress. Both of the theme sessions will begin with a two hour plenary session where the theme chairs will introduce the themes and different stakeholders will do presentations. After the plenary session there will be two hours for in-depth discussions in the four designated seminar rooms.

As noted in the previous newsletter the discussion board has been activated for discussions in relation to the two themes.

The purpose of the discussion board is to encourage discussion on the themes for the Congress in the time leading up to the Congress.

The Discussion Board is a new initiative that we hope will open up the dialogue leading up to the Congress and improve the discussions that will take place during the Congress. Discussions are already taking place on the board between INTOSAI members as well as with external stakeholders such as the UN.

If you want to take part of these discussions or maybe start new discussions then don't hesitate to follow this link ([Discussion Board](#)). With only a few week to the Congress there is still time to engage the discussion board and thereby improve the discussions that will take place during the Congress.

On-line Document library



As noted in the previous newsletter we are working with an environmentally friendly approach for our conference, therefore, we will prioritize the Go-Green initiative. This means that there will not be binders at the Congress that will contain hard copies of all the relevant documents. Instead we are providing an on-line document library that will consist of all the documents that are relevant for the delegates at the Congress.

Access to the online library will be available through the website and also through the INCOSAI application that can be downloaded from the Apple store or the Play store for Android and Apple smartphones and tablets by searching INCOSAI2016.

Since there will be no binders with hard copies of the documents for the XXII-INCOSAI we encourage you to bring a tablet or a laptop for the Congress in order to get access to the relevant documents.

The Ambition for XXII-INCOSAI



Since we were nominated to host the XXII-INCOSAI in 2013 at the Congress in Beijing, China, we have been working tirelessly to make the XXII-INCOSAI an event that will give credit to all the work that is being carried out by our colleagues in INTOSAI and at the same time sets out a new road for INTOSAI to move forward.

At the XXII-INCOSAI we are going to adopt a new strategic plan for INTOSAI for the next six years. The strategic plan identifies a new set of priorities and some very ambitious goals for INTOSAI. The adoption of the next strategic plan gives us a great opportunity to look ahead and discuss: how we want INTOSAI to grow and where we should focus our energy?

I see a clear link between the next strategic plan and the two themes for the Congress (UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Professionalization).

The five crosscutting priorities in the strategic plan can all be linked to the ambitions we have set out in the Theme I paper and the four approaches to the SDGs. On the other side many of the objectives under the four goals can be linked to professionalization.

At the same time there is also a clear link between the two themes. If we want to make a real contribution

to the SDGs and become a global public voice in this matter we need to secure a certain level of professionalism in the work we do.

I hope that this combination will enable us to create a fruitful and solid foundation for INTOSAI community to take on the next INTOSAI strategic plan.

I believe that the XXII-INCOSAI will be a pivotal point for the whole INTOSAI community. The Congress will be a culmination of all the valuable initiatives that are happening within our community. I hope the Congress will combine all these initiatives and that we, together, as a community, can use the XXII-INCOSAI as a platform to take INTOSAI forward, give INTOSAI a united global public voice and live up to the recognition and expectation from the global community.

I will end this newsletter by once again sending my deepest gratitude to all our colleagues within the INTOSAI community that are helping us to create a fruitful and valuable Congress. Without this help it wouldn't be possible to create a Congress that can set the road forward for INTOSAI whilst leaving no one behind.

With best regards

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