

Work stream in support of peer reviews

The CBC work stream on peer review was created in 2007. The work stream is led by SAI Slovakia since 2013 and currently has fifteen additional SAI members: Austria, Bangladesh (Vice Chair), Croatia, European Court of Auditors, Estonia, Germany, Hungary, Indonesia, Morocco, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Sweden, Turkey and the United States of America.

Areas of responsibility

- Assess and document existing peer review arrangements in the INTOSAI community;
- Foster an environment where voluntary reviews are seen as beneficial to all peer reviewing and reviewed SAIs and establish mechanisms for initiating peer reviews;
- Update the CBC guidelines on peer reviews and the developed checklist on the basis of the experience of SAIs and provides further good practices on voluntary peer reviews;
- Disseminate the results of peer reviews, as appropriate and as agreed by participating SAIs.

Products and support available

ISSAI 5600 on peer review was endorsed by XXII INCOSAI in 2016 and is available in all official INTOSAI languages (www.issai.org). A number of peer review reports and agreements are available via the CBC website (www.intosaicbc.org). SAIs are encouraged to share their experiences via articles on the website or by publishing their reports.

Future activities

SAIs subjecting themselves to external review is as important as ever. Through external assessments SAIs gain insights about potential for further professionalization of their own operations and increase their credibility in relation to external stakeholders. Peer reviews are valuable in their own right, but can also support the use of different assessment tools.

- Propose in 2019 to hold a global workshop with peer review as the main topic under the headline – **Getting ready for a peer review.**
- Continue to develop and update the peer review documentation through global peer review surveys;
- Promote peer review as a tool for quality assurance and capacity development within the INTOSAI community, using the CBC website, the INTOSAI Journal and different professional events.