

CAPACITY BUILDING COMMITTEE

Work stream in support of regional cooperation

During XXI INCOSAI in Beijing in 2013, the INTOSAI Capacity Building Committee was specifically tasked to put emphasis “on INTOSAI regions and interregional cooperation”. The regional organizations of INTOSAI are all members of the CBC Steering Committee.

The INTOSAI Strategic Plan for 2017-2022 emphasizes the role of INTOSAI’s seven regional organizations in providing essential means of accomplishing INTOSAI’s goals across SAIs’ diverse cultural and geographic contexts. Equally important, the experiences of the regional organizations provide an essential reciprocal and mutually beneficial perspective that serve to inform and guide INTOSAI’s efforts.

The CBC supports INTOSAI’s Crosscutting Priority 5 by leveraging and facilitate cooperation and professionalism among INTOSAI’s regional organizations.

The CBC established a Regional Forum and annually creates an opportunity for the regional organizations and relevant stakeholders to share information and address regional development issues at a cross-regional and strategic level. INTOSAI’s regional organizations

Since its establishment, a number of regional organizations have used the platform provided by the Regional Forum to provide detailed accounts of how they

have gone about enhancing the support they provide to their member SAIs by:

- improving the regional organization’s own strategic planning and governance
- providing an advisory and support role with regard to the strengthening of the mandate and key organizational aspects of its member SAIs
- providing or at least facilitating professionalization and methodology support to the staff within member SAIs, and
- advocating and influencing relevant stakeholders as the voice on topics of relevance to member SAIs, advancing the value of SAIs through interconnectedness with and influence on key regional stakeholders.

Products and support available

In addition to their own websites, regional organizations also have dedicated space on the CBC website (www.intosaicbc.org) where information with global relevance is shared.

On the CBC website you will also find the Framework for Regional Professionalism that was developed with the cooperation of all of the regions. The framework broadly defines potential regional service offerings

within the areas of institutional support to SAIs, professionalization and methodology support, regional advocacy and influence and governance, organization and sustainability. The framework was developed for use by regions when carrying out strategic planning and organization, and when considering which areas to prioritize.



The Coordination Platform for INTOSAI bodies and regional organizations

The Coordination Platform was created in 2017, with the purpose to provide a single point of contact for INTOSAI and regional organizations to deal with tactical and operational coordination and alignment of common efforts, to explore synergies, track and evaluate progress, and share knowledge.

During the platform meeting, a whole day is set aside for the direct interaction among the regional organizations to exchange information, materials and products.

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Future activities

- We will continue to utilise the Regional Forum for Capacity Development as a regional community of practice to share and address concrete issues relating to regional capacity development and regional professionalism at a cross-regional and strategic level.
- Establish closer cooperation between the CBC as INTOSAI's Goal 2 Chair and INTOSAI's regional organizations in order to speak and act in unity in the interest of effective capacity development efforts.
- Utilise the Regional Forum to enhance cooperation on key inter-regional opportunities such as:
 - pooling of resources and combining initiatives in support of globally coordinated development efforts
 - cooperative audits and peer reviews, and its advantages for knowledge transfer
 - sharing of tools, knowledge and experiences for mutual benefit
 - using information technology systems and platforms to leverage and share knowledge and enable co-operative work
 - supporting professional qualification and/or certification
 - understanding regional advocacy and sharing approaches and lessons learnt
- the linking of individual SAIs and the wider INTOSAI community, and
- solutions to the changing role of regional organisations, and the key requirements for sustainable, well-governed and properly managed regional secretariats.