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SAI-CSO cooperation and citizen engagement

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CBC journey since 2014

**Focus on SAI professionalism**
- Enabling environment (independence)
- Audit standards
- Competent people
- SAI performance measurement

**Stakeholder focus**
- ISSAI 12, principle 6
- Recognize the value of stakeholder strategies, and mutually beneficial relations
- In 2020: CSOs and citizen engagement
Main participatory mechanisms

- Inputs to the plans or the work of the SAI
- Complaint and feedback mechanisms
- Participation in / follow-up of audits
- Participation in head of SAI appointment

Enhanced effectiveness and impact of SAI
What are the benefits?

- Access to additional and first-hand information; more effective identification of risks
- Audits that are more responsive to reality experienced by the citizen
- Indirect increase in the capacity of the SAIs
- Additional monitoring of implementation of audit recommendations
- Greater social knowledge of and legitimacy for SAIs
- Stronger overall accountability eco-system
What are the concerns?

SAIs are worried about their relationship with their legislatures

SAIs are afraid of compromising their independence and neutrality

Public audit not geared towards citizen participation – no INTOSAI guidance on engaging CSOs or citizens

Civil society organizations lack the resources to participate in audits or oversight
Thank you