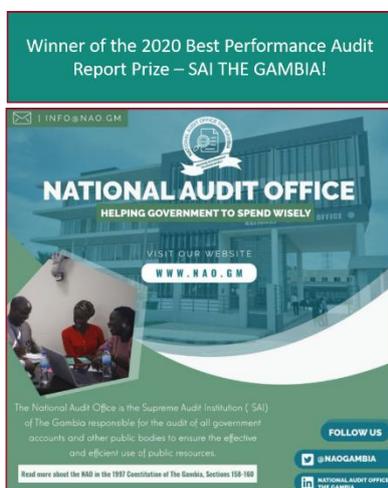




Dear reader,

Our 2021 Strategic Review was held as an online event for the first time this year. The Review directly preceded the 17th Governing Board meeting and provided an important opportunity for us to reflect on the key regional outcomes and challenges of the past year. A highlight of the one-and-a-half-day event was hearing from the new Auditors General of Zambia, Tanzania, Mozambique, Kenya and South Africa, who were appointed in 2020-21. The Review also included an open session of the Capacity Building Subcommittee, where the outcomes of the [2021 State of the Region: ICBF Self-Assessment Report](#) were deliberated. To view the presentations delivered during the sessions, [click here](#).

The National Audit Office of The Gambia receives prize for best performance audit report



The highpoint of the Strategic Review was without a doubt the announcement of the Best Performance Audit Report Prize for 2020. This was a first-time win for SAI The Gambia, announced as the winner by the Auditor General of the Swedish National Audit Office, Helena Lindberg.

The independent international review team unanimously declared the winning audit report, entitled [“Performance audit report: Emergency Obstetric care in Public Health Facilities, Ministry of Health and Social Welfare”](#) among many qualified contributions. [Click here to read more](#).

*“The number of reports submitted for the competition, illustrates the resilience of SAIs in our region. This despite the challenges and limitations experienced globally. **Congratulations to our first-time winner, team-Gambia for an excellent report.**”* Meisie Nkau, AFROSAI-E CEO

17th Governing Board elects new Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

The AFROSAI-E Governing Board held their 17th meeting on 19 May 2021. We are delighted to announce that the Board elected Mr Mohamed Ali, the Auditor General of SAI Somalia, as the new Chairperson and Ms Nancy Gathungu, the Auditor General of SAI Kenya, as Vice-Chairperson, for the period 2022 to 2024.



Mr Mohamed Ali, AG Somalia
AFROSAI-E Chairperson



Ms Nancy Gathungu, AG Kenya
AFROSAI-E Vice-Chairperson

The Board expressed their high praise for the dedication and strategic leadership demonstrated by outgoing AFROSAI-E Chairperson, Ms Lara Taylor-Pearce, (SAI Sierra Leone) and Vice-Chairperson, Lúcia Fernanda do Amaral (SAI Mozambique). Their terms will conclude in December 2021.

Key decisions taken by the Board:

- Approved that the Auditor General of South Africa will host the Executive Secretariat for another term of six-years from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2028.
- Adopted the updated 2021 AFROSAI-E Statutes and Regulations (will be published by end-May).
- Approved resolutions from the four subcommittees.
- Approved the [2020 Integrated Annual Report](#).
- Approved the [2020 State of the Region: ICBF Self-Assessment Report](#).
- Encouraged all members to conduct a SAI PMF review at least once every five years.

Upcoming events not to be missed

- **Panel: Contribution of SAIs to an Evaluation Culture - 31 May 2021**

The Global Evaluation Initiative (GEI) is hosting a panel discussion next week on the topic: **The contribution of SAIs to an evaluation culture**. The online event will enable an exchange of experiences between English-speaking Africa and Latin America, on how SAIs can potentially contribute to a national evaluation system in the context of Agenda 2030 and SDG implementation. AFROSAI-E will be represented on the panel and we encourage member SAIs to participate in this knowledge sharing opportunity.

- **Date: 31 May 2021**
- **Time 16:00 (CAT)**

[Click here to register](#)

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- **Performance Auditing in the Oil and Gas Industry Conference – 18 June 2021**



AFROSAI-E and the Netherlands Court of Audit (NCA) are hosting a virtual closing conference for the Performance Auditing in the Oil and Gas Industry Project, which is funded by the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The objective of the conference is to share the conclusions and recommendations of the parallel audit

reports that have been conducted by SAI Kenya, SAI Tanzania and SAI Mozambique as part of the project. Additionally the project partners would like to share their lessons learned. This will be especially relevant for SAIs worldwide, that are interested in conducting audits in the petroleum sector.

- **Date: 18 June 2021** [Click here to register](#)
- **Time 10:00 – 13:00 (South African Time)** [Click here to view the programme](#)

- **COVID-19 Response: Vaccine, Finances, Risks, and Innovation – 29 June 2021**

ICGMF, The World Bank, Gavi, and The Global Fund are jointly hosting a virtual event to share information and facilitate an active discussion among public financial management professionals, and those responsible for resourcing, overseeing, and ensuring COVID-19 response and vaccine delivery.

Event hosts and country panellists will share different perspectives on the vaccine delivery, finances, risks, and innovation associated with COVID-19.

- **Date: 29 June 2021**
- **Time: 9:00–11:00 AM EST / 1:00–3:00 PM GMT / 2:00–4:00 PM CET**

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This panel will highlight via examples of SAIs from African and from Latin American countries how SAIs can potentially contribute to a national evaluation system in the context of Agenda 2030 and SDG implementation.

PANELISTS:

- Edmond Shoko AfroSAI-E
- Leandro Buendía OLACEFS
- Juan Antonio Gardá Independent
- Julissa Sáenz Contraloría General de la República de Costa Rica
- Dolores Genaro Moya Tribunal de Cuentas de España

More info: <https://glocalevalweek.org/event-detail/21336>

English-Spanish/Spanish-English simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

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- **AFROSAI-E Elevation of SAIs Seminar – 14 July 2021**

We are pleased to announce that an online Seminar will take place on 14 July, to engage on technical aspects that were not covered in this years' Strategic Review. The programme will include a plenary session on transversal issues affecting SAIs in the region. We are also planning two breakaway sessions to have interactive discussions on elevating audit impact and elevating institutional capacity, respectively. Invitations and registration information will be distributed shortly.

- **AFROSAI-E Technical Conference – 1 - 5 November 2021**

The annual Technical Conference will again take place as a virtual event this year. The online Conference will take place from 1 to 5 November 2021 and we encourage you to **SAVE THE DATE** in your calendars. More information on the TU Conference will follow in due course.

SAI South Sudan secures technical support from peers and funding from Norway to help improve governance

The Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs through the INTOSAI Development Initiative (IDI) grants over NOK 15 million to the South Sudan National Audit Chamber (NAC) for the implementation of its strategic plan. The IDI, together with SAI Kenya and AFROSAI-E, will work closely with the NAC for a five-year period to enable the office to implement key strategic priorities including those relating to the Peace Agreement.

NAC has developed a Strategic Plan for 2019-2024 that clearly aims to meet the obligations of the peace agreement and for it to contribute to better public financial management in South Sudan. This includes expanding the audit coverage of government at the central level, as well as at state and local level.

The main goal of the project is to enable the NAC to implement their strategic plan, especially in the areas of auditing, new legal framework, stronger internal governance, new ICT-systems, HR-management, professional development and training, stakeholder engagement, communication and general coordination with partners. A combination of technical advice and logistical support will be provided.

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