



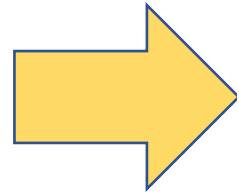
# Gaining and Safeguarding Independence

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**Effective, accountable and inclusive Supreme Audit Institutions**

# SAI Independence is an IDI priority

Independence is a critical prerequisite for any Supreme Audit Institution (SAI) to carry out its mandate effectively and add value to citizens



- Strategic priority SP 2019-2023
- Workstream on SAI Independence

## Key areas of focus

Gaining and Safeguarding  
SAI Independence

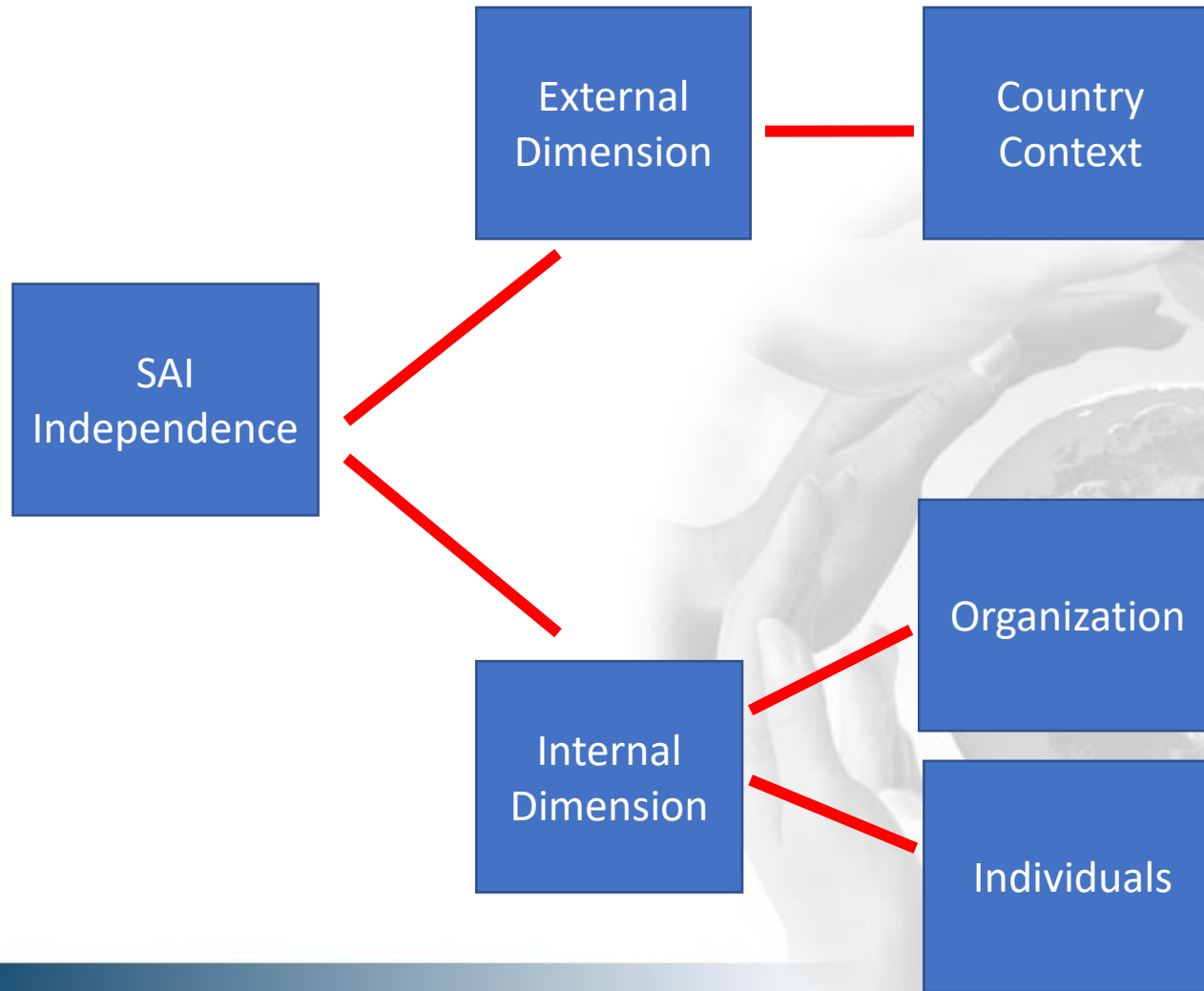
Supporting SAI leadership

Creating and  
disseminating Knowledge

Leveraging partnerships

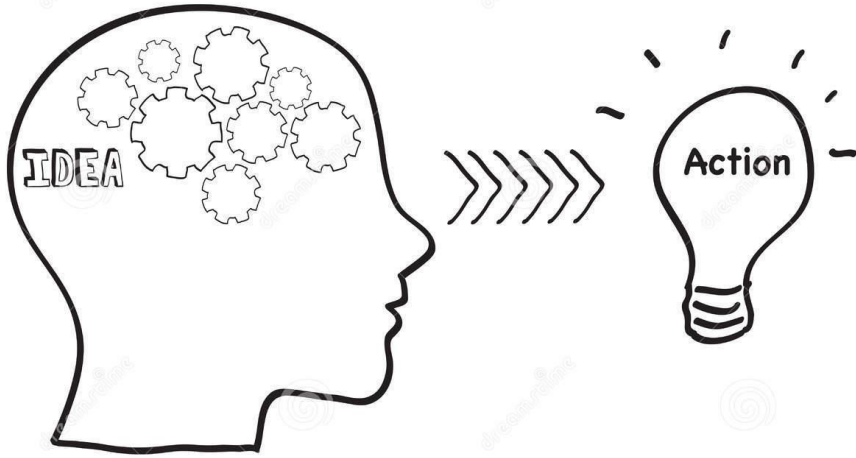
Responding to challenges  
with agility

# SAI Leadership is the anchor point of the process



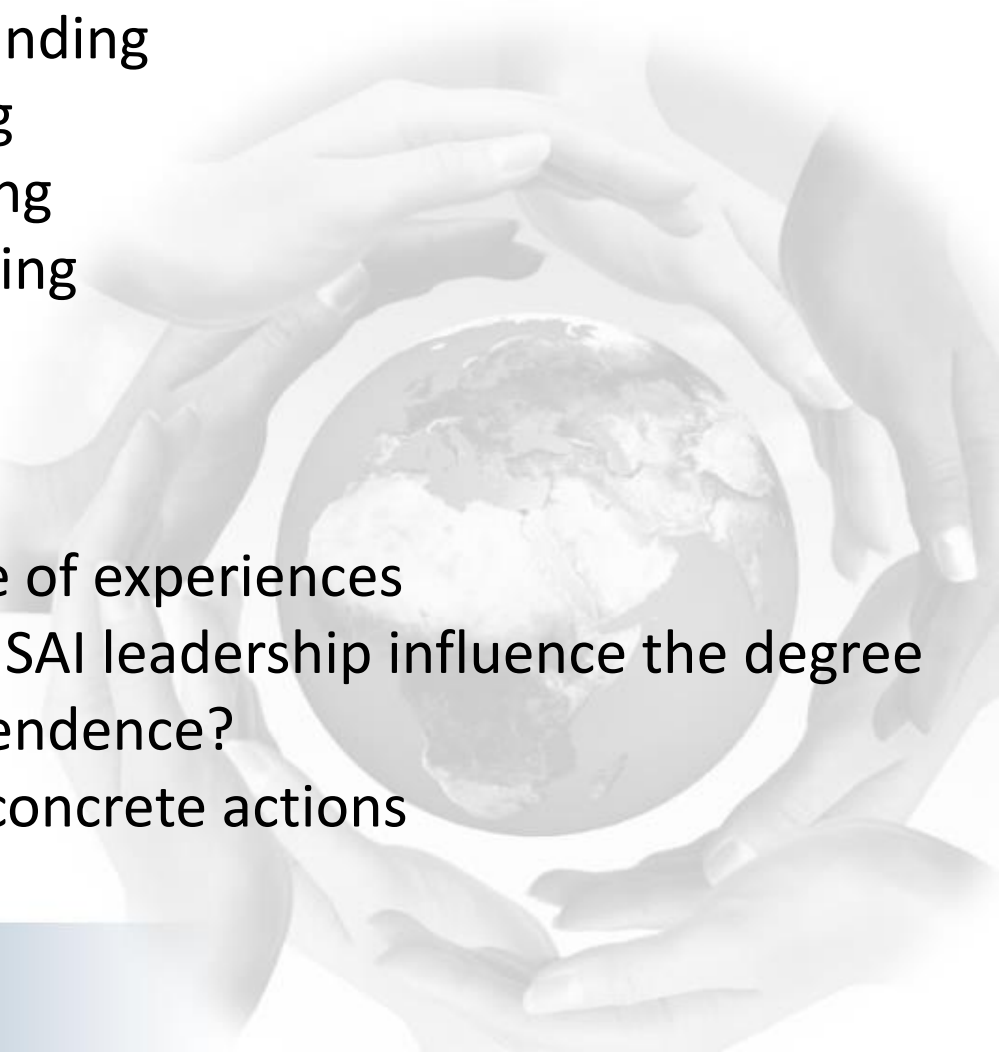


# How are we supporting SAI leadership?



## Support to SAI leadership

- Communication package
  - Understanding
  - Assessing
  - Supporting
  - Maintaining
- Masterclass
  - Tools
  - Exchange of experiences
  - How can SAI leadership influence the degree of independence?
  - Identify concrete actions





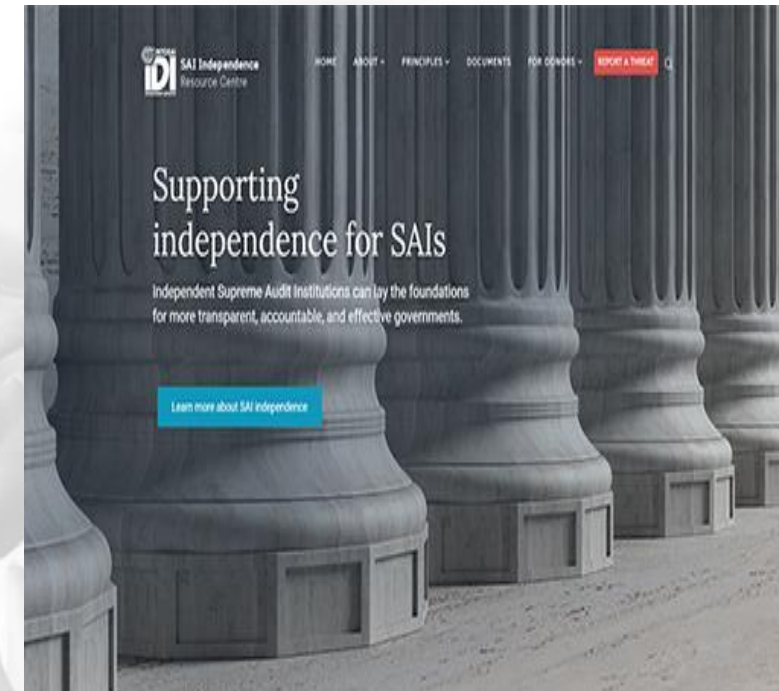
# Building and sharing knowledge

## Objectives

- Raise awareness through global and country level advocacy/support
- Tailor response to context, based on in-depth knowledge of threats and opportunities to SAI independence

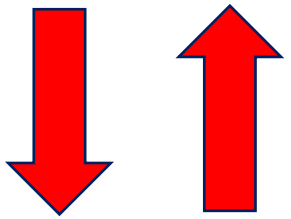
## Tools and products

- Research products and case studies
- Resource kits
- Communication products
- SAI Independence Resource Center:  
[www.sirc.idi.no](http://www.sirc.idi.no)
- Webinars
- Media monitoring



# Leveraging partnerships is essential

Global level



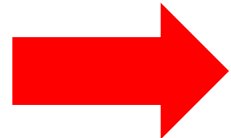
Country level

- Development partners
- Global initiatives
- Civil Society Organizations
- Parliamentarians
- Media
- Academia/research agencies



# Expected achievements with partnerships

**Tools and  
facilitation**



Partnerships

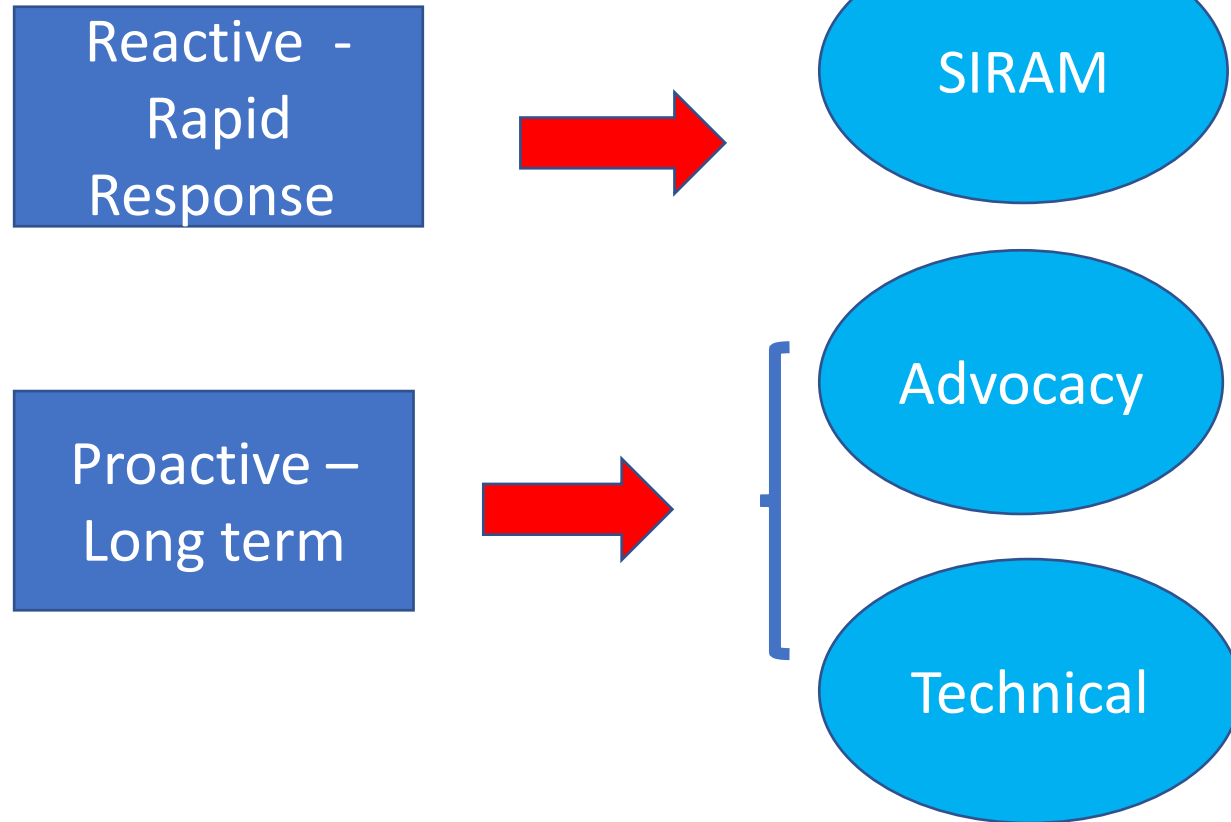
Global advocacy on the relevance of independence and the value and benefit of SAIs

Country-level advocacy and support based on in-depth knowledge of country context

Knowledge sharing through knowledge production and capacity development



# Agile Response to challenges



Our ability to assist SAIs in gaining and safeguarding independence relies on our capacity to respond to challenges in an agile and differentiated manner

# Overview of the Rapid Response over the years

6 requests  
received  
since 2018

Dominican Republic  
Chad  
Cyprus  
Ghana  
North Macedonia  
Somalia

3 positive  
outcomes

Reestablishment of the  
Court of Accounts in  
Chad

Appointment of an AG in  
North Macedonia

Audit Bill approved by the  
Parliament in Somalia

4 statements  
of concerns  
issued

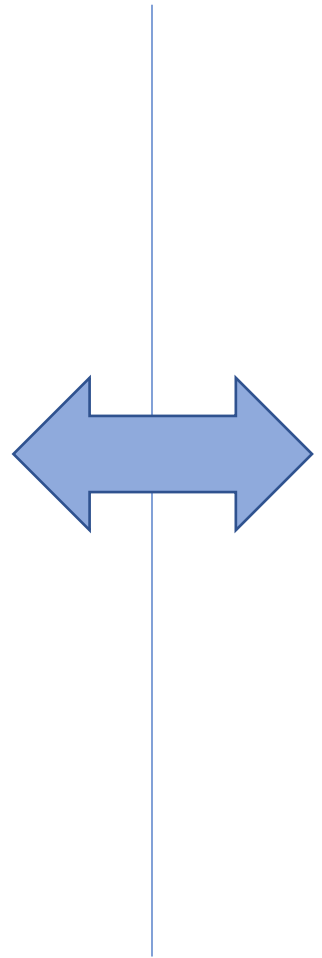
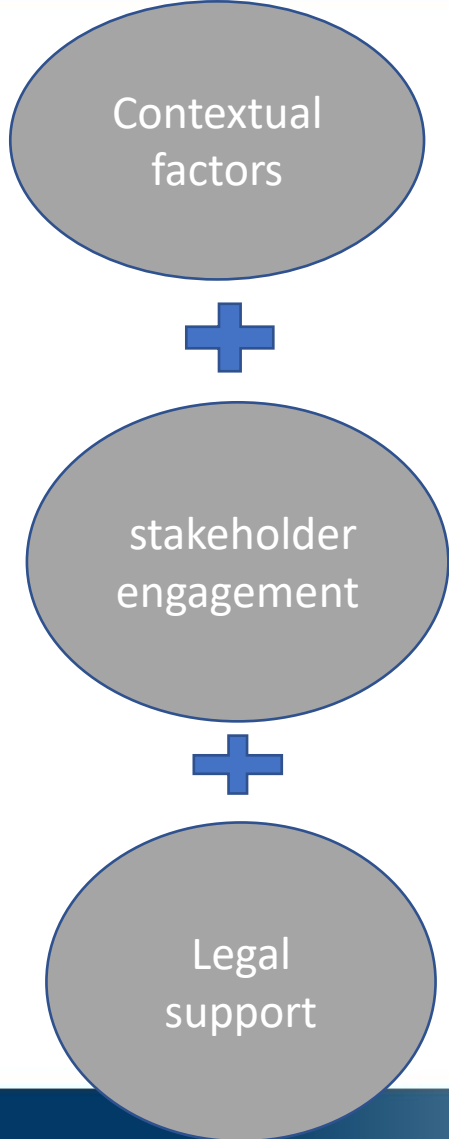
## Rapid Response : points for consideration

- SIRAM as a tool is gaining popularity at the global level and in the SAI community
- INTOSAI is considered as a credible voice on SAI Independence both at the global and country level
- Effective advocacy is highly dependent on greater coordination and follow-up at the country level
- Effective advocacy could be enhanced by the establishment of a continuous monitoring function to identify windows of opportunity



# In-country support - Advocacy and technical support

Tailor-made and long-term approach

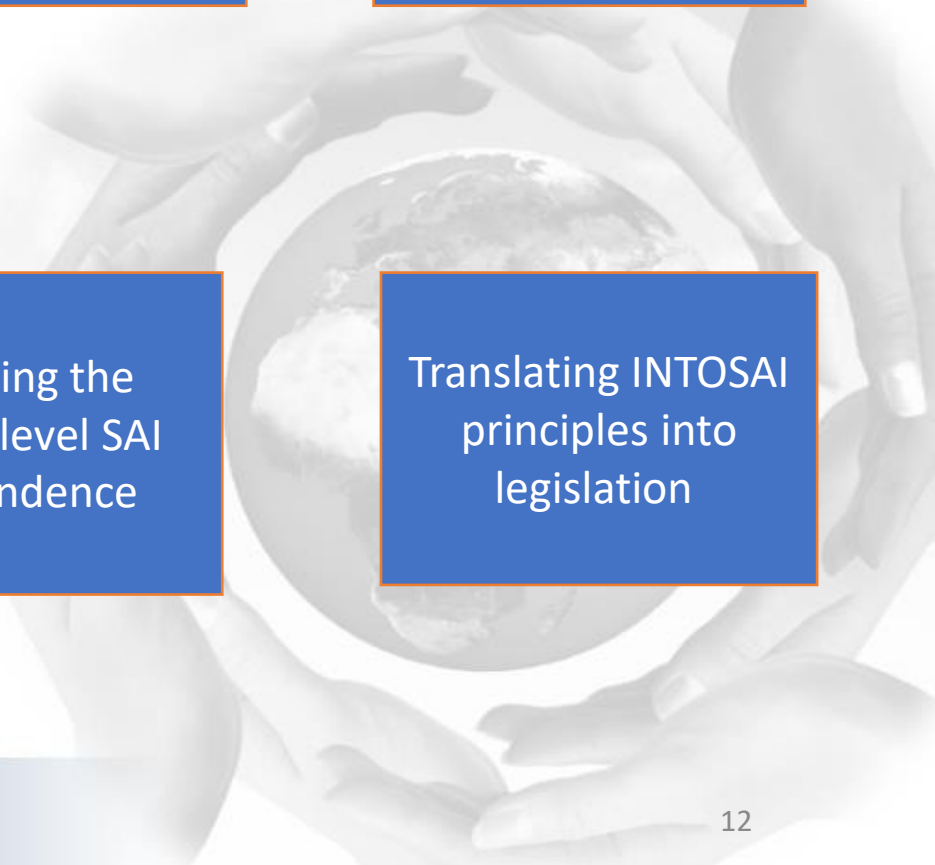


Creating nimble coalitions in support of SAI independence

Advocacy towards key stakeholders

Assessing the current level SAI Independence

Translating INTOSAI principles into legislation





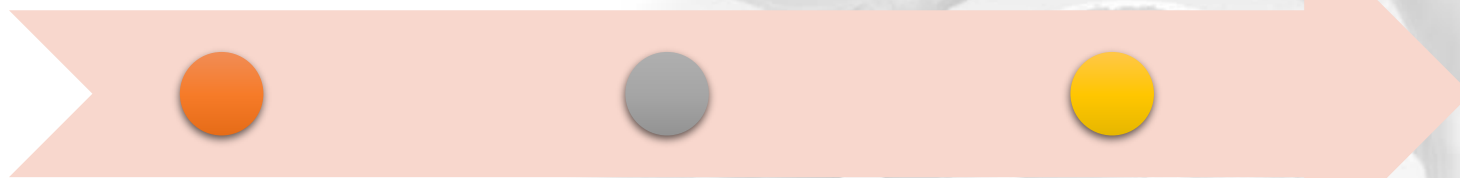


# In country support over the years



Support to  
over 10 SAIs

Setting a  
path to  
sustainability



Strong link  
with other  
IDI initiatives





# Experience Sharing

What practices or tools have you successfully employed to help SAIs strengthen and/or safeguard their independence?

What tools or approaches do you believe are most effective in strengthening and/or safeguarding SAI independence?