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# Motion on sustainable INTOSAI operations

The INTOSAI Capacity Building welcomes INTOSAI's focus on social, economic and environmental sustainability as stated in the Strategic Plan 2023-2028. INTOSAI is committed to contributing to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (priority 2), promoting and supporting equality and inclusiveness (priority 4) and, through goal 4, promoting economical, efficient, effective, relevant and innovative working practices.

Referring to these commitments in general, and the commitment to carrying out its own internal and external operations and activities in a sustainable manner in particular, the INTOSAI Capacity Building Committee proposes that the 76<sup>th</sup> Governing Board to adopts the following motion.

## Motion

In support of the INTOSAI commitment to carrying out its operations and activities in a sustainable manner, the INTOSAI Governing Board will request all working bodies of INTOSAI to:

- consider sustainability issues when planning all operations and activities
- limit its carbon footprint to the extent possible
- strive to ensure equal opportunity for all SAIs to participate in, contribute to and benefit from INTOSAI operations.
- be fiscally responsible with INTOSAI resources, and with the resources of contributing SAIs, partners and donors
- encourage all INTOSAI bodies and regions to do the same

In practice this means, that all of INTOSAI's working bodies will:

- always consider and encourage digital solutions as a first option in international engagements – to avoid travel and enable broader participation with limited costs – but without compromising the success of the event in any significant way.
- when travel is necessary, strive to:
  - combine different face-to-face engagements back-to-back in the same location.
  - choose a location that is as close or convenient as possible for as many participants as possible, i.e. consider meeting in international hubs or central locations.

- vary destinations to share the burden of travel between participants – if meeting in a central location is not possible.
- consider the feasibility of hybrid solutions in connection with face-to-face meetings.
- consider environmentally friendly means of travel when possible, e.g. train vs. aeroplane.
- consider the diversity of the INTOSAI membership to make sure:
  - that as many as possible are able to contribute to INTOSAI initiatives.
  - that products and services are relevant in different contexts, e.g. regardless of size, model and level of development.
  - that products and services are as accessible as possible, e.g. website adjusted to smart phones and translations available.
- strive for optimal use of available resources, consistently being cognisant of cost-and time-saving measures.