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Motion on sustainable, inclusive, and economical INTOSAI operations

The INTOSAI Capacity Building Committee welcomes INTOSAI's focus on sustainability as stated in the Strategic Plan 2023-2028. INTOSAI is committed to contributing to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including carrying out its own internal and external operations and activities in a sustainable manner (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 76th Governing Board adopt this motion and, if adopted, include the following language in future editions of the Handbook for Committees.

In support of the INTOSAI commitment to carrying out its operations and activities in a sustainable manner, all working bodies and regional organisations of INTOSAI are asked to:

- strive to ensure equal opportunity for all SAIs to participate in, contribute to and benefit from INTOSAI operations,
- consider sustainability issues, including social, economic and environmental perspectives as exemplified below, when planning all operations and activities
- limit its carbon footprint to the extent possible
- be respectful of the resource limitations faced by most SAIs as well as the need for all members to be fiscally responsible with INTOSAI resources

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

- always consider and encourage digital solutions 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.
- whenever possible provide hybrid solutions in connection with face-to-face meetings.
- consider the diversity of the INTOSAI membership to make sure that:
 - as many as possible are able to contribute to INTOSAI initiatives, meetings, and events.
 - products and services are relevant in different contexts, e.g. regardless of size, model and level of development.
 - 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.