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The AFROSAI-E Secretariat is relocating to new premises

The AFROSAI-E Secretariat is moving into a new office space on 15 August 2023. Our new office will feature state-of-the-art training facilities and ample room for regional and development workshops.

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From 1 July to 14 August, the Secretariat will work remotely while our new offices are being prepared. We are operating business as usual, and the team can be contacted via their normal email addresses or the general email address at info@afrosai-e.org.za.

AFROSAI-E 2022 Integrated Reports

We are pleased to present our Integrated Reports for 2022. The integrated suite of reports includes the 2022 Annual Report, the 2022 Monitoring and Evaluation Year-end Report and the 2022 State of the Region: Institutional Capacity Building Framework (ICBF) Self-Assessment Report.

These three reports give a comprehensive, integrated overview of our strategic, operational and financial activities from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022.



Welcome to the new Judges of the Tribunal de Contas de Angola

Congratulations and welcome to the new Presiding Judge of the Court of Auditors of Angola, Dr Sebastião Gunza. Dr Gunza was appointed by presidential decree on 16 June and took office on 19 June in a ceremony that took place in the Noble Hall of the Presidential Palace.

The Court of Auditors also swore in the Judge Counsellors, Dr Sebastião Bessa, Dr Manuel da Cruz Neto, Dr Armindo Jelembi and Dr Januário Domingos.



Information Systems Audit Champions Programme - Expert Level workshop in Uganda

In collaboration with SAI Norway, we designed and implemented the IT Audit Champions Programme (ITACP), which contains four modules covering basic knowledge and skills for IS auditors. Participant feedback from the first two rounds of the course led to SAI Norway developing an additional expert level for the programme. The Level 2 Expert module covers more advanced topics to ensure the continued professional development of IS auditors in the region. The programme includes training workshops interspersed with pilot audits.

SAI Uganda hosted the second module of the IS Audit Expert Programme due to their ongoing collaboration with SAI Norway on IS Audit. The workshop took place from 12 to 16 June and included participants from Angola, Namibia, Nigeria and Uganda.



Annual Extractive Industries Workshop - Taking Action on Energy Transition

From 27 to 30 June, we held our Annual Extractive Industries Workshop in collaboration with Good Governance Africa, SAI Norway and the African Development Bank. The workshop focused on the theme of ***taking action on energy transition***.

A renewables-based energy transition promises to deliver vast socio-economic benefits to African countries, improving energy access, creating jobs, and boosting energy security. To realise these benefits, African countries have an opportunity to leapfrog fossil fuel technologies to a more sustainable, climate-friendly power strategy aligned with the Paris Agreement and low carbon growth.

The workshop featured a diverse lineup of extractive industry experts from various institutions and SAIs from the region. They shared valuable insights and country experiences on the topic, following last year's workshop theme, *SAI contribution through transparency and accountability towards a just energy transition.*

Participants attended a technical excursion day to the Solar Power Plant on Robben Island. Here they learned about the practical application of energy mix and energy transition as they toured the plant's facilities.



2023 Training of Trainers Champions Programme underway

The second Training of Trainers (ToT) Champions Programme kicked off in June, with the first workshop in South Africa. Delegates from Botswana, Liberia, Malawi, Rwanda, Somalia and Zimbabwe participated. The programme aims to enable SAIs to assess, plan and conduct training within the SAI effectively.

The delegates enjoyed various in-training activities that took them beyond the theoretical information of building learning teams, developing learning outcomes and conducting training needs assessments. The group will be back for the second workshop later this year and will thereafter be added to the pool of champions in the AFROSAI-E network of facilitators..



WGISAM Knowledge-Sharing Sessions

We established the Working Group on Information Systems Audit and Management (WGISAM) in 2019 to enable knowledge and experience sharing on Information System security in the AFROSAI-E region. The creation of the WGISAM was motivated by the fast-growing technological advancements which present challenges in SAIs, for both IS audits and IS management.

One of the WGISAM subgroups is focused on knowledge-sharing and actively discussing emerging trends and innovations in IS auditing and IS Management and their value proposition for SAIs. Between March and June, this subgroup held three online knowledge-sharing sessions on:

Session 1: Project management (presented by Fredrick Bobo from the Secretariat, Fabian Tonda from SAI Uganda and Erica Dien from SAI Namibia). This was an important topic due to the following:

- The huge investment in ICT projects.
- The high failure rate of projects.
- The high number of projects that professionals need to manage in their day-to-day work.

Session 2: Data analysis using Python (presented by Samuel Kololo from SAI Kenya). This topic was highly requested as several SAIs are developing or reviewing strategies around this area. The session covered the following:

- The overview of Python capabilities as a data analytics tool.
- Python programming/analytic environment
- Why auditors need to perform data analytics.
- Tools used for data analytics.

Session 3: The capabilities of the IDEA audit analytics software. Denis Mutinda, a Senior Manager in Data & Analytics at KPMG, presented the session. The session covered audit rights, statistics and fraud, and automation and fraud investigation using IDEA.

Upcoming workshops

IS Audit Champions Programme 2023

Module 1: 17 – 21 July 2023, Rwanda

The IS Audit Champions Programme's objective is to build practical capacity in the IS audit function of the SAI, to enable them to conduct audits of critical information systems and adequately support financial, compliance and performance auditors in the SAI. The Programme is targeted at SAIs with established IS Audit sections. [Click here to read more.](#)

Regional Workshop: A-SEAT Functionality Review & Administrator Training 29 August - 8 September 2023, South Africa

To review the functionality of the A-SEAT following SAI pilot audits and agree on the specifications for functional enhancements, we have scheduled an A-SEAT Functionality Review and Administrator Training Workshop. The training will also build the practical capacity of SAIs' Information Systems Management function to configure and manage the A-SEAT. The first week (29 August to 1 September) targets SAI auditors or IT administrators who were part of the A-SEAT pilot audits. The second week (4 to 8 September 2023) targets IT administrators configuring and managing the A-SEAT. [Click here to read more.](#)

West Africa Sub-Regional Communication and Stakeholder Engagement Workshop

17 to 21 July 2023, Liberia

This Sub-Regional Communication and Stakeholder Engagement workshop is aimed at

objectives of the workshop are to:

- Enable SAIs to develop strategies and plans aligned to the SAI's strategic plan.
- Conduct effective stakeholder engagement activities.
- Develop a sub-regional network of peers to support each other and share ideas and best practices.

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Regional Workshop: Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning 16 to 20 October 2023, South Africa

We have scheduled a five-day regional workshop to build SAI capacity on the monitoring and evaluation process from planning, monitoring, and evaluation to reporting. This workshop will build on the lessons learnt from the first workshop on this focus area that we held last year. The objectives of the workshop are to:

- Assist SAIs in developing and implementing monitoring and evaluation (M&E) frameworks to aid with monitoring the implementation of SAI operational plans.
- For participants to understand the key concepts of M&E and how to develop key performance indicators to track organisational performance.
- To promote transparency and accountability in the region by capacitating SAIs in developing M&E reports and annual performance reports.

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We held an extremely fruitful session with the SAI Kenya leadership team in June to share the SAIs' Culture Audit and Organisational Development Assessment results.



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