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Reforming the workstream structure of the CBC

Background

The recently completed external CBC evaluation recommends that the CBC should formalise a distinction between two types of working bodies:

- **Permanent subcommittees**, for functions that require ongoing and continuous work, and
- **Time-limited workstreams**, for bodies established to deliver specific outputs within a defined period

In this regard, however, the INTOSAI Handbook for Committees (section 2.3) determines that Goal Committees such as the CBC may establish the following categories of working bodies:

- **Subcommittees** (to deal with fundamental long-term issues)
- **Working groups** (to deal with specific technical issues, likely to be long-term),
- **Task forces** (to address issues of a limited time duration – usually three years)
- **Workstreams/project groups** (for short term initiatives), and
- **Temporary/ad hoc structures** for specific projects/to provide recommendation on specific issues.

Proposal

The table below proposes a streamlining and reclassification of the CBC working bodies into two main categories – subcommittees and task forces – with a motivation for the proposed reclassification, and a motivation for the reconsideration of the Regional Forum for Capacity Development:

Existing working bodies	Future classification	Motivation
<p>Existing subcommittees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cooperative Audits – Peru • Peer Reviews – Slovakia 	<p>Existing subcommittees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cooperative Audits – Peru • Peer Reviews – Slovakia <p>New subcommittees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IntoSAINT – Norway • SAI PMF – South Africa¹ • Peer-to-peer Cooperation – United Kingdom 	<p>These working bodies have stewardship responsibilities for key INTOSAI tools and public goods as part of a long-term commitment. Examples include the maintenance and further development of GUID 9000 (Cooperative Audits), GUID 1900 (Peer Reviews), IntoSAINT (SAI Integrity Management), and the SAI PMF (SAI Performance Measurement Framework). In addition, peer-to-peer support is a well-established and widely preferred capacity development modality within INTOSAI and may likewise warrant recognition as a dedicated subcommittee.</p>
<p>Existing task force</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizen Participation and Civil Society Engagement – Peru 	<p>Existing task force</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizen Participation and Civil Society Engagement – Peru <p>New task forces</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audit of Donor Funds – Sweden • ACCC Auditing in Complex and Challenging Contexts – Sweden • Regional Forum for Capacity Development – South Africa • SIDS-CCC – AFROSAI-E 	<p>The TFCP aims to strengthen, systematise, disseminate, and build capacity for SAI citizen engagement by INCOSAI 2028 – the task force must convince the CBC SC to continue beyond 2028.</p> <p>These working bodies should be regarded as having been established to address specific issues and should not continue indefinitely – continuing beyond INCOSAI 2028 should be the exception rather than the rule. Each task force should work toward achieving its defined objectives within a specified timeframe and then be formally dissolved. Any of the working groups seeking to continue beyond INCOSAI 2028 should present a compelling justification to the CBC Steering Committee.</p>

¹ The SAI PMF is unique amongst the proposed subcommittee given the existence of a well-functioning Independent Advisory Group for the SAI PMF within the CBC, and it is proposed that the IAG should continue to function as it currently does, advising the CBC as the INTOSAI governance lead for the SAI PMF, with the IDI receiving advice from the IAG in its capacity as global implementation body for SAI PMF.