

Progress report for CBC Task Force on Citizen Participation and Civil Society Engagement (TFCP) 2026

INTOSAI will support SAIs in developing their capacity to maximize the value and benefit they bring to society by promoting the development of their professional capacities and capabilities. With an ambition to “leave no one behind,” Goal 2 informs INTOSAI decision-making on sustainable SAI capacity development in support of all INTOSAI members.

Goal 2 Strategic Objective	Workstream objective	Initiatives (timed)	Indicators	Progress
2.2. Strategically partner, inside and outside INTOSAI, in support of DSAI professionalism, auditor professionalization, and SAIs’ ability to sustainably meet future challenges 2.3 Share capacity development insights and practices and facilitate dialogue on capacity development challenges and opportunities.	1. Compilation of initiatives, ideas, experiences, practices, studies, research, and identification of key stakeholders in the work of SAIs.	1.1 Annual “Survey / environmental scan / research on CP&CSE1 in the Work of SAIs– Part A” to map new good practices, methodologies and research papers. Target audience: key identified stakeholders, academia and others. (Recurring annually April - June)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Survey / environmental scan / research results. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start pending. It was decided to swap the order with Initiative 1.1. Please see “Explanatory Narrative” section.
		1.2 Annual “Survey / environmental scan / research on CP&CSE in the Work of SAIs – Part B” to map new good practices, methodologies and research papers. Target audience: INTOSAI Members (Recurring annually July – Sep.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Survey / environmental scan / research results. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>INTOSAI CBC TFCP - Survey on Citizen Participation and Civil Society Engagement in the work of SAIs 2026</i> underway, questionnaire sent out on 30.APR.2026. Responses will be received until 12 June 2026. It was decided to swap the order with Initiative 1.2. Please see “Explanatory Narrative” section.

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		1.3 In collaboration with IDI (administrators of INTOSAI Global Survey) to include a few high-level questions about CP&CSE in the 3-yearly INTOSAI Global Survey.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Questions included in the INTOSAI Global Survey. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revision required. Please see “Explanatory Narrative” section.
2.3 Share capacity development insights and practices and facilitate dialogue on capacity development challenges and opportunities.	2. Systematisation of experiences in citizen participation and/or civil society engagement in the work of SAls.	2.1 Systematization and upload of information compiled through Part A of the Annual Survey / environmental scan / research to TFCP Website. (Recurring annually July – Sep.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of good practices, methodologies and research papers uploaded to TFCP Website. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start pending.
		2.2 Systematization and upload of information compiled through Part B of the Annual Survey / environmental scan / research to TFCP Website. (Recurring annually Oct.-Dec.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of good practices, methodologies and research papers uploaded to TFCP Website. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start pending.
		2.3 Maintenance of TFCP Website. (Recurring bi-annually)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report to CBC SC3 on maintenance activities on TFCP Website. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launch of website behind schedule, currently undergoing final QA review before going live. Work in QA review under maintenance activity. Biannual report to the CBC SC on maintenance activities due by the end of June 2026.
	3. Dissemination of systematised experiences in citizen participation and/or civil society engagement in the work of SAls.	3.1 Endorsement version of “Guide on Citizen Participation and Civil Society Engagement in The Work of SAl’s” (Nov. 2026)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Endorsement draft submitted to CBC SC. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reformatting of document in progress to send it out for comments to members along with Survey to decide QA level for non-IFPP documents to be applied.
		3.2 Contribution of articles to the INTOSAI Journal. (Recurring annually)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 article contributed to the INTOSAI Journal per calendar year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pending contribution of article over the course of the calendar year 2026.
		3.3 Produce Newsletters. (Recurring annually)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 newsletter produced every calendar year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st issue of TFCP newsletter corresponding to calendar year 2026 will come out in second semester.

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		3.4 Promotion of CP&CSE/news items on CBC social media accounts (Once per quarter)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CP&CSE materials / news items published on CBC social account. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promotion of CP&CSE/news items on CBC social media account for T1 behind schedule. This will be offset by two items in T2.
2.1 Promote, facilitate and implement INTOSAI-wide initiatives in support of SAI capacity development needs.	4. Undertake INTOSAI-wide capacity building activities in citizen participation and/or civil society engagement in support of SAI Capacity Development.	4.1 Final validation and approval of materials developed for self-instructional online course on citizen participation and civil society engagement. (June 2026)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Course materials validated. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Due to delays in translation of materials, they will be sent out to members for validation in the last week of May, 2026. Final validation and approval expected for July 2026.
		4.2 Pilot edition of self-instructional online course on citizen participation and civil society engagement. (Dec. 2026)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pilot edition of the course delivered Number of registered participants for pilot. Feedback received from participants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start pending.
		4.3 Update of materials for self-instructional online course on citizen participation and civil society engagement based on pilot edition feedback (March 2027)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated course materials. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start pending.
		4.4 Self-instructional online course on citizen participation and civil society engagement. (Recurring annually in 2027 and 2028)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 edition of the course per calendar year. Number of registered participants per edition of the course. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start pending.
		4.5 Organizing capacity building events, in-person or online according to availability of resources. (Recurring annually)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 capacity building events per calendar year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online event “<i>Capacity Building for an Effective Civil Society and Citizen Engagement</i>”, held on 01.APR.2026. organized by SAI Italy, leader of “Capacity Building on Non-SAI Stakeholder Engagement” project group of EUROSAL Portfolio on Relations with non-SAI stakeholders, together with Chair of the INTOSAI TFCP. Support provided to the planning of “<i>XI EUROSAL-OLACEFS Joint Conference</i>” (23-25, Sep. hosted by SAI Portugal)

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional TFCP webinar in early planning stages for second semester 2026.





Explanatory narrative

Initiative 1.1.- Given that 2026 would be the year in which the INTOSAI Global Survey would be conducted, and upon learning that this activity would take place during the first half of the year, it was deemed appropriate, as an exception, and for this year only, that the order of Surveys A and B be reversed, so that INTOSAI SAIs would receive the TFCP questionnaire during a period when their teams assigned to the Global Survey were still in place, considering that this could generate synergies for them.

Initiative 1.3.- It was originally planned to begin the coordination process for the inclusion of the questions in the **2026 INTOSAI Global Survey** during the first quarter of 2026, taking as a reference the date on which the **2023 INTOSAI Global Survey** was sent out to INTOSAI SAIs, which was mid-July 2023. However, unforeseen circumstances prevented the TFCP Chair from contacting IDI to make the necessary arrangements during January and February 2026, meaning that the TFCP Chair was unable to be made aware in a timely manner that the questionnaire for the **2026 INTOSAI Global Survey** would be sent out in February.

A further factor that complicated the implementation of the initiative was an issue with the TFCP Chair’s institutional firewall, which operated in an excessively cautious manner, intercepting numerous legitimate communications, including those relating to the **2026 INTOSAI Global Survey**. The Chair was not made aware of the existence of this technical issue until after the **2026 INTOSAI Global Survey** had already been sent out, rendering the implementation of the initiative unfeasible. As the INTOSAI Global Survey is conducted every three years, it will no longer be possible to implement the initiative within the timeframe of the current work plan; therefore, the following revision of the plan is proposed:

	Initiatives (timed)	Indicators
Current workplan initiative	1.3 In collaboration with IDI (administrators of INTOSAI Global Survey) to include a few high-level questions about CP&CSE in the 3-yearly INTOSAI Global Survey.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions included in the INTOSAI Global Survey.
Proposed revision	1.3 Survey with high level questions about state of CP&CSE in the work of SAIs (Recurring annually)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey results.

<i>Key to progress indicator colours</i>	
	Initiatives / projects on schedule
	Initiatives / projects behind schedule
	Serious difficulties being experienced
	Initiatives / projects completed