



**INTOSAI
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Professional
Standards
Committee

17th PSC Steering Committee Meeting

Agenda item 4: Network of INTOSAI standards liaison officers

Background

At its meeting in 2019, the PSC-SC noted that the implementation and maintenance of the ISSAIs and INTOSAI products is an INTOSAI-wide task that involves contributions from all levels: global, regional, and individual SAI.

The steering committee resolved to improve communication on standards and on related issues by establishing a network of INTOSAI standards liaison officers (ISLO).

The ISLOs would be nominated by those SAIs that wish to take part, as well as by the various committees, structures and specialised bodies. The ISLO network would provide a method and focus for receiving feedback at INTOSAI level, but also for targeted communication on standards issues back into the community, dialogue around the standard-setting process, and the application of the framework in practice.

The network

The PSC contacted all Heads of SAIs, INTOSAI Committees, Working Groups, Subcommittees and INTOSAI Regional Working Groups asking them to nominate someone to act as the INTOSAI standards liaison officer. Within SAIs we recommended that the ISLO be an experienced member of staff or management, either working in the methodology field or having a keen interest and knowledge about the issues involved. In total, we received 49 positive responses from SAIs.

Our communications

We have shared a number of communications with the ISLO network. There were a number of exchanges on substantial matters, ranging from discussions on component 1 of the PSC's Strategic Development Plan (SDP) 2020-2022, on the reasons why the ISAs were no longer included on the www.issai.org website and on translating the International Standards of Supreme Audit Institutions. There were also a number of items for consultation and action such as the invitation to participate in the survey on fraud, corruption and other irregularities as well as announcing the annual call for expression of interest for the FIPP.

Next steps

Based on the limited experience to date, we are happy that the ISLO network has thus far created a single point of contact in SAIs, and INTOSAI working groups and bodies; has eased quick and easy communication at bilateral and multilateral levels; and has been a major step towards the promotion of two-way communication and dialogue amongst INTOSAI entities.

There are still many SAIs and INTOSAI entities which are not part of the network, and we will continue our efforts to encourage them to participate.