

ANNUAL REPORT OF FIPP ACTIVITIES, 2017-18

This report is addressed to the PSC Steering Committee (PSC-SC) as the body responsible for the governance of FIPP.

INTRODUCTION

In the last meeting of PSC- SC held in June 2017, FIPP had made a presentation of its activities during 2016-17, which mainly included:

Reporting on the outcomes of FIPP’s third and fourth meetings: FIPP’s work during the third meeting resulted in the formal IFPP package which was endorsed by the INCOSAI 2016 and the SDP 2017-19 including the classification principles for IFPP pronouncements, numbering convention and migration plan for migrating the ISSAIs into the IFPP framework. FIPP’s work during the fourth meeting and beyond resulted in the allocation of FIPP liaison officers to SDP projects in order to maintain a continuous communication channel between FIPP and project groups. FIPP also provided Goal Chairs with recommendation on setting up of the project groups by classifying the projects as Model A or B or C based on the nature and scope of individual SDP projects;

Communication of documents developed by FIPP: FIPP developed two public documents, namely, Drafting Conventions for GUIDs and Frequently Asked Questions on IFPP and FIPP. FIPP developed the template for receiving SDP project proposals and an approval template for the same. FIPP also initiated work on its internal working procedures;

FIPP Chair’s communication with the Goal Chairs regarding progress of the SDP implementation and recommendation on revision of the SDP based on proposals received.

FIPP activities during 2017-18 have been summarised in the paragraphs below. The Goal Chairs were kept informed of all these developments via specific communication from FIPP Chair from time to time.

MAIN ACTIVITIES DURING 2017-18

1. **FIPP MEETINGS:** FIPP has held three meetings since its last report to the PSC Steering Committee. Results achieved at the end of each of these meetings is briefly described below.
 - i. **Fifth Meeting of FIPP, July 2017:** FIPP undertook a detailed review of the implementation of the current SDP in full conformity with the recommendations issued by the PSC-SC. This included tele-conference exchanges with a number of key players in SDP implementation within the INTOSAI community.

FIPP took note of the recommendations of the PSC-SC on the SDP revision, and provided a status report on the implementation of SDP as well as its recommendations on the amendment to the SDP 2017-19 to the PSC-SC for submission and endorsement by the INTOSAI Governing Board (GB).

Reference documents:

- I. FIPP Chair's letter of 25 August 2017 addressed to the PSC Chair and FIPP's Report on the implementation of INTOSAI strategic development plan (SDP) 2017-19.
 - II. Record note of fifth meeting of FIPP.
- ii. **Sixth Meeting of FIPP, Nov 2017:** In its sixth meeting FIPP initiated the work on the planning process for the next SDP and developed a draft roadmap for the planning process. FIPP worked further on the basic numbering principles for the IFPP by refining the numbering schema which would assist the PSC Secretariat to begin the renumbering and relabelling exercise for migrating the ISSAI documents into IFPP framework. FIPP's review of current SDP projects highlighted the need for better communication and support from the Goal Chairs as well as the need for a continuous technical support function for FIPP to allow FIPP's work to be carried on in between meetings. FIPP's preliminary inputs on the planning process for the next SDP and some challenges faced in the implementation of the current SDP were communicated in a letter to the Goal Chairs followed by a skype meeting with the staff officers of the Goal Chairs.

Reference documents:

- I. FIPP Chair's letter of 5 February 2018 addressed to the Goal Chairs.
 - II. Record note of sixth meeting of FIPP.
- iii. **Seventh Meeting of FIPP, March 2018:** FIPP carried out review of the SDP projects which were under development, and projects yet to be started and carried out a mapping exercise of pronouncements expected to be ready for endorsement for the next INCOSAI. This resulted in the report on the Status of the expected results of the SDP 2017-19. FIPP also worked extensively on finalising its inputs for the next SDP planning process. Paragraphs 2 and 3 below provide further details.

Reference document: Minutes of seventh FIPP meeting.

2. **IMPLEMENTATION OF SDP 2017-19:** To launch a project in the SDP, the relevant project group (a subcommittee of PSC or a working group of KSC or any other project group led by an individual SAI) needs to provide a project proposal in the prescribed template to the FIPP for its review in line with the due process. During the course of 2017-18, FIPP liaison officers interacted extensively with the project groups and in some cases provided the project groups with a written scoping paper for helping the groups to develop their proposals. FIPP took lead in setting up preliminary groups for some projects classified as Model C projects to study the scope of the proposed pronouncements as the scope was not clear to begin with.

Information on the SDP project documents has been shared with the PSC secretariat in the template provided by them.



Based on the project approvals by FIPP and the planned timeline of each project, FIPP carried out a mapping exercise to determine the planned outcome of the SDP 2017-19. According to the mapping of the timelines it is expected that eleven out of twenty four SDP projects under Priority 1, 2 and 3 could be completed by 2019. The actual achievement however will depend on the timeliness of the outputs produced by the project groups and requirements of quality review by FIPP as per the due process. Out of the remaining projects, eleven SDP projects did not result in SDP project proposals as of March 2018, and in two projects (2.7 and 2.10 which are Model C Projects), preliminary groups have recommended three pronouncements for future development.

Reference document: Status Report SDP 2017-18- FIPP's Review March 2018

3. **FIPP INPUTS ON PLANNING PROCESS OF NEXT SDP:** Prior to its seventh meeting, FIPP carried out an exhaustive document scan of the existing INTOSAI documents and other relevant international documents to identify possible focus areas for development of further pronouncements for the SDP. FIPP recommended specific action points to the PSC-SC for the planning process for drawing up the next SDP and provided a roadmap and timelines for each of the four stages of the development process culminating in the new SDP document being ready for the endorsement of the GB by September 2019.

Reference document: FIPP Chair's letter of 5 May 2018 addressed to the Goal Chairs.

4. **DEVELOPEMENT OF FIPP DOCUMENTS:** During 2017-18, FIPP came out with further two documents for the IFPP and standard setting which are available for public use:
 - i. Renumbering and relabeling of pre-existing ISSAIs and INTOSAI GOVs into the IFPP.
 - ii. Drafting conventions for 'Application Material' within the ISSAIs.

Reference documents:

- I. FIPP document of renumbering and relabeling
- II. Drafting Conventions for Application Material within ISSAIs

5. OTHER ISSUES

- i. FIPP Terms of Reference (ToR): FIPP accepts the proposal to amend the FIPP's ToR to
 - (a) Enhance the membership from 15 to 16
 - (b) Modify the required qualifications of members/Chair
 - (c) Amend the provision of consultation with outgoing Chair on appointment of new Chair, and
 - (d) Amend provisions regarding responsibility of FIPP in interpretation of standards.
- ii. FIPP's Working Procedures: An advance version of FIPP working procedures draft has been prepared, and the same is likely to get finalised during the next FIPP meeting in August 2018. Please refer to the FIPP meeting minutes of its 7th meeting.



- iii. Technical Support Function (TSF): The Goal Chairs have appreciated FIPP's need for technical support and have suggested that since it's a challenging and time taking process, FIPP members may be encouraged to find resources through their own SAI. The Goal Chairs have also offered to take on additional responsibilities in the next SDP planning process. FIPP looks forward to a long term and regular arrangement for technical support and proposes to provide a paper on the expected roles and responsibility of TSF for FIPP.
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