INTOSAI
Working Group
on Environmental
Auditing

Research Projects and Guidelines

Agenda Item Overview

The aim of the agenda item is to review the progress and approve a) the project drafts, b) timeline, and c) the communication plans.

Timeline for the research projects and guidelines[1]:

First draft for sub-committee and secretariat for comments	**beginning of April 2012**
Second draft for SC comments	**end of May 2012**
Environmental data	March 19
Deadline for sending comments	**end of August 2012**
Environmental data	Apr 9
12th Steering Committee meeting, review of the projects	**October 2012**
Final draft of the Project to the secretariat	**end of October 2012**
Editing	**December – March 2013**
Layout	**April – May 2013**
Approval of the projects	**March – April 2013**
15th WGEA meeting, Tallinn, Estonia	**June 2013**

12th Steering Committee meeting, approval of the projects (October 2012)

1 hour is dedicated for the presentation and discussions of each paper.
- The project leaders will present activities and changes based on the comments received before the SC12.
- Each project leader is also expected to present a communication plan of one's research paper/guideline (see Annex 1).
- Steering committee members are asked to provide their additional comments on the paper and their approval/not approval of the document. SC members are also asked to share their possible contributions to the communication plan.

Final draft of the Project to the secretariat (end of October 2012)

The Secretariat urges project leaders to submit the final drafts by the end of October to allow necessary time for editing and layout.

Editing

Language editing will be done for all papers produced by the SAIs where English is not official language. Editing is done by the SAI of New Zealand.

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[1] Environmental Data project has an accelerated timeline

Layout

The Secretariat takes the responsibility for preparing layout of the papers similarly to previous work period. All prepared papers will be made available on WGEA website under password.

Approval of the papers (March-April 2013)

WGEA member SAIs adopt the guides/research papers.

15th WGEA meeting, Tallinn, Estonia (June 2013)

All papers will be published on WGEA website prior to the meeting. Project leaders are expected to lead sessions for introducing their papers at the WG15.

Enclosure

Draft reports and guidance materials of the following projects:
- Land use/land management practices in environmental perspective (Morocco)
- Environmental data (Canada/USA)
- Environment and sustainability reporting (Finland)
- Environmental issues associated with infrastructure (UK)
- Wildlife conservation and tourism (Lesotho)
- Water (USA)
- Fraud and corruption (Norway)

Template for a communication plan

Target group	Channel	Activity	Commitment
Target groups in INTOSAI			
Target groups outside INTOSAI			