Expand tools to keep water and waste alive

Project Objective:

Both water management and waste management has earlier been adopted by the WGEA as central themes. During the work plan period 2002 - 2004 The Netherlands and Norway produced guidance papers for water and waste respectively.

The objective of this project is to identify appropriate ways to promote the ongoing exchange of experiences between SAIs on water and waste audits, and to actively encourage and support audits in the areas of water management and waste management.

Project Scope:

Tools to be developed are:

1. Web pages: Provide information on web pages as a staring point when auditing water and waste management.

2. Include sessions on water and waste at upcoming INTOSAI WGEA workshops.

Planned Methodology and Participants:

1. Web pages
There is a lot of valuable information on waste and water available on the web site of the WGEA and elsewhere on the Internet. But currently there is no single place on the WGEA web site where an auditor can see the complete inventory of materials available on waste and water. Two new sub-sections of the web site will be created to make the information on these focus areas more easily accessible. The sub-sections will be called "Focus on Waste" and "Focus on Water".

The "Focus on waste" and "Focus on Water" pages may for example contain:

- Electronic versions of the water and waste papers
- Links to environmental audit reports on waste and water
- Links to websites on international agreements
- Links to international organizations' sites
- Links to interesting pages on waste or water respectively, for example the UN water portal, web pages with environmental indicators, etc.

How will the work be undertaken?
- Make a rough outline of categories to be included on the web pages
- Review and gather information on the Internet and from the 5th survey
- Produce an electronic version of the papers on waste and water by adding links
- Make information on waste and water audits accessible. We will use the information gathered by the WGEA surveys.
- Gather web addresses and make links to relevant websites

The Netherlands and Norway will be the editors of the web page, and are responsible for determining what content should be included in each of the focus areas, when content should

be added, or updated, how the content should be advertised and promoted, and when and if the content should be archived and removed. The web page will be updated twice a year.

SAIs that have finalized audit reports on water or waste management in 2002 or later, are expected to provide a summary of these audits if not yet on the WGEAs web site.
Some SAIs will be asked to test how the "Focus on Waste" and "Focus on Water" function.

Support from the Canadian Secretariat:
- To supply the layout and design standards for the web page
- To add the content on water and waste to the web site
- To maintain the pages (technically), for example replace links when they move to another page, and add new information when available.
- To gather information on new audits on waste and water via the 5th WGEA survey.
- To provide Netherlands and Norway with an inventory of the present information on water and waste on the WGEAs website.

2. Workshop sessions

This tool will be to arrange one workshop session on waste and one on water at a working group meeting. The aim is to share more recent experiences in conducting audits in these fields (after the guidance papers were produced). The papers were published in 2004, so we propose to have the workshops sessions in combination with the 11th meeting of the INTOSAI WGEA in 2007. To keep waste and water really 'alive', these themes should return frequently in future meetings (for example once every three meetings).

SAIs will be invited to prepare papers of their audit work on water and/ or waste and give presentations during the seminar.

Support from the Canadian Secretariat:
- Organizational set-up similar to other WGEA workshops.
- Place presentations or papers on the WGEA website afterwards.

Communication:
To promote an active use, SAIs will have to be actively informed on the availability of the sub-sections called "Focus on Waste" and "Focus on Water". Integration in the regular communication instruments of the Working group (like Greenlines, letters and the main web page) and the communication plan would be a good way to achieve this.

Possible Final Output:
1. Develop one web page on waste and one on water at the INTOSAI WGEAs site by the end of 2005.

2. Workshop sessions on waste and water at 11th WGEA meeting.

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Timeline and Key Milestones:

Stage	Action: Web page	Date
1.	Project Work Plan to Canadian Secretariat	December 2004
2.	Receive comments from other project leaders	January 2005
3.	Revised project plan to Canadian Secretariat	February 2005
4.	**4th Steering Committee meeting, Prague, review and approve work plan**	7 April 2005
5.	Final versions of the Project Work Plans	30 April 2005
6.	Make an inventory of present information on WGEAs website, make outline of categories to be included, prepare contents of waste and water and place it on the web pages	June – December 2005
7.	**10th WGEA meeting, Present the tools to keep waste and water alive**	October 2005
8.	Some SAIs to test the "Focus on Waste" and ""Focus on Water"	January – February 2006
9.	**5th Steering Committee meeting, Present the web pages**	Spring 2006
10.	Collect examples of water and waste management via the 5th survey	2006
11.	Update the sub-sections on waste and water	2006 and at least twice a year

Stage	Action: Workshop session	Date
1.	**6h Steering committee meeting,** Discuss the proposal to arrange a workshops on waste and water at the 11th meeting of INTOSAI WGEA	2006/ 2007
2.	Call for papers	Spring 2007
3.	**11th meeting of INTOSAI WGEA**, Workshops on waste and water	June 2007