

# **AFROSAI-E: Regional Coordinator of the INTOSAI Working Group on Environmental auditing**

## **Project Objective:**

Encourage regions to design and carry out a regional cooperative audit in each AFROSAI-E region. Regional coordinator and member SAIs to identify and pursue topics of common interest, select the audit coordinator, and define the precise scope and form of cooperation.

## **Project Scope:**

Project scope not yet determined and/or finalised, but possible subtopics are

- Water;
- Air pollution
- Mining.
- Fisheries

## **The subcommittee**

The sub-committee will be selected from interesting countries who are members of the following AFROSAI subgroups:

- AFROSAI-A
- AFROSAI-E
- AFROSAI-F

The sub-committee members will be invited to assist in determining the direction of the regional WGEA. They will be asked to review and comment on draft documents. Sub-committee members will be asked to contribute to the writing of guidance papers, where such need is identified.

## **INTOSAI**

The WGEA secretariat will be contacted when needed.

## **Communication:**

### Communication with the sub-committee:

- AFROSAI RWGEA meeting in Tanzania, June 2007.
- AFROSAI-E Technical Update in South Africa, November 2007.
- AFROSAI RWGEA meeting in South Africa, September 2008.
- Training course on Biodiversity in South Africa, September 2008.
- AFROSAI-E Technical Update in South Africa, November 2008.

## **Possible Final Output:**

### **Temporary output:**

- A rough first draft Strategic plan for the AFROSAI-E region by October 2008.
  - Identify topics of common interest.
  - Select the audit coordinator.
  - Define the precise scope of cooperation.

- Encourage SAI's in region to design and carry out a regional cooperative audit.

**Final output:**

- The final strategic plan for the region will be available on the INTOSAI WGEA website in January 2009.
- Paragraphs on regional environmental audit activities in the AFROSAI –E Secretariat Annual Activity Report (2009).
- Helpline function for the region.
- Website newsletter, using AFROSAI-E Secretariat facilities.
- SAIs in region to contribute to the Greenlines newsletter. AFROSAI Secretariat to facilitate.
- First regional cooperative audit in 2009.

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**Timeline and Key Milestones:**

| Stage | Action  | Date  |
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| 1     | AFROSAI Regional meeting held in Arusha, Tanzania – discussion points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ What do regional members want?</li> <li>○ What do regional members expect of regional members?</li> <li>○ How should the regions and the IWGEA work together?</li> <li>○ What do regional members expect of the IWGEA and Chair?</li> <li>○ How do regions support the IWGEA and Chair?</li> </ul> (Minutes of meetings submitted to Chair of IWGEA). | 27 June 2007  |
| 2     | AFROSAI-E: Technical update, Durban, South Africa - EA* Presentation, EA* audit procedures, inputs from delegates on EA*  | 26 - 28 November 2007<br>Specifically on 28/11/07<br>(1.50 hrs) |

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|    | <p>strategic thinking, etc).</p> <p>The Sixteen participating SAI's were:<br/>Swaziland, Rwanda, Kenya, Lesotho, Sierra Leone, Malawi, Gambia, Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Liberia, Mozambique, Namibia, Uganda, Zambia, Ghana and Eritrea</p> <p>*EA= Environmental auditing</p>   |                     |
| 3  | Meeting between AFROSAI-E and SAI of Tanzania and SAI of Botswana on fisheries and minerals and mining project. Pretoria, South Africa  | 21 February 2008    |
| 4  | Final Draft of Project Plan to Estonian Secretariat   | 17 Mar 2008         |
| 5  | Receive comments from Steering Committee  | Apr 2008            |
| 6  | <b>7<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee meeting, Tallinn, Estonia, review and approve Project Plan</b>   | 6-9 May 2008        |
| 7  | Final version of the Project Plan   | 30 May 2008         |
|    | <p><b>AFROSAI RWGEA meeting - Pretoria, South Africa:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Identify topics of common interest.</li> <li>○ Select the audit coordinator.</li> <li>○ Define the precise scope of cooperation.</li> <li>○ Encourage SAI's in region to design and carry out a regional cooperative audit.</li> <li>○ Possible first training course on biodiversity</li> </ul> | 29/9 – 3/10/2008    |
| 8  | <b>AFROSAI-E Technical update – South Africa.</b>   | November 2008.      |
| 9  | <b>12<sup>th</sup> WGEA, Doha, Qatar</b> - Present regional strategic plan.   | January 2009        |
| 10 | AFROSAI RWGEA Meeting   | April 2009.         |
| 11 | First regional cooperative audit (Possible topics – water, air pollution, mining, fisheries).   | June/July 2009.     |
| 12 | Progress of the cooperative audit to the Estonia Secretariat  | October 2009        |
| 13 | <b>8<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee meeting – Present audit report</b>   | December 2009       |
| 14 | AFROSAI RWGEA Meeting   | March 2010          |
| 15 | <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> regional cooperative audit (Possible topics – water, air pollution, mining, fisheries).   | May/June 2010       |
| 16 | <b>13<sup>th</sup> WGEA meeting</b> –progress report to meeting on 2 <sup>nd</sup> regional cooperative audit.  | June 2010           |
| 17 | <b>INCSOAI XX</b>   | 15-20 November 2010 |
| 18 | AFROSAI RWGEA Meeting   | April 2011          |



| <b>AFROSAI Regional Cooperative Audit</b>   |                  |
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| <b>Comments on the project plan</b>   | <b>Country</b>   |
| <p>We were not expecting a PWP for regional efforts but are glad to see this nonetheless. We applaud the aim and deliberateness of the plan and have no substantive comments to make. The proposed timeline – including provision for meetings on other projects - strikes us as being a tad ambitious but believe this is an issue for the region to consider.</p>   | <b>Canada</b>    |
| <p>We propose to add possible sub topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Biodiversity</li> <li>b. Forestry</li> <li>c. Climate Change</li> </ul>   | <b>Indonesia</b> |
| <p>Not all is clear for us. We do not understand whether you wish to initiate cooperative audit in AFROSAI-E region or you wish to do it in each AFROSAI regions that means in AFROSAI-A, AFROSAI-F and AFROSAI-E regions. It is not clear for us because:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) title of the project is “RWGEA AFROSAI-E: Regional cooperative audit “ which could mean that you wish to focus only on AFROSAI-E;</li> <li>2) the project objective is described as following : “to design and carry out a regional cooperative audit in each AFROSAI-E region” We do not know what you mean by “each AFROSAI-E region” (may be there is a mistake and instead of each AFROSAI-E region should be written “each AFROSAI region”);</li> <li>3) you suggest to select members of the sub-committee out of the interested SAIs – members of AFROSAI-E, AFROSAI-A and AFROSAI-F. If you plan to design cooperative audit only in AFROSAI-E region what is the purpose for selection of sub-committee members also out of the SAIs – members of AFROSAI-A and AFROSAI-F.</li> </ol> <p>Temporary output of the project is to be a draft Strategic plan for the AFROSAI-E region, not for the whole AFROSAI, so we understand that you wish to initiate cooperative audit only in AFROSAI-E.</p> | <b>Poland</b>    |