

Report of ASOSAI Working Group on Environmental Auditing

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I . The 3rd survey on environmental auditing within ASOSAI community

- Reply received from 27 SAIs.
- Cooperative audit attracted more attention.
- have adequate knowledge about cooperative EA but Lack of experience, only SAIs of China, Indonesia, Korea and Malaysia have conducted.
- Parallel audit is more suitable, the challenges of language and technology are faced to conduct cooperative EA.

II . The 2011-2013 Work Plan of ASOSAI WGEA

Basis: the 2011-2013 Work Plan of INTOSAI WGEA and the 2011-2015 Strategic Plan of ASOSAI.

Contents includes :

- development of ASOSAI WGEA and its routine work .
- enhancing the dissemination and exchange of information and experience on environmental auditing.
- facilitating cooperation and collaboration on environmental auditing.

III. The Trans-regional Program on Performance Audit of Environmental Issues in Forestry

- The IDI/WGEA Trans-regional capacity building Program on Performance Audit of Environmental Issues in Forestry (2010-2012) was launched in July 2010 .
- 7 Asian countries participated, namely Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Nepal and Thailand.
- “Online Training” (Phase I), a 12-days training in Indonesia (Phase II), pilot audit (Phase III) and Audit Review Meeting in Tanzania (Phase IV) are all finished.

IV. The Seminar on Environmental Auditing between SAI Russia and China

- held in Russia in September 2010 as part of the regular work mechanism established between the two SAIs in 2006.
- discussed a wide range of topics, such as the measures on environmental protection and their corresponding effects, audits of resources and environmental issues.
- explored the possibility of cooperative environmental audits between two SAIs and reached consensus on future cooperation in joint environmental audits.

V. Participate The EUROSAI WGEA Meeting

CNAO as Chair of ASOSAI WGEA sent participants to the 8th and 9th Meeting of EUROSAI WGEA in 2010 and 2011.

The attendance of such meetings have further enriched our understanding about the activities of EUROSAI WGEA and enhanced our relations and communication with other regional working groups.

The working plan of ASOSAI WGEA for 2012

- Prepare for the 3rd Meeting and Seminar of ASOSAI WGEA.
- Officially begin the cooperative EA project between SAI China and Russia.
- the Cooperative Environmental Audit on The Mekong River Basin Management.

I . Prepare for the 3rd Meeting and Seminar of ASOSAI WGEA.

- To be hosted by SAI-Malaysia in 2012.
- The time will be decided after consulting with the host SAI.
- The most interested themes are EA in Water issues and cooperative audit .

II . Officially begin the cooperative EA project between SAI China and Russia

- Part of the Program of Cooperation for the period 2011-2013 between the two SAIs.
- The form is parallel audit and will be conducted in 2012 .
- The theme is Environmental Protection and Maintenance of Biodiversity in the catchment area of Heilongjiang River (Which is also called Amur River by Russia).

III. the Cooperative Environmental Audit on The Mekong River Basin Management.

- This project is facilitated by the German International Cooperation (GIZ) and the Asian Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (ASOSAI).
- The proposal budget has been submitted to the GIZ and the financial confirmation will be made shortly.

III. the Cooperative Environmental Audit on The Mekong River Basin Management.

- The cooperative audit will be carried out in the form of Parallel Audit.
- The project is to conduct cooperative environment audit on water issue focusing on Mekong River Basin Management among SAIs of the countries located along Mekong River.
- SAI Thailand is the team leader.

Thank you!