



22nd INTOSAI WGEA ASSEMBLY ROVANIEMI 2024

Auditing the Arctic



Tentative Agenda

Monday 22 January: Environmental Change and Indigenous Knowledge

Venue: Hotel Santa Claus, Kirnu, 2nd floor

10:00–11:00 Opening Session

Sami Yläoutinen, Auditor General of NAO Finland, Chair of INTOSAI WGEA
Petteri Vuorimäki, Ambassador for Arctic Affairs, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland
Representative of Sámi Parliament
Eeva Primmer, Research Director of the Finnish Environment Institute
Hannu Takkula, Member of the European Court of Auditors

Moderator: **Vivi Niemenmaa**, Secretary General of INTOSAI WGEA

11:00–11:30 Group Picture and Coffee

11:30–13:00 Arctic Environmental Change

Cold Climate Facts | **Petteri Taalas**, Secretary-General of World Meteorological Organization (until Dec 2023), Director General of the Finnish Meteorological Institute

Impacts of Climate Change in Arctic Environment | **Leena Ylä-Mononen**, Executive Director of European Environmental Agency

Changing Geopolitics in the Arctic | **Sanna Kopra**, Senior Fellow of the Arctic Institute

Panel Discussion on Building blocks for sustainable environmental governance in the Arctic | The speakers & **Jerry DeMarco**, Commissioner of SAI Canada, & **Michael Sørensen**, Senior Consultant of SAI Denmark

Moderator: **Tuula Varis**, Principal Performance Auditor of SAI Finland

13:00–14:30 Lunch

14:30–16:00 Indigenous Knowledge

Indigenous knowledge in the UN Convention on Biological Diversity | **Olivier Rukundo**, Head of Peoples and Biodiversity Unit, Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (video)

Research on indigenous knowledge | **Florian Stammer**, Research Professor of the Arctic Centre, University of Lapland

Keynote speeches of Samí indigenous knowledge holders and other indigenous representatives

Panel discussion

Moderator: **Claudia Migotto**, Assistant Auditor-General, Audit Office of New South Wales, Australia

16:00–16:30	Coffee
16:30–18:00	<p>Indigenous Knowledge: Audit Cases and SAI Practices</p> <p>Maori Perspectives on Public Accountability John Ryan, Auditor General of SAI New Zealand (video)</p> <p>NSW audit office approach to First Nations Carla Ware, First Nations Performance Audit Team Leader, Audit Office of New South Wales, Australia</p> <p>GAO Work Native American Issues Mark Gaffigan, Executive Director of SAI USA</p> <p>Auditing Social Forestry Program: Applying Indigenous Knowledge in Forest Management to Achieve Sustainable Development SAI Indonesia</p> <p>Rural communities’ Traditional knowledge to deal with the Environment in Arab Republic of Egypt SAI Egypt</p> <p>Moderator: Pekka Salminen, Principal Performance Auditor of SAI Finland</p>
19:00–20:30	<p>Reception hosted by City of Rovaniemi</p> <p>Venue: Arktikum</p> <p>Welcome speeches City of Rovaniemi and Johanna Ikävalko, Director of Arctic Centre, University of Lapland</p> <p>Visit to the exhibitions</p>

Tuesday 23 January: Workshops / INTOSAI Donor Cooperation Training

Venue: Hotel Santa Claus, -1st floor (the basement)

09:00–10:30	<p>Parallel Sessions: Work Plan Projects and Other Workshops</p> <p>Green Fiscal Policy tools European Court of Auditors and SAI USA in collaboration with UNEP Green Fiscal Policy Network experts</p> <p>Nexus Area: Climate and Biodiversity SAI Canada</p> <p>Environmental Accounting SAI UK</p> <p>Sustainability Reporting SAI Thailand & SAI Indonesia in collaboration with Katharina Bryan, Senior Manager of Sustainability Reporting and ESG, Amazon & Alex Metcalfe, Head of Public Sector, ACCA</p> <p>Long-term approach in auditing WGEA Secretariat</p>	INTOSAI Donor Cooperation Workshop
10:30–11:00	Coffee	
11:00–12:30	Parallel Sessions (cont.)	INTOSAI Donor Cooperation Workshop (cont.)
12:30–14:00	Lunch	

14:00–15:30	Parallel Sessions (cont.)	INTOSAI Donor Cooperation Workshop (cont.)
15:30–16:00	Coffee	

Venue: Hotel Santa Claus, Meeting Room Kirnu, 2nd floor

16:00–17:30	<p>Keynote speech: Value for environmental spending Simon Upton, Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment, New Zealand (tbc)</p> <p>Panel Discussion with Workshop leaders</p>	
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Wednesday 24 January: WGEA Assembly Business Meeting

Venue: Hotel Santa Claus

08:30–10:30	<p>WGEA Assembly Business Meeting</p> <p>Venue: Kirnu, 2nd floor</p> <p>Progress Report WGEA Secretariat</p> <p>Training projects iCED training activities SAI India MOOCs SAI Estonia</p> <p>Panel Discussion on Collaborative Projects ClimateScanner SAI Brazil Climate Change Adaptation Actions IDI P2P project and donor funding project INTOSAI Donor Cooperation</p>	<p>INTOSAI Donor Cooperation Workshop</p> <p>Venue: -1st floor (the basement)</p>
10:30–11:00	Coffee	
11:00–13:00	<p>Panel Discussion with Regional Leaders SAI Brazil, SAI China, SAI Morocco, SAI Nigeria, SAI Poland</p> <p>Adoption of Rovaniemi WGEA Assembly Recommendations</p> <p>WGEA Award Ceremony</p> <p>Closing of Assembly</p>	<p>INTOSAI Donor Cooperation Workshop (cont.)</p>
13:00–14:30	Lunch	
14:30–15:00	Preparing for the Environmental Field Trip	
15:00–18:00	Environmental Field Trip: “Impacts of the climate change in reindeer farming”	
18:00–21:00	Dinner hosted by National Audit Office of Finland	

Thursday 25 January: Additional Programme / INTOSAI Donor Cooperation Workshop

Venue: Hotel Santa Claus, -1st floor (the basement)

09:00–10:30	INTOSAI WGEA Steering Committee additional meeting	INTOSAI Donor Cooperation Workshop
10:30–11:00	Coffee	
11:00–12:30	INTOSAI WGEA Steering Committee additional meeting (cont.)	INTOSAI Donor Cooperation Workshop (cont.)
12:30–13:30	Lunch	
13:30–16:00	Additional project group meetings Nexus project group meeting led by SAI Canada	