



INTOSAI  
Working Group  
on Environmental  
Auditing

# What's up in the INTOSAI WGEA

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7th meeting of the EUROSAI WGEA

6-8 October in Sofia, Bulgaria

# Outline

- Organisation and membership status
- Status of the 2008-10 work plan actions
- Other current and past activities
- Next Work Plan

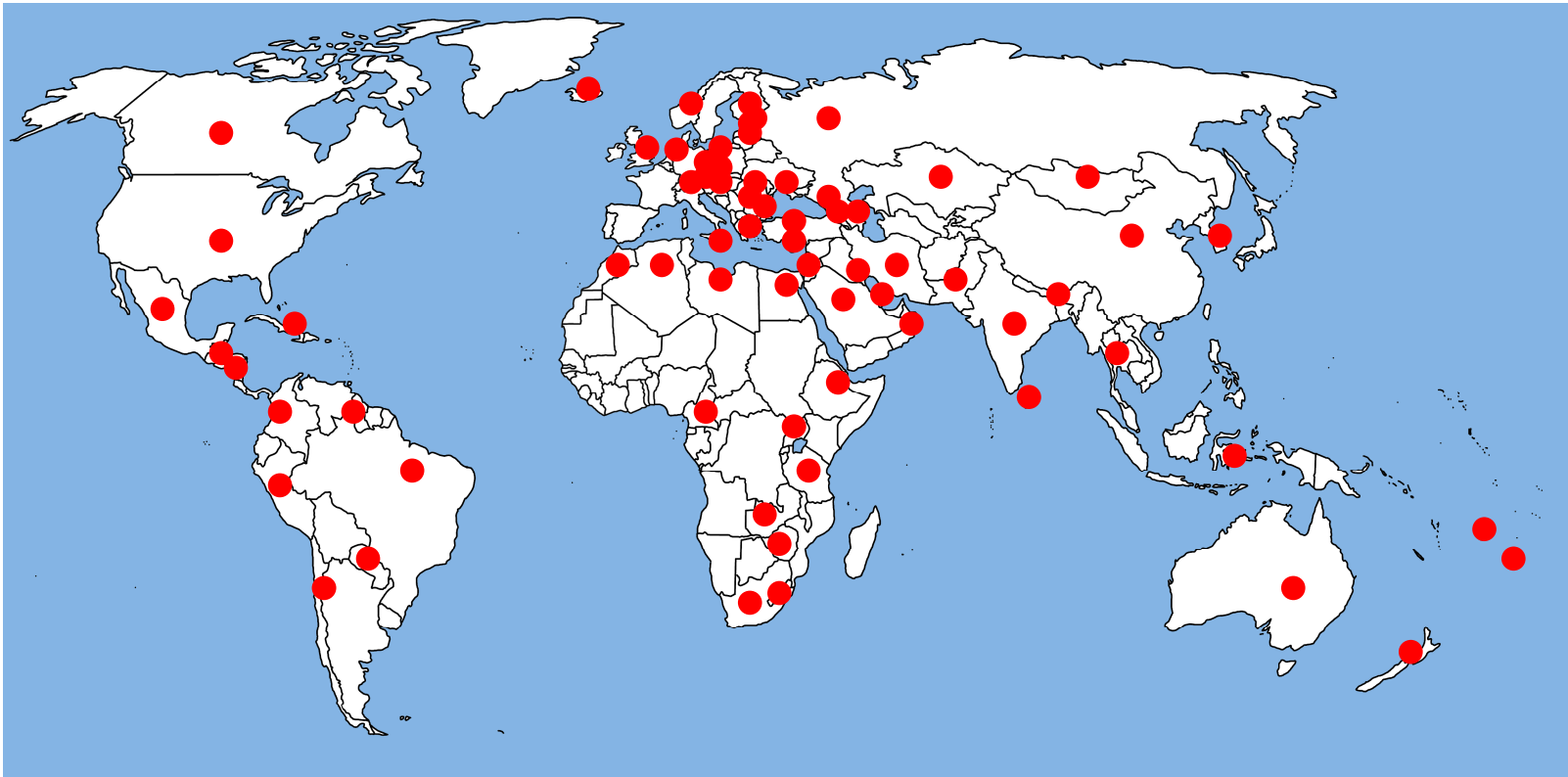


# Organisation and membership status

- INTOSAI Working Group has currently 70 members
- Steering Committee has 16 members, the SAI of Argentina has been asked to join
- Chair and Secretariat is SAI of Estonia, under the leadership of Auditor General Mr Mihkel Oviir



# INTOSAI WGEA Membership



# Organisation and membership status cont.

RWGEAs and regional coordinators:

- ASOSAI – China, Mr LIU Jiayi
- AFROSAI –Tanzania, Mr Ludovick S.L. Utouh
- EUROSAI – Norway, Mr Jørgen Kosmo
- ACAG/PASAI – New Zealand, Ms Lyn Provost
- ARABOSAI – Egypt, Dr Gawdat El-Malt
- OLACEFS – **Argentina, Dr Leandro Despouy**



# Status of the 2008-10 work plan actions

- All new guidances and a study are under preparation:
  - climate change (Norway)
  - sustainable energy (Czech Republic)
  - forestry (Indonesia)
  - minerals and mining (Tanzania)
  - fisheries (South Africa)
  - study on environmental accounting: current status and option for SAIs (United States)



# Status of the 2008-10 work plan actions

- Regional cooperative audits are in the process in four out of six regions
- Biodiversity auditing training, web page is under preparation
- Annual collection of audits and sixth survey
- *Greenlines* newsletter
- Cooperation strategy
- Web enhancements: e-mail updates and RSS feed now available
- WGEA-IDI environmental auditing training course for French-speaking SAIs within AFROSAI



# Meetings

- Meetings held
  - 7th Steering Committee (SC7) meeting in May 2008 in Estonia
  - 12th meeting of the Working Group (WG12) in January 2009 in Qatar
  - 8th Steering Committee (SC8) meeting in August 2009 in Indonesia
- Upcoming meetings
  - 9th Steering Committee (SC9) meeting in February 2010 in Tanzania
  - 13th meeting of the Working Group (WG13) in June 2010 in China





# Highlights of the WG12 in Qatar

- Prior to the main meeting a Biodiversity Training Course was held – 74 participants from 38 countries participated
- WG12 – the biggest INTOSAI working group meeting so far – over 190 delegates, including 20 heads of SAIs, from nearly 70 countries participated
- Main topics addressed:
  - auditing environmental agreements and conventions
  - auditing the management of natural resources
  - emerging topics and lessons learned in environmental auditing
  - sustainability in a modern audit office



# Highlights of the WG12 in Qatar

- Keynote speakers from several external organisations: IUCN, IPCC, World Bank, UNEP, Ministry of Environment of Qatar, IDI
- Parallel sessions held on the topics of:
  - climate change
  - sustainable energy
  - minerals and mining
  - forestry
  - fisheries
  - waste management





## Other Major Activities

- Handbook for auditors on auditing multilateral environmental agreements in cooperation with UNEP
- INCOSAI 2010 Theme II – “Sustainable Development and Environmental Auditing”
- Participation in the COP15 meeting in December 2009 in Copenhagen
  - INTOSAI WGEA was granted a provisional admittance (final decision by the mid October?)
  - We applied for
    - a) 1.5 hrs side event to present CC guide, EUROSAI CC joint audit, INTOSAI CC joint audit etc.
    - b) one week “slot” to introduce INTOSAI and environmental auditing
  - Chances are 1 to 4



# Work Plan for 2011-2013

- Should aim to “predict and incorporate” the results of INCOSAI 2010
- List of ideas for draft work plan in SC9, February 2010
- Regional input from EUROSAI (as well as other regions) is very much encouraged to have
- Additional ideas and final project leaders will be identified in China
- Will be approved in WG13 in China (June 2010)





Welcome to WG13 in China!

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Thank You!

