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# How to increase the impact and relevance of environmental audits on international level ? Results from a survey among Nordic and Baltic SAIs

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# Background

- The aim with the survey
- Issues
  - Cooperation among SAIs
  - Relevance, added value and timing for cooperative audits
  - External communication and dissemination
- Highlights from the responses



# Cooperation among SAIs

- Relevant and interesting topics
- Audit of added value/beneficial
- Timing and resources
- Internal commitments
- Management of the cooperation



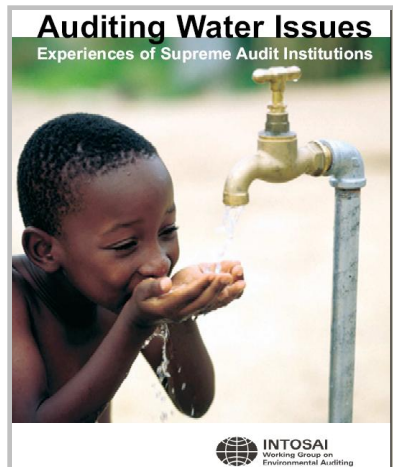
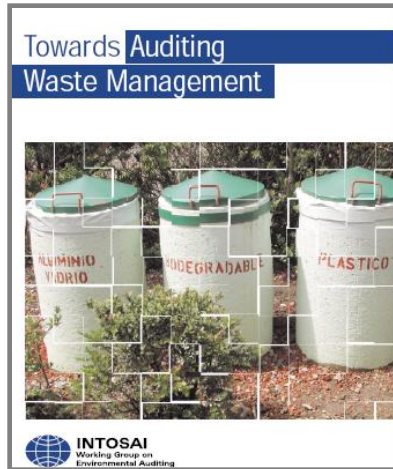
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# Audit topics

## Relevant audit topics?

- Transboundary issues
- Emerging issues
- Implementation of international agreements and EU directives
- Common international customer to address reports



## How to identify audit topics?

- Use of external experts, NGOs, mass media, parliamentary debates



# Added value

- Visibility
- Communication to international bodies
- International statements give national recommendations greater importance
- International access to information, benchmarking, good practice and lessons learned



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# External network

## Who?

- Relevant International and EU bodies, NGOs
- Targeted recipients

## How?

- Through networking make the SAIs work known
- Invite as external experts (subject matter experts) in exploration and execution phase
- Utilise information provided by external organisations
- Communicate relevant audit results



# Dissemination



Media coverage, web sites and other communication channels, communicate to targeted groups, side events on conferences etc.



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Thank you!