

THE EUROSAI WGEA SEMINAR: AUDITING CLIMATE CHANGE

Copenhagen, Denmark 23-24 March 2010

VENUE

The European Environment Agency (EEA), Kongens Nytorv 6, Copenhagen, Denmark
<http://www.eea.europa.eu/address.html>

PARTICIPANTS

Representatives of SAIs of EUROSAI WGEA and invited guests

HOST

The Office of the Auditor General of Norway

MAIN TOPIC:

Auditing climate change

SUB TOPICS (WORKSHOPS):

1. Flexible mechanisms: Emissions Trading, Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) and Joint Implementation (JI)
2. Energy sector issues seen from a climate change perspective
3. Adaptation to climate change

EXPECTED OUTCOME OF THE SEMINAR

The seminar should contribute to exchange of knowledge and experience in the field of auditing climate change with focus on adaptation, flexible mechanisms and auditing energy sector policies. The focus will be on lessons learned and best practice.

LANGUAGE

English

TUESDAY 23 MARCH

13.00 – 13.30 Registration

PLENARY SESSION

13.30 – 15.00

Welcome by the EUROSAI WGEA Secretariat

Opening by Mr Yvan Pedersen, the National Audit Office of Denmark

The EEAs activities on climate change mitigation by Mr Andreas Barkman, Head of Mitigation group, the European Environment Agency

The EEAs activities on climate change adaptation by Mr Stéphane Isoard, the Vulnerability and Adaptation group, the European Environment Agency

15.00 – 15.30 Coffee break

15.30 – 16.30

The INTOSAI WGEA Global Coordinated Audit on Climate Change by Dr Kristin Rypdal, the Office of the Auditor General of Norway

The EUROSAI Audit on Climate Change by Ms Alicja Gruszecka, the Supreme Audit Office of the Republic of Poland

16.30 – 16.50 Coffee break

16.50 – 17.45

The INTOSAI WGEA Climate Change Guidance by Ms Kristine Lien Skog, the Office of the Auditor General of Norway

The INTOSAI WGEA Guidance "Auditing Sustainable Energy" by Ms Regina Charyparová, the Supreme Audit Office of the Czech Republic

Riksrevisionen's strategic planning of audits on climate change by Mr Fredrik Engström, the Swedish National Audit Office

Practical information

19.30 Informal dinner at Skipperkroen (www.skipperkroen-nyhavn.dk) hosted by the Office of the Auditor General of Norway

WEDNESDAY 24 MARCH
09.00 – 13.00 WORKSHOP SESSIONS

WORKSHOP 1: HOW TO AUDIT FLEXIBLE MECHANISMS

Moderated by Dr Heinrich Lang
Location: Kabinet 2, Hotel Phoenix

Numerous audits have been performed recently across Europe on climate change. This workshop will bring together experiences from several members of the EUROSAI WGEA.

09.00 – 09.05 Welcome by Ms Herdis Laupsa, the EUROSAI WGEA secretariat

09.05 – 09.50

Auditing Climate Change – Switzerland by Mr Martin Koci, the Swiss Federal Audit Office

What are Sweden's Emission Rights Worth? by Ms Madeleine Nyman and Ms Anna Carlsson, the Swedish National Audit Office

State's Efforts of Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions by Ms Airi Andresson, the National Audit Office of Estonia

09.50 – 10.10 Discussion

10.10 – 10.30 Coffee break

10.30 – 11.15

Audit on Mitigation of Climate Change and Implementation of Kyoto Protocol in Slovenia 2005-2008 by Ms Jerneja Vrabcic, the Court of Audit of Slovenia

Emission Trading in Austria by Dr Heinrich Lang, the Court of Audit of Austria

The Flexible Mechanisms and Goal Achievement in the Climate Policy by Dr Kristin Rypdal, the Office of the Auditor General of Norway

11.15 – 11.35 Discussion

11.35 – 11.50 Coffee break

11.50 – 12.35

Audit on the Implementation of Selected Tasks under the Provisions of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change by Ms Alicja Gruszecka, the Supreme Audit Office of the Republic of Poland

Auditing Climate Change by Ms Tanja Tasevska, the State Audit Office of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Joint Implementation and Clean Development Mechanism in Austria by Dr Heinrich Lang, the Court of Audit of Austria

12.35 – 13.00 Discussion and conclusion to plenary session

WORKSHOP 2: HOW TO DESIGN ADAPTATION AUDITS

Moderated by Ms Kristine Lien Skog and Mr Ragnar Brevik
Location: EEA

Climate change is one of the most urgent social, economic and environmental challenges facing Europe today, and both adaptation management and adaptation auditing is needed. The adaptation workshop will be based on the INTOSAI WGEA Climate Change Guidance and its four step approach to designing climate change audits. Cases and experiences from climate change adaptation audits in Europe will be included.

09.00 – 09.05 Welcome by Mr Yann de Caprona, the EUROSAI WGEA secretariat

09.05 – 10.10 *Introduction to how to design and plan climate change adaptation audits* by Ms Kristine Lien Skog and Mr Ragnar Brevik, the Office of the Auditor General of Norway

10.10 – 10.30 Coffee break

10.30 – 11.35

Adapting to Climate Change by Ms Amanda Simpson, the National Audit Office of United Kingdom

Adapting to climate change in Cyprus with focus on water resources by Mr Akis Kikas, the Audit Office of the Republic of Cyprus

Investigation of flood and landslide hazards by Mr Yann de Caprona, the Office of the Auditor General of Norway

11.35 – 11.50 Coffee break

11.50 – 13.00 Group work, discussion and conclusion to plenary session

WORKSHOP 3: AUDITING ENERGY SECTOR ISSUES FROM A CLIMATE CHANGE PERSPECTIVE

Moderated by Mr Štefan Kabátek and Ms Regina Charyparová
Location: Fredrik III, Hotel Phoenix

Energy production and consumption lies at the heart of the climate change challenge. Governments have over the years implemented programmes to both curb consumption and facilitate production of new sustainable energy. Over the last few years many SAIs have initiated audits that cover both efforts to produce more clean energy and to facilitate more effective use of energy.

09.00 – 09.05 Welcome by Mr Tom Næss, the EUROSAI WGEA secretariat

09.05 – 09.15 Introductory speech by Ms Regina Charyparová, the Supreme Audit Office of the Czech Republic

09.15 – 09.50

Analysis on Energy Savings in the Danish Government Administration by Ms Philippa Krogh-Lund, the National Audit Office of Denmark

Auditing Energy Issues: Energy Conservation and District Heating Systems by Ms Kaire Kuldpere, the National Audit Office of Estonia

09.50 – 10.10 Discussion

10.10 – 10.30 Coffee break

10.30 – 11.15

Energy Performance Certificates: Poor Value for Money by Mr Fredrik Engström, the Swedish National Audit Office

Auditing the Green Savings Programme in the Czech republic by Mr Štefan Kabátek, the Supreme Audit Office of the Czech Republic

Audit on the programme "Intelligent Energy" by Mr François Osete, the European Court of Audit

11.15 – 11.35 Discussion

11.35 – 11.50 Coffee break

11.50 – 12.35

Synergies Between Energy and Climate by Ms Camilla Fredriksen, the Office of the Auditor General of Norway

Financial means allotted to support programmes for energy production from renewable energy resources by Ms Regina Charyparová, the Supreme Audit Office of the Czech Republic

Audit on Bioenergy's Contribution to the EU Action on Climate Change by Mr Armando Do Jogo, the European Court of Audit

12.35 – 13.00 Discussion and conclusion to plenary session

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch hosted by the Office of the Auditor General of Norway, Hotel Phoenix

PLENARY SESSION

14.30 – 15.45 Summary and conclusions from the workshops