



## Turkish Court of Accounts

**Activity:** III EUROSAT&ASOSAT Joint Conference-Emerging Issues& Emergency Situations

**Date:** 10-14 March 2019

**Place:** Jerusalem, ISRAEL

**Participant Countries& Organisations:** TURKEY, ALBANIA, ARMENIA, AUSTRIA, AZERBAIJAN, BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA, BULGARIA, CHINA, CROATIA, CZECH REPUBLIC, ECA, ESTONIA, FINLAND, FRANCE, GEORGIA, GERMANY, GREECE, HUNGARY, INDIA, ITALY, JAPAN, KAZAKHSTAN, LATVIA, LITHUANIA, MACEDONIA, MALTA, MOLDOVA, MONGOLIA, NEPAL, NETHERLANDS, PHILIPPINES, POLAND, PORTUGAL, ROMANIA, RUSSIA, SERBIA, SLOVAKIA, SOUTH KOREA, SPAIN, SWEDEN, UKRAINE, VIETNAM, MONTENEGRO, IBAN, INTOSAT & NATO

**Participant(s):** Arife COŞKUN (Principal Auditor- Group 19), Berna Dinç (Principal Auditor-Director of EUROSAT Presidency Department) and Emre Gülşen (Principal Auditor-EUROSAT Presidency Department)

**Summary:** The III EUROSAT–ASOSAT Joint Conference held in Jerusalem, Israel, from 10 to 14 March 2019, and was hosted by the Office of the State Comptroller and Ombudsman of Israel. The theme of the conference was "Emerging Issues and Emergency Situations".

The conference was attended by more than 130 delegates, from 43 SATs from Europe and Asia, including the INTOSAT General Secretariat. IBAN and NATO.

Within the scope of conference, the Turkish Court of Accounts (TCA) organised and moderated one of the work sessions. The subject of the work session was “Challenges and Solutions: How to Improve the Contribution of SATs to Making the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Realizable Through Auditing of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)”

Principal Auditor Ms. Arife COŞKUN, from TCA delivered a work session on “Challenges and Solutions: How to Improve the Contribution of SATs to Making the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Realizable Through Auditing of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)” with the participation of SATs of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Israel, Macedonia, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia and Spain.

The workshop mainly addressed the emerging issues for SAIs in general, SDGs and international policies on disaster risk reduction, response of SAIs to the international goals and policies and finally roles and contributions of SAIs for strengthening accountability and better governance.

Following the presentation, a brain storming session on the theme of “Challenges and Solutions in the area of audit of DRR and SDGs” was held. The session was end up with valuable contributions and concrete proposals of esteemed SAIs participated to the workshop.

The most reported challenges can be summarized as; inefficient coordination and communication, low level of awareness among different parties, inadequate information regarding preventive measures, lack of budget allocated to disaster related issues, overlapping and gaps among central and local authorities.

When it comes to solution, it was listed as; offering solid tools in case of emergency situations, conducting audits for entities directly responsible and authorized for managing disaster, allocation of more material and human resources for disaster management, ensuring efficient and fruitful communication and coordination among key players.

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