



Turkish Court of Accounts

Online Seminar: Getting Ready for a Peer Review – Best Practices within the Peer Review

Organizer: The Chair of INTOSAI CBC Subcommittee on Peer Reviews, Supreme Audit Office of the Slovak Republic

Date: November 10th, 2021

Participant Countries: Austria, Azerbaijan, Bermuda, Cyprus, Ecuador, Estonia, Gambia, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Indonesia, Jordan, Latvia, Lithuania, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Mongolia, Netherlands, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Russian Federation, Seychelles, Surinam, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turks and Caicos Islands, Uganda, Venezuela, Yemen, Zambia

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Summary:

"Getting Ready for a Peer Review – Best Practices within the peer Review" seminar was held online on November 10th, 2021.

After the introduction and opening sections were moderated by SAI Slovakia; Mr. Vladimír Maňuš, the opening speech was made by both Mr. Karol Mitrík, *President of SAI Slovakia / Chair of Subcommittee on Peer Reviews*, and Ms. Tsakani Maluleke, *CBC Chair/ Auditor-General of South Africa*.

The presentations made in the seminar were as follows:

1st Presentation: Collaborating in professionalization – preparing for a peer review
SAI South Africa , Jan van Schalkwyk - *Corporate Executive*

2nd Presentation: The Road to Peer Review: Challenges and Opportunities
U.S. GAO, Mr. Benjamin F Nelson - *Managing Director* & Ms. Christine Fishkin - *Senior Policy Advisor*

3rd Presentation: Distance peer review – challenges and benefits
SAI Slovakia, Ms. Ľubica Gazdová - *Director General*

4th Presentation: Remote Review & Remote Teams - A Peer Review of the Romanian Court of Accounts

SAI Austria, Mr. Hannes Loimer-*Deputy Head of Research Department*

SAI Poland, Ms. Kamila Żyndul - *Chief Expert International Relations* & Mr. Paweł Banaś - *Advisor to the President*

5th Presentation: Inter-pares review of the Romanian Court of Accounts - an on line sharing experience and knowledge

SAI Romania, Ms. Simona Comsa - *Advisor to the President* & Ms. Amanda Bosovcki - *Advisor to the President* & Mr. Corneliu Cornea - *Director* & Mr. Aurelian Vranceanu - *Director*

6th Presentation: With a little help from our friends – peer review benefits, challenges and lessons learned

ECA, Mr. Daniel Tibor - *Senior Institutional relations officer*

7th Presentation: Some Challenges Concerning the Cost-effectiveness of the Peer Reviews

SAI Estonia, Mr. Jüri Kurss - *Senior advisor*

This online seminar offered topics related to the practical aspects of conducting a peer review in both a standard format and a distance format. The seminar discussed the issues from the perspective of those conducted the peer review to other SAIs and also the perspective of SAIs that have undergone peer review. The main aim of the seminar was to share good practices in the organization of peer reviews.

Photo from the seminar:

The screenshot shows a Zoom meeting interface. At the top, there are video thumbnails for participants: SAO SR 1, Jan van Schalkwyk SAI SA, Tsakani Matuleke South Africa, NUNO LOPES, and Amer Rawashdeh. The main content is a presentation slide titled "The heart of what we do".

The slide features a central diagram with the following elements:

- Central Circle:** ISSAI P-12 Making a DIFFERENCE to the lives of citizens.
- Top Left:** The ultimate role of SAI is to make a difference in the lives of citizens: UN resolution A/69/209.
- Top Right:** Meeting these standards is only possible if a SAI is independent and professional.
- Left Side (Relevance):** Demonstrating ongoing RELEVANCE to citizens and other stakeholders. Includes: Credible source of insight & guidance, Effective communication, Responsive to changes & risks, Capacity building through learning.
- Right Side (Model Organisation):** Being a MODEL ORGANISATION through leading by example. Includes: Own good governance, Own transparency & accountability, Complying with own code of ethics, Striving for service excellence & quality.
- Bottom:** Strengthening the ACCOUNTABILITY, TRANSPARENCY and INTEGRITY of government and public entities. Includes: Independence of SA, Reporting on audit results, Carrying out audits, Enabling those charged with governance.

At the bottom of the slide, there is a logo for ISSAI and the text: ENHANCED POWER ENHANCED ACCOUNTABILITY.

On the right side of the screenshot, there is a chat window with the following content:

- Participants (75):** Search bar, list of participants including NKU SR (Host), Jan van Schalkwyk SAI..., ALICE KEMBAZAZI, and Amer Rawashdeh.
- Chat:** Messages from participants including: "needed", "from Meskova Slovakia to everyone: 1:52 PM Hi we will start in 10 minutes :))", "from NUNO LOPES to everyone: 2:10 PM thank you", "from Cicho, Slovakia to everyone: 2:13 PM Please, switch of your cameras.", "To: Everyone", and "Enter chat message here".