



1st EUROSAI-AFROSAI Seminar – Outlook

SAIs gathered in the 1st EUROSAI-AFROSAI Seminar, held in Lisbon on 21-22 November 2019, shared ideas and experiences on how to better contribute to the efforts to achieve the UN 2030 Agenda through auditing and evaluating Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) implementation.

One of the strongest commitments made by SAIs in the Moscow declaration is directed to providing independent external oversight on the achievement of nationally agreed targets including those linked to the SDGs;

Looking forward, in line with the Moscow declaration and bearing in mind the message of the UN Secretary General that “despite considerable gains in the past few years, we are off-track in our efforts to achieve the SDGs and address the climate emergency”, **they acknowledged that:**

- There is a relevant role for EUROSAI and AFROSAI members, within the scope of their mandates and in respect of their diverse contexts, to contribute to the accomplishment of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
- It is of key importance to assess government’s performance in achieving national goals and targets, thus contributing to ensure that future generations needs are considered in policy making;
- Diverse approaches and methodologies¹ to assess preparedness of governments and auditing SDGs’ implementation are available, including assessing public financial management as a starting point, the “whole of society approach” and the engagement of citizens;
- Experience derived from evaluating public programmes and policies has a positive impact on the work of EUROSAI and AFROSAI members when assessing the implementation of SDGs, especially through stakeholders’ participation and use of non-financial data and indicators;
- There is potential for a regular exchange of experiences, practices and other cooperative approaches between EUROSAI and AFROSAI in auditing SDGs’ implementation and reporting about the achievements thereof.

Therefore, EUROSAI and AFROSAI members gathered in Lisbon are committed to continue sharing information and cooperating in the SDGs audit and evaluation field, as well as in related capacity building activities.

¹ The IDI SDG Audit Model (ISAM) and the *Public Financial Management Reporting Framework* (PFM RF) are examples discussed during the seminar.