



22nd INTOSAI WGEA ASSEMBLY ROVANIEMI 2024

Auditing the Arctic



Agenda

Monday 22 January: Arctic Environmental Change and Indigenous Knowledge

Venue: Hotel Santa Claus, Kirnu, 2nd floor

09:30–10:00 Registration

10:00–11:00 Opening Session

Sami Yläoutinen, Auditor General of SAI Finland, Chair of INTOSAI WGEA

Junnius Arifa, Deputy Secretary General for External Control

Petteri Vuorimäki, Ambassador for Arctic Affairs, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland

Anni Koivisto, 1st vice-president, Sámi Parliament

Eeva Primmer, Research Director of Finnish Environment Institute

Hannu Takkula, Member of the European Court of Auditors

Moderator: **Vivi Niemenmaa**, Secretary General of INTOSAI WGEA

11:00–11:30 Group Picture and Coffee

Venue: Kirnu Foyer, 2nd floor

11:30–13:00 Arctic Environmental Change

Keynotes:

Cold Climate Facts | **Petteri Taalas**, Secretary-General of World Meteorological Organization (until the end of 2023), Director General of Finnish Meteorological Institute

Impacts of Climate Change in Arctic Environment | **Leena Ylä-Mononen**, Executive Director of European Environmental Agency (video)

Changing Geopolitics in the Arctic | **Sanna Kopra**, Senior Researcher of Arctic Centre, University of Lapland

Panel Discussion:

Building blocks for sustainable environmental governance in the Arctic | **Petteri Taalas**, **Sanna Kopra**, **Jerry DeMarco**, Commissioner of SAI Canada, & **Michael Sørensen**, Senior Consultant of SAI Denmark

Moderator: **Eeva Primmer**, Research Director of Finnish Environment Institute

13:00–14:30 **Lunch** **Venue: Restaurant Gaissa, 2nd floor**

14:30–16:00 **Indigenous Knowledge**

Keynotes:

The Concept of Indigenous Knowledge | **Florian Stammler**, Research Professor of the Arctic Centre, University of Lapland

Traditional Knowledge in the UN Convention on Biological Diversity | **Olivier Rukundo**, Head of Peoples and Biodiversity Unit, Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (video/online)

Sámi Traditional Knowledge on Changing Climate | **Klemetti Näkkäläjärvi**, Chair of the Sámi Climate Council & **Antti Oula Juuso**, Sámi Climate Council

Panel Discussion:

Indigenous knowledge enriching our ways of knowing | **Florian Stammler, Olivier Rukundo** (online), **Klemetti Näkkäläjärvi & Kritsanu Thipnoy**, SAI Thailand

Moderator: **Michael Malabeja**, Chief External Auditor, SAI Tanzania

16:00–16:30 **Coffee** **Venue: Kirnu Foyer, 2nd floor**

16:30–18:00 **Indigenous Knowledge: Audit Cases and SAI Practices**

Keynotes:

Maori Perspectives on Public Accountability | **John Ryan**, Auditor General of SAI New Zealand (video)

NSW Audit Office Approach to First Nations | **Carla Ware**, First Nations Performance Audit Team Leader, Audit Office of New South Wales, Australia

SAI audit cases:

GAO's Work on Tribal and Native American Issues | **Mark Gaffigan**, Managing Director, SAI USA

TCU work on indigenous public policies in Brazil | **Adriano Martins Juras**, SAI Brazil

Auditing Social Forestry Program: Applying Indigenous Knowledge in Forest Management to Achieve Sustainable Development | **Normas Andi Ahmad**, Senior Auditor, SAI Indonesia

Rural communities' Traditional knowledge to deal with the Environment in Arab Republic of Egypt | **Mona Fahmy**, Administration Undersecretary, SAI Egypt

Moderator: **Claudia Migotto**, Assistant Auditor-General, Audit Office of New South Wales, Australia

Transfer to Arktikum

19:00–20:30 **Reception Hosted by City of Rovaniemi** **Venue: Arktikum**

Welcome Speeches | **Pertti Onkalo**, Business and Development Director, City of Rovaniemi & **Johanna Ikävalko**, Director of Arctic Centre, University of Lapland

Visit to the Exhibitions

Transfer to Hotels

Tuesday 23 January: Parallel Sessions / IDI GFU Workshop

Venue: Hotel Santa Claus, -1st floor (basement)

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| 09:00–10:30 | <p>Parallel Sessions:</p> <p>Integrating Environmental Considerations in National Budget Aeree Joy Kim, Team Lead for Fiscal Policy, UNEP Green Fiscal Policy Network</p> <p>Nexus Area: Climate and Biodiversity (1st session) Charles Karangwa, International Union for Conservation of Nature & Marie-Pierre Grondin, SAI Canada</p> <p>What you always wanted to know about sustainability reporting but never dared to ask! Katharina Bryan, Head of Sustainability Reporting Policy EU&Int, Amazon, Alex Metcalfe, Head of Public Sector, ACCA, Khalid Hamid, International Director, CIPFA & Peter Welch, Senior Advisor, OECD</p> | <p>IDI GFU Workshop</p> <p>Strategic Response to Climate Change for SAIs – Context, Collaborators and Capacity Considerations</p> |
| 10:30–11:00 | Coffee | Venue: Lounge, -1 st floor |
| 11:00–12:30 | <p>Parallel Sessions (cont.)</p> <p>Workshop on System of Environmental-Economic Accounting Johanna Pakarinen, Senior Statistician, Statistics Finland</p> <p>Auditing beyond the election cycle: ensuring accountability for future generations Michael Thistlethwaite, Carla Ware & Claudia Migotto, Audit Office of NSW, Jerry DeMarco, SAI Canada & Vivi Niemenmaa, INTOSAI WGEA</p> <p>Oversight of sustainability reporting in the public sector and SAI self-assessment Jade Quarrell, IDI, Chomprang Wongrusmeeduan, SAI Thailand & Normas Andi Ahmad, Ashari Budi Silvianto & Fery Irawan, SAI Indonesia</p> | <p>IDI GFU Workshop (cont.)</p> |
| 12:30–14:00 | Lunch | Venue: Restaurant Gaissa, 2 nd floor |
| 14:00–15:30 | <p>Parallel Sessions (cont.)</p> <p>Environmental Accounting: The role of the SAI SAI UK</p> <p>Nexus Area: Climate and Biodiversity (2nd Session) Marie-Pierre Grondin, SAI Canada, Alar Jürgenson SAI Estonia, Sylva Müllerová, SAI Czech Republic & Hossein Hejazi Seyed, SAI Iran</p> | <p>IDI GFU Workshop (cont.)</p> |
| 15:30–16:00 | Coffee | Venue: Kirnu Foyer, 2nd floor |
| Venue: Hotel Santa Claus, Meeting Room Kirnu, 2nd floor | | |
| 16:00–17:30 | <p>Panel Discussions with Workshop Leaders</p> <p>Moderators: Peter Welch & Vivi Niemenmaa</p> | |

Wednesday 24 January: WGEA Assembly Business Meeting / IDI GFU Workshop

Venue: Hotel Santa Claus

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| 08:30–10:30 | WGEA Assembly Business Meeting Venue: Kirnu, 2nd floor <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Progress Report WGEA Secretariat2. Training Projects iCED training activities SAI India MOOCs SAI Estonia Moderator: Mai Malek, SAI Egypt3. WGEI Survey on Energy Transition Mark Gaffigan, SAI USA & Adriano Junos, SAI Brazil4. Panel Discussion on Collaborative Projects ClimateScanner SAI Brazil Climate Change Adaptation Actions IDI P2P initiative and donor funding project IDI Moderator: Mark Gaffigan, SAI USA | IDI GFU Workshop Strategic Response to Climate Change for SAIs – Context, Collaborators and Capacity Considerations Venue: -1st floor (basement) |
| 10:30–11:00 | Coffee | |
| 11:00–13:00 | <ol style="list-style-type: none">5. Panel Discussion on Regional Activities SAI Brazil, SAI China, SAI Morocco, SAI Nigeria, SAI Poland &, and Audit Office of New South Wales, Australia Moderator: Kati Hirvonen, WGEA Secretariat6. Adoption of Rovaniemi WGEA Assembly Recommendations7. WGEA Award Ceremony Sylva Müllerová, Chair of WGEA Award & Aminath Muaza, SAI Maldives8. Closing of Assembly | IDI GFU Workshop (cont.) |
| 13:00–14:00 | Lunch | Venue: Restaurant Gaissa, 2nd floor |
| 14:00–15:00 | Preparing for the Environmental Field Trip | |
| 15:00–18:00 | Environmental Field Trip: Impacts of the Climate Change in Reindeer Herding | |
| 18:00–21:00 | Dinner hosted by National Audit Office of Finland | |

Thursday 25 January: Additional Programme / IDI GFU Workshop

Venue: Hotel Santa Claus, -1st floor (basement)

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| 09:00–10:30 | INTOSAI WGEA Steering Committee additional meeting | IDI GFU Workshop Strategic Response to Climate Change for SAIs – Context, Collaborators and Capacity Considerations |
| 10:30–11:00 | Coffee | Venue: Lounge, -1 st floor |
| 11:00–12:30 | INTOSAI WGEA Steering Committee additional meeting (cont.) | IDI GFU Workshop (cont.) |
| 12:30–13:30 | Lunch | Venue: Restaurant Gaissa, 2 nd floor |
| 13:30–16:00 | Additional project group meetings Nexus project group meeting led by SAI Canada | |