



The 59th meeting of the INTOSAI Governing Board has taken place in Cape Town, South Africa from November 16 to 17, 2009. The Auditor General of South Africa hosted the meeting in his capacity as organizer of the coming XX INCOSAI that will also be held in South Africa in November 2010.

The participants of the 59th meeting of the Governing Board signed an INTOSAI resolution to incorporate the Lima and Mexico Declarations in international law which will contribute considerably throughout the world to making government activities more efficient and citizen-oriented for the sake of good governance as well as contribute to the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals. This resolution offers the opportunity to the INTOSAI members to approach their corresponding national and international entities in a way to guarantee its successful implementation.

The Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions of Portuguese Speaking Countries (CPLP) was accepted as associate member of INTOSAI.

Furthermore the Governing Board resolved to propose to INCOSAI XX in 2010 the SAI of China as the Governing Board's candidate to host INCOSAI XXI in 2013.

The chairs of the Goal Committees 1- 4 as well as the INTOSAI Sub-Committees, Working Groups, Task Forces and Project-groups presented their extensive work – among others a large number of ISSAIs and INTOSAI GOVs for presentation to the XX INCOSAI - and clearly expressed their intention to concentrate in the future on the implementation of the ISSAIs and INTOSAI GOVs.

Regarding the INTOSAI communication a communication plan, a first draft of a Guideline for INTOSAI Communication and a survey on the communication requirements of the INTOSAI regions were announced for the near future. Furthermore a folder on this year's priority theme, the independence of SAIs and a new edition of the Lima and Mexico Declarations in one booklet were presented.

The Governing Board decided that the General Secretariat would organize at the end of May 2010 a conference in Vienna to strengthen external public auditing in the INTOSAI regions. Participants will be a large number of representatives of international organisations and institutions as well as representatives of the seven INTOSAI Regional Working Groups and parliamentarians. The conference should transmit generally accepted values of SAI independence, information on existing INTOSAI Standards and Guidelines, ISSAIs and their implementation and practical application in the regions taking also into account the issue of fighting corruption.