



INTOSAI AND THE DONOR COMMUNITY SIGN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Based on a fundamental document on “*Partnering for Progress to Fight Corruption, Promote Transparency, Improve Performance and Ensure Accountability: INTOSAI, the World Bank and the Donor Community Working Together to Strengthen the Capacity of SAIs*”, INTOSAI and the donor community have jointly elaborated a [Memorandum of Understanding \(MoU\)](#) with the active involvement of the members of the INTOSAI Donor Funding Task Force and the INTOSAI Governing Board which was adopted by a "per capsulum" decision of the Board members in September 2009.

The MoU was signed on 20 October 2009 during a festive ceremony at the Belvue Museum in Brussels, Belgium, by Arturo Gonzalez de Aragon, chairman of the INTOSAI Governing Board, on behalf of INTOSAI together with 15 representatives of donor institutions such as the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the European Commission, regional development banks and the development agencies of Austria, Belgium, Canada, Ireland, the Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States of America. Moreover, several representatives of INTOSAI, including the INTOSAI Secretary General, the chairman of the Donor Funding Task Force, the president of the INTOSAI Development Initiative (IDI), the chairs of goal committees 1-4, as well as the head of the SAI of Uganda attended the ceremony.

Cooperation between INTOSAI and the donor community will focus on institutional and capacity building of SAIs, especially in developing countries, with a view to promote the effectiveness of SAI work and strengthen their independence. The present MoU is a unique opportunity and challenge for INTOSAI and member SAIs to overcome structural deficiencies hampering their effective performance of tasks.

This process is first and foremost targeted at individual SAIs, but also at INTOSAI's regional working groups, IDI and other INTOSAI institutions.

The 59th Governing Board will decide on the composition of the Steering Committee which has been established to oversee the practical implementation of cooperation at its upcoming meeting in November 2009.





