



25th UN/INTOSAI Symposium
28 to 30 June 2021

Working during and after the pandemic:
building on the experience of Supreme Audit
Institutions (SAIs) for strengthening effective
institutions and achieving sustainable societies

Programme

Time is indicated in UTC¹

Technical Chair: [SAI United Kingdom](#)

Monday, 28 June 2021		
Introduction and opening addresses		
12:00 – 12:05	Welcome	INTOSAI General Secretariat
12:05 – 12:20	1. Opening address	Margit Kraker, INTOSAI Secretary General
	Opening message	Aleksei Kudrin, INTOSAI Chairman
12:20 – 12:35	2. Opening address	Liu Zhenmin, UN Under-Secretary-General
12:35 – 12:40	Break	

Sub-theme 1 – Part A Impact of COVID-19 on SAIs' organizational capacities, working methods and processes		Moderation: European Court of Auditors
12:40 – 14:10	3. Building public trust and confidence in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic response (role played by the SAIs)	World Bank
	4. Case SAO Hungary – capacity enhancement (re)actions in a significantly changing environment	SAI Hungary
	5. Conducting audit during the COVID-19 pandemic	SAI Mongolia
	6. Impact of COVID-19 on the SAI of Bhutan	SAI Bhutan
	Discussion (Leading Statement: SAI India)	
14:10 – 14:30	Break	

¹ 12:00 UTC = 14:00 Vienna = 08:00 New York

Sub-theme 1 – Part B Impact of COVID-19 on SAIs' organizational capacities, working methods and processes		Moderation: Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)
14:30 – 16:00	7. Coopera Program: the Brazilian approach to oversight health, economic and social policies in response to COVID-19	SAI Brazil
	8. Overcoming internal challenges arising from the pandemic emergency - The experience of Tribunal de Contas of Portugal.	SAI Portugal
	9. Impact of COVID-19 on the SAI of Egypt's organizational capacities, working methods and processes	SAI Egypt
	10. Continuation of BNAO activities in the context of the pandemic: challenges and solutions	SAI Bulgaria
	Discussion (Leading Statement: SAI Mexico)	

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Sub-theme 2 Experiences and good practices in auditing the COVID-19 responses and recovery plans		Moderation: SAI United Kingdom
12:00 – 13:50	11. Experience in auditing incentive payments to health employees during the pandemic	SAI Russian Federation
	12. COVID-19 impact on planning and publishing policies in the French Cour des comptes	SAI France
	13. Collaborative Audit to Enhance Quality and Coverage of Audit on COVID-19 Response and National Economics Recovery	SAI Indonesia
	14. Experiences and good practices in auditing the COVID-19 responses and recovery plans	SAI Iraq
	15. Audits of urgent financing towards COVID-19: SAACB experience in auditing the support program to workers affected by the state of emergency	SAI Palestine
	Discussion (Leading Statement: SAI Austria)	
13:50 – 14:10	Break	

Sub-theme 3 Innovative approaches to enhancing the transparency of and accountability for the COVID-19 responses		Moderation: The Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA)
14:10 – 16:00	16. Budget transparency – also in times of COVID-19	SAI Germany
	17. Enhancing transparency and accountability for the COVID-19 responses: challenges and opportunities for SAIs	SAI United Arab Emirates
	18. Internal integration and external stakeholder collaboration as critical success factors during COVID-19 response-audits	SAI South Africa
	19. Innovation through intensive data use for efficient auditing	SAI Chile
	20. Strengthening cooperation of SAIs and anti-corruption agencies for more transparency and accountability in crisis response and recovery	UNODC
	Discussion (Leading Statement: SAI Estonia)	

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Sub-theme 4 Resilient accountability systems and institutions in the aftermath of COVID-19		Moderation: SAI Paraguay
12:00 – 13:40	21. Strengthening Emergency Response and Oversight through International Cooperation	SAI United States of America
	22. Role of SAIs in building back better	IDI
	23. Challenges in auditing the use of public funds in accordance with the audit objectives defined against the backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic; the experience of El Salvador	SAI El Salvador
	24. Citizen participation as a mechanism to strengthen institutions and democracy	SAI Argentina
	25. Strengthening accountability systems and institutions during a pandemic	SAI Kenya
	Discussion (Leading Statements: International Budget Partnership (IBP); SAI Italy)	
13:40 – 14:00	Break	

Conclusions and recommendations (summary and closing)		
14:00 – 15:00	26. Discussion and adoption of the conclusions and recommendations of the symposium	All participants
15:00	Closing statements	Maria-Francesca Spatolisano, UN Assistant Secretary-General Margit Kraker, INTOSAI Secretary General