

23RD INTOSAI WGEA ASSEMBLY MALTA 2025

Auditing Our Blue Planet



23rd INTOSAI WGEA Assembly 1 – 3 July 2025

Venue of the meeting: Poseidon Hall at AX ODYCY

Monday 30 June, Welcome reception

| Time | Programme |
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| 17:00-19:00 | Registration |
| 19:00 | Welcome reception hosted by CIPFA |

Tuesday 1 July, Auditing our Blue Planet

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| 08:00-09:00 | Registration continues |
| 09:00-10:30 | Opening of the Assembly Chair of INTOSAI WGEA, Auditor General Sami Yläoutinen, SAI Finland Host of the 23 rd Assembly, Auditor General Charles Deguara, SAI Malta The Minister for the Environment, Energy and Public Cleansing, the Hon. Miriam Dalli, Malta Keynote presentation from Malta |
| 10:30-11:00 | Group photo and coffee break |
| 11:00-12:30 | First main session on marine environment Status of the marine environment globally Sustainable Mediterranean region, Dr Robin Degron, Director of Plan Bleu, UNEP/Mediterranean Action Plan Economics of Water, Senior Advisor Xavier Leflaive, OECD Environment Directorate, Global Commission on Economics of Water (online) Panel discussion Q & A |
| 12:30-14:00 | Lunch Young environmental auditors' working lunch |

14:00-15:30

Second main session on drinking water, droughts and desertification

President Tarja Halonen, Drylands' Ambassador for the UN Convention on Desertification (video)

Head of Office, Dr Animesh Kumar, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction

Climate-water nexus in Africa, Regional Climate Policy Advisor Daisy Mukarakate, UNPD (online)

**Panel discussion
Q & A**

15:30-16:00

Coffee break

16:00-17:30

From compliance to impact: Scrutiny over environmental expenditure

Simon Upton, Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment, New Zealand

**Panel discussion
Q & A**

Closing remarks from the first day

Wednesday 2 July, Parallel sessions

09:00-10:30

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| 1A Water stream: Audit cases on marine pollution (ECA and SAIs of Finland and Tanzania) | Extra session: Innovative forms of reporting on environmental auditing (SAIs of Canada and Czech Republic) | 3A Nexus stream: Hands-on workshop on sustainability reporting for public sector change, facilitated by SAI Thailand and SAI Indonesia | 4A Capacity building stream with CIPFA: Workshop on CIPFA's performance audit certification |
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10:30-11:00

Coffee break

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| 1B Water stream: Audit cases on marine protection and sustainable fishing (SAIs of Egypt, Indonesia, and Portugal) | 2A Drinking water stream: Audit cases on drinking water projects (SAIs of Algeria, Maldives, Poland and Thailand) | 3B Nexus stream Workshop on CCAA (Cooperative audit on climate change adaptation actions) with IDI | 4B Capacity building Workshop on Handbook on Environmental Auditing |
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12:30-14:00

Lunch

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| 1C Water stream: Audit cases on climate change and water scarcity (SAIs of Australia NSW, Cyprus, Malta and Kenya) | 2B Drinking Water stream: Audit cases on drinking water supply amid multiple pressures and long-term considerations (SAIs of India, Slovenia and Ukraine) | 3C Nexus stream: Workshop on Environmentally Harmful Subsidies with IISD Senior Policy Advisor and Lead Farooq Ullah, and SAIs of Canada and Estonia | 4C Capacity building stream: Workshop on the future of the ClimateScanner |
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15:30-16:00

Coffee break

16:00-17:30

Concluding panel in plenary with the stream rapporteurs and experts

19:00

Official dinner hosted by SAI Finland

Dress code: Ocean-themed outfit (best dress will be awarded)

Thursday 3 July, Business meeting

09:00-10:30

INTOSAI WGEA Business meeting: 2023-2025 Activities

Secretariat Progress Report

Audit Clinic pilot and training activities

Panel on regional activities

Panel of 2023-2025 project results with project leaders

Adoption of projects

Moderator: SAI Finland

10:30-11:00

Coffee break

11:00-12:30

INTOSAI WGEA Business Meeting continues: Activities for the 2026-2028

Keynote speech (online): **Exploring the Future of Environmental Challenges: Current Trends and Emerging Issues**, *Dr Andrea Hinwood, the Chief Scientist of the UNEP*

Presentation of the preliminary Work Plan 2026-2028

Group discussions

Adoption of the preliminary Work Plan

Moderator: SAI Thailand

12:30-13:30

Lunch

13:30

INTOSAI WGEA Award and the New Chair

Inspiration in Environmental Auditing: INTOSAI WGEA Award Ceremony

Handing over of the Chairmanship (SAI Finland & SAI Thailand)

Moderator: SAI Maldives

approx. 15:00

Closing of the Assembly

approx. 18:00

Departure to the environmental excursion hosted by SAI Malta

Friday 4 July, Additional Steering Committee Meeting (by a separate invitation) 09:00-12:30
