



Agreement on provision of resource persons for peer support to the Office of the Auditor General of Somalia (OAGS)

Turkish Court of Accounts (TCA) and the INTOSAI Development Initiative (IDI)

1 INTRODUCTION

Reference is made to the Cooperation agreement between the OAGS, IDI and AFROSAI-E for 2021-2022. Reference is also made to the MoU between TCA and IDI signed in 2015, and the agreement for contribution resource persons to the OAGS Peer Support Project in 2020.

This is an agreement where TCA provides 2 resource persons (advisors) for the support to the OAGS Peer Support Project for 2022 and 2023.

2 AREAS AND EXTENT OF SUPPORT

The resource persons from TCA will contribute to the OAGS strategic objective 1.4 "Strengthened SFMIS knowledge and audit of ICT systems capacity." The advisors are in particular expected to contribute to the OAGS audits of ICT-risks as part of the annual financial and/or compliance audits with on-the-job guidance and peer-training at selected milestones in the audit cycle.

The resource persons will be a part of the Audit peer-team, and the specific activities will be agreed in the team. Each advisor is expected to contribute 20-30 persondays per year for the project work, including both office-based work and travels. The timing of engagements will be settled in a dialogue between the resource persons and the IDI project manager, taking into account the OAGS plans as well as the ongoing responsibilities of the resource persons in TCA.

3 WHAT IS EXPECTED OF THE ADVISORS

The SAI receiving support – OAGS - is expected to be in the driving seat in the implementation of activities. This is to ensure ownership, sustainability, integration with other SAI activities and sufficient adoption to the national context. The advisors still have a key role in enabling SAI strategic goals to be met through knowledge sharing and high-quality advice.

The advisors are expected to:

1. Operate in a team environment with the other peers, and be aware of the overall project plans and seek synergies with other advisors involved in the same project;

- 2. Be a good listener, advise and cooperate with honesty, respect, integrity and professionalism;
- 3. Strive to attain sufficient context, cultural and SAI understanding to be able to give relevant advises and training.
- 4. Communicate with the necessary promptness;
- 5. Maintain complete confidentiality regarding information and documents obtained in the course of his/her work with the OAGS;
- 6. Ensure tailor-made use of peer-material and guidance, relevant for the OAGS, for example the customization of manuals and use of regional training material;
- 7. Contribute to mechanisms for frequent contact and continuity to enable sufficient context understanding of advisors, trust-building and relevant advises and training;
- 8. Be willing to offer offsite support through mechanisms such as videoconferencing and regular telephone meetings in addition to onsite support where necessary, and
- 9. Seek active coordination with other providers of support to the OAGS;
- 10. Be flexible and engage in continuous learning. This means being flexible in terms of the OAGS priorities for support. Plans should be used actively in the cooperation but can be adjusted if need be.

4 **RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTNERS**

IDI will be responsible for:

- Providing general direction and guidance to the resource persons, both related to the working tasks and logistical issues;
- Keeping TCA informed about the plans, progress and achievements of the project, mainly through the sharing of the annual project plan and the annual report of the project;
- Cover costs of project related travels;
- Assess security of location of events. The resource persons and TCA have the full right to accept or not to travel to the location as decided for the event.
- Handling of emergency situations for IDI staff and assist TCA in handling an emergency for TCA staff.

TCA will be responsible for:

- In cooperation with IDI, ensure resource persons with relevant qualifications are available for the project in the project period.
- General training of the resource persons.
- Covering salary costs of the resource persons.
- Ensure travelers have comprehensive insurance.
- Handling an emergency situation for TCA staff.

5 FINANCIAL ROUTINES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

For accommodation (incl breakfast), conference costs (incl lunch), transport to and from the airport and security, IDI would order and pay directly to the suppliers.

For flight and per diem costs, IDI will book and pay flight tickets, and per diem directly to the traveler using UNDP standard rates for resource persons.

For travel insurance, the advisors are responsible to order and pay for it initially before travel, while IDI will reimburse the costs. Advisors travelling for IDI events are required to have a comprehensive international travel insurance including medical coverage for travel and duration of their stay. The IDI disclaims all responsibility for medical expenses, for compensation for death or disability, for loss of or damage to personal property and for any other costs or losses that may be incurred during the period of travel of the advisor.

6 ETHICS

Advisor within IDI programmes are representing INTOSAI and IDI. In order to protect and enhance INTOSAI and IDI's reputation, IDI expects advisors to familiarize themselves with the IDI Code of Ethics as well as IDI policies on safeguarding and anti- corruption.

IDI expects advisors to treat confidential information and documents in confidence, respecting the rights of the owners of information to decide how and with whom information is shared. Any breaches of the code and policies will be reported to the TCA.

The IDI Code of Ethics and policies on safeguarding and anti- corruption are available on:

https://www.idi.no/en/about-idi/policies-and-controls

7 DISCONTINUITY

Both parties may cancel the agreement if an unexpected situation arise where the obligations of this agreement cannot be met. A notice of cancellation should be provided as early as possible.

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