

Minutes from the Forum for INTOSAI Professional Pronouncements (FIPP) meeting in

Bahrain 8-12 May 2023

After experiences from the pandemic Covid-19 situation, the FIPP has decided to conduct shorter, more frequent web-based FIPP meetings in addition to a reduced number of FIPP in-person meetings, in order to be agile regarding the FIPP's assigned tasks.

Meeting days

Monday 8 May 2023 - 09:00 GMT+3 - Friday 12 May 2023 - 13:00 GMT+3

Agenda Item	Purpose	Record
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Opening of the meeting

The meeting was formally opened by the Auditor General of the National Audit Office at the Kingdom of Bahrain, H.E. Sh. Ahmed bin Mohammed Al-Khalifa that delivered a short welcome address. He welcomed the participants and thanked them for their commitment in taking part in supporting the development of the INTOSAI and hoped that the meeting would be fruitful and productive.

The FIPP Chair Åse Kristin Hemsén thanked the Auditor General of the National Audit Office at the Kingdom of Bahrain, H.E. Sh. Ahmed bin Mohammed Al-Khalifa and his staff for volunteering as hosts for the meetings and congratulated their excellent facilities and professional attendance as well as their warm welcoming.

Minister Anastasia gave a speech on behalf of the President of SAI Brazil (TCU) and Chair of INTOSAI at the last meeting day, where he congratulated the participants on their dedication and commitment to the INTOSAI community, as well as giving guidance of the important crossroads regarding the digital age the INTOSAI now is facing.

The FIPP Chair thanked Minister Anastasia for his kind words and participation at the meeting, and gave her regards to the excellent staff in the TCU with a wish to continue their commendable relationship and communication already experienced in the past as the role of PSC Chair and PSC Sec.

Introduction

Introduction to the FIPP / SDP Joint Seminar in Bahrain 8-12 May 2023		<p>The FIPP Chair informed of the meeting and the agenda.</p> <p>The agenda for the Bahrain FIPP/Joint Seminar was the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FIPP meeting Monday 8 May 09:00-12:00, Thursday 11 May 09:00-17:00, Friday 12 May 09:00-13:00 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Introduction to the agenda and the way forward of the SDP-process ○ An introductory discussion of the feedback of the SDP ○ The finalization of the SDP plan Part A and B (operational work plan), a cover letter for the plan and a list of key issues to be distributed for discussion at the PSC SC 28 June 2023 ○ FIPP updated working procedures
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The SDP feedback		
An introductory discussion of the feedback of the SDP		The FIPP Chair informed the participants of the feedback given after the call of comments from the INTOSAI community and gave a high level introduction of the main issues to be discussed at the SDP Joint Seminar 8-10 May.
The finalization of the SDP plan Part A and B (operational work plan), a cover letter for the plan and a list of key issues to be distributed for discussion at the PSC SC 28 June 2023		
The finalization of the SDP plan Part A and B (operational work plan), a cover letter for the plan and a list of key issues to be distributed for discussion at the PSC SC 28 June 2023		<p>The FIPP discussed the outcome of the SDP Joint Seminar and decided on tasks to be taken down further.</p> <p>Conclusions made regarding non-audit related work:</p> <p>Non audit related work reported in will be shared with relevant INTOSAI bodies and discussed with the PSC SC; hereunder consider a need for other activities outside the SDP (workshops, seminars etc), as well as identify some that could be interesting for further research projects (to be discussed at future FIPP (GCC) meetings).</p> <p>Regarding priorities and recourses there will not be expected new inputs added to the SDP. However there will also be a possibility for future amendments in the SDP on a long term basis, where the work streams should be responsible for reporting in updates in the SDP.</p> <p>Further the participants were divided into groups to elaborate on the operational work plans of the five initiatives and how these should be presented at a high level to the PSC SC.</p> <p>Conclusions made regarding information to the PSC SC 28 June:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A PSC SC pre-meeting arranged by the PSC Sec where the administrative process with content will be informed of. • A cover letter where the SDP process is explained and how the FIPP/GCC have dealt with the conclusions made in addition to a set of key questions concentrating on the ‘P’ initiative, the ‘G’ initiative, evaluation and how the support to the initiatives/projects in the new SDP is proposed to be solved to be flagged to the PSC SC.

		<p>The cover letter will be drafted by the FIPP Chair/vice Chair and distributed to all SDP Joint seminar participants prior to the FIPP/SDP Joint Seminar June meeting for final discussion/decision.</p> <p>The FIPP Chair and vice chair will assemble the different parts of the SDP; both the aligned document from the call of comments and the operational work plan do adjustments according to the discussions and comments received at the SDP Joint Seminar as well as the adjourning FIPP meeting and distribute this to all participants prior to the SDP Joint seminar in June.</p>
FIPP updated working procedures, only FIPP members present		
Discussion on the updated Working procedures	FIPP members	<p>A draft of the updated working procedures was distributed to the FIPP members before the meeting with a set of key questions for further discussion.</p> <p>The FIPP Vice Chair introduced the agenda item - informing of the different governance documents the Working procedures stemmed from and where they are found starting with: INTOSAI Statutes Art 4: Responsibilities of Congress where decisions are made by Congress. Due Process of the INTOSAI Framework of professional Pronouncements: Roles and responsibilities, Definition of the SDP process, and the Classification Principles. Where approvals are made by the PSC SC and endorsed by the Governing Board. The FIPP working procedures are decided by the FIPP, with the intention to have a set of procedures to be regularly updated as a “living” work document.</p> <p>The FIPP Chair informed of the rationale behind the update of the working procedures that was flagged in the FIPP internal SWOT 2020 regarding a need for annual updates in order to stay relevant. The need for further elaboration of the roles and responsibilities, especially regarding the FIPP LO role, was flagged.</p> <p>The updated document has been shortened and overlaps to other documents have been removed.</p> <p>The FIPP agreed in the overall content of the updated FIPP working procedures. However it was decided that the LO role with a co-role or Shadow LO should be further elaborated both for FIPP members but also for the working groups and their understanding of the FIPP LO-role.</p> <p>A small sub-group within FIPP were given the task to elaborate the role of the FIPP LO and will distribute an updated document within 1 June 2023 for discussion and approval of the updated document at the FIPP June 2023 meeting.</p>
AoB		
Information from the FIPP Chair - AoB	Information	<p>FIPP Chair informs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>FIPP meetings 2023:</u>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Web meetings: 13 and 15 June where parts of the time will be adjusted to SDP Joint Seminars. ○ Web meetings: 12, 14 and 19 September where at least one of these meeting days will be a SDP Joint Seminar where the SDP plan is finalized to distribution to the PSC SC in September. ○ In-person meeting in Vienna, back-to-back with the Governing Board, 22-24 November 2023 where parts of the meeting will be a SDP Joint Seminar. <p>You will receive the invitations to the meetings shortly in Outlook, all information regarding dates of FIPP meetings are also to be found here: https://www.intosaifipp.org/fipp-meetings/</p> <p>The FIPP Chair took the opportunity to yet again thank FIPP member Mahmood and his SAI being such accommodating and hospitable hosts for the FIPP meeting and SDP Joint Seminar. With the help of our hosts this has been a very fruitful and good meeting.</p>
Concluding the meeting		
Summary of key decisions in the minutes		As recorded in these minutes.

Annex 1 – Participants of the FIPP meeting in Bahrain 8-12 May 2023

FIPP members present at the meeting

Åse-Kristin Hemsén (Chair)
Kristoffer Blegvad (Vice-Chair)
Alexandra Popovic
Beryl Davis
Chandra Bhandari - Virtual attendance
Einar Gørrissen - Absent 11-12 May
Gerhard Ross
Jane Meade
Josephine Mukomba - - Virtual attendance - Partly present
Karen Belteton Mohr
Mahmood Mahmood
Monica Rajamanohar - Virtual attendance
Prachi Pandey
Toma Donchev

FIPP members absent at the meeting

Aicha Benbelhassen

PSC Observers - not present at the Agenda item FIPP Working Procedures

Alan Findlay
Michel Afonso Assad Cohen
Niels-Erik Brokopp

FIPP Technical Assistants

Frederikke Lillehaug - Virtual attendance
Mathias Frost-Henriksen
Miroslav Rosenov Ivanov
Pawan Pumar Konda

Observers at parts of the meeting

The Auditor General of the National Audit Office at the Kingdom of Bahrain, H.E. Sh. Ahmed bin Mohammed Al-Khalifa
Representative INTOSAI Chair Minister Antonio Anastasia
Representative INTOSAI Chair Claudio Gomes