

Minutes Joint Seminar New Strategic Development Plan (SDP) in Bahrain 8-10 May 2023

- 8 May 2023 – 13:00-16:00 GMT+3
- 9 May 2023 – 09:00-15:00 GMT+3
- 10 May 2023 – 09:00-17:00 GMT+3

The Forum for INTOSAI Professional Pronouncements (FIPP) / the three Goal Chairs - Professional Standards Committee (PSC), Capacity Building Committee (CBC) and Knowledge Sharing Committee (KSC) and the INTOSAI General Secretariat

The second half of the 8th May until the end of 10th May of the FIPP 2023 meeting in Bahrain (8-12 May) was initiated as a Joint SDP Seminar for PSC, CBC, KSC and FIPP. The General Secretariat was also present as observers to give input on a high level for an overall view of the INTOSAI strategy. The aim of the Joint Seminar was to reach a common agreement on how the feedback from the SDP exposure was taken down into either the draft or into other relevant documents of the INTOSAI Community. Further the group discussed the operational plan (work plan) for the initiatives presented in the SDP draft as well as other projects (herein maintenance) reported in connection to the new SDP.

Introduction

The feedback round of the SDP draft ended in mid-April. There were 34 responses from SAs and other INTOSAI organs and working bodies, hereunder the IDI, INTOSAI General Secretariat, PSC Subcommittees and PSC Vice Chair. All feedback was published on the FIPP web site designated to the SDP process, see [link](#).

An agenda with all feedback from the exposure was distributed prior to the meeting as well as a summary of the SDP process with details of the further process. A list of questions to consider related to the feedback from the call of comments was also distributed.

The FIPP Chair informed of the agenda/ambitions for the meeting:

- Address the comments given to the SDP draft and decide how to respond (inside/outside the SDP)
- Finalize the SDP Part A (Initiatives), Part B (Work Plan) on the scoping level
- Discuss topics that go outside the SDP text, initiatives and projects and agree on a way forward
- Develop a list of key questions for the PSC-SC 28 June for discussions

Due to the quite extensive task ahead the process towards the distribution of a draft to the PSC SC 28 June has had a new step added: a new SDP Joint Seminar at the FIPP June meetings where the draft is finalised by the GCC/FIPP.

Decisions made at this meeting (SDP Joint Seminar Bahrain 8-10 May 2023) will be on a high level where FIPP will produce the amended draft with other accompanying documents afterwards. The drafts with other documents will be distributed to the FIPP/GCC group before the FIPP Joint Seminar in the beginning of June.

General Feedback

The feedback given in the SDP call for comments also contained important tasks and information that reached outside the SDP and would rather be described as relevant to other parts of the INTOSAI organisation (the PSC, CBC, KSC, IDI, General Secretariat). Therefore the discussion on the general Feedback also evolved around where these inputs belong, and who in the INTOSAI community are best suited to solve them as well as alignments to the SDP draft.

The group discussed the highlighted areas by the FIPP Chair and was invited to add other areas for discussion if needed.

Highlighted areas were:

- strengthening technical and organizational support
- communication issues within the INTOSAI community
- the P initiative and the status of the INTOSAI P 1 and 10
- glossary and translations
- the implications of G initiative for the IFPP

The conclusion was to gather the feedback which is not directly related to the SDP into a cover letter. The cover letter will be attached to the finalised SDP (September 2023). Further a set of key questions both relating to general feedback as well as direct areas in the draft was decided on to be forwarded to the PSC SC in their June meeting (28 June) for a discussion. The key questions will summarise different key elements regarding directions and solutions for the plan for the level of the PSC SC to decide.

Further the group decided that many of the topics raised in the call for comments indicated solutions that require closer cooperation and more dialogue between a number of INTOSAI bodies. The GCC/FIPP/General Secretariat will in the next SDP work closely to find solutions to address these topics in the best suited way; either by guidance, seminars, work shops, web communication, directly in the work plans of the GCC, in the regional groups or by other means.

Feedback to the draft

The feedback related to the draft; the introduction and the initiatives (Part A) was discussed thoroughly and areas for amendments were identified.

These were among others:

- *Figure 1: Various stages of SAIs applying the ISSAIs.* Comments indicated that this figure did not communicate in the way intended and will be replaced by a new figure
- A specification regarding the three audit types and that there will be no changes or additions to these
- The Section *Prerequisites for these initiatives* will be removed. The **Evaluation** of INTOSAI Standard Setting will be a key item for discussion at the PSC SC, and questions regarding the goals of the SDP will also be placed in the IDI Global survey after an appropriate time where the SDP have been set into action. In regards of the roles as **Support** for the initiatives/projects in the next SDP this will require different skills and resources depending on the scope. Hence this task identifying and making sure these resources are available will be within the project proposal and allocated to the role of project manager. This will be described in the SDP on a general basis, as well as further elaborated in the operational work plan of each initiative.
- Need for additional initiatives: regarding the need for an evaluation of the SDP initiatives and progress this will be taken down in this process i.e. in the questions regarding the evaluation of the SDP when the plan has been set into action.

The actual redraft was decided to be allocated to FIPP and a new draft distributed before the next SDP Joint Seminar early June for a final agreement, before distributed to the PSC SC June 28 for a first discussion.

Operational plan and projects

A draft elaborated by FIPP and the PSC on the operational plan (Part B) of two of the initiatives (initiatives 'P' and 'T') in the draft SDP was distributed to the group during the seminar and discussed on the last day of the SDP Seminar.

Group sessions of the five initiatives involving discussions and highlighting of important areas to consider as well as a suggested output was organised for a final discussion of the level and output of the operational plan within the whole group. The FIPP will finish the draft of the Part B on basis of these discussions and decisions. The Part B will be distributed before the next SDP Joint seminar and discussed further at this meeting (SDP Joint Seminar June 2023).

Summing up

See conclusions from each agenda item above.

There was a consensus that FIPP after the SDP Joint Seminar will elaborate the SDP draft with all alignments made as well as elaborate the operational work plan (Part B) and compose a key question draft for further discussions at the SDP Joint Seminar in June. FIPP will also draft a cover note on how the SDP will be understood. All papers will be distributed to the participants of the SDP Joint Seminar prior to the SDP Joint Seminar in June.

At the adjoining FIPP meeting it was also decided that the PSC Secr invite the PSC SC to a pre-meeting where the process and intention of the SDP was summarised and explained.

Participants at the SDP FIPP/GCC/GS Joint Seminar in Bahrain 8-10 May 2023

FIPP members present at the web-meeting

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

FIPP members absent at the meeting

Aicha Benbelhassen
Josephine Mukomba

PSC

Alan Findlay
Niels-Erik Brokopp
Michel Alfonso Assad Cohen

KSC

Gaurav Kumar

CBC

Jan van Schalkwyk
Johanna Gårdmark - Virtual attendance (present 8 May)
Peter Rostedt

FIPP Technical Assistants

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

Observers

General Secretariat

Andrea Loevenberger
Herbert Baumgartner - Virtual attendance (present 8 May)
Silke Steiner - Virtual attendance (present 8 May)