

iCED as Global Training Facility: Summary of 6th International Training Programme on Introduction to Environmental Auditing held in iCED

6th International Training Programme on “Introduction to Environmental Auditing” held from 26th November to 08th December, 2018 at iCED was attended by 19 participants from 11 countries across the world viz. Bhutan, Botswana, El Salvador, Fiji, Ghana, India, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Vietnam and Zambia. SAIs of Bhutan, Estonia, Indonesia, India and European



Court of Auditors contributed trainers for various modules. This was the sixth consecutive training programme conducted at iCED as Global Training Facility of INTOSAI WGEA. Important topics such as “Greening SAIs”; “Market Based Instruments”; “Audit of SDGs”; “Environmental Assessments & its Audit”; and “Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency” were also included in addition to other topics in this programme. Mr. Jahangir Inamdar, Director (T&R) and Mr. P S Kanawat Director (Admn), iCED welcomed all the participants and guests at iCED. Mr. Sunil Dadhe, Director General, iCED inaugurated training programme on 26th November.

Trainers for the training programme were as detailed below:

S.No.	Module	Trainer/s
1.	Environmental Governance and Greening SAIs (26 th November, 2018)	Mr. Jahangir Inamdar (INDIA)
2.	Basics of Environmental Audit (26 th November, 2018)	Mr Manish Kumar (INDIA)
3.	Water (27 th & 28 th November, 2018)	Mr. Amri Lewa & Mr. Muhammad Hairil Anwar (INDONESIA)
4.	Climate Change (29 th & 30 th November, 2018)	Mr. Colm Friel (ECA)
5.	Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (29 th & 30 th November, 2018)	Mr. Colm Friel, (ECA) & Mr Raj Kumar (INDIA)
6.	Biodiversity (01 st to 04 th December, 2018)	Mr Dattaprasad S Shirsat & Mr Pushkar Kumar, SAI India (INDIA)

7.	Waste (4 th December to 06 th December, 2018)	Ms. Sigrid Rajangu, (Estonia)
8.	Market Based Instruments in Environmental Governance (5 th December, 2018)	Ms. Viire Viss (ESTONIA) through Video Conference
5.	Sustainable Development (6 th & 7 nd December, 2018)	Ms Swati Pandey (INDIA) & Ms Sonam Wangmo (BHUTAN)
6.	Environmental Assessments (7 th December, 2018)	Mr Pushkar Kumar(INDIA)

A field visit to Tarun Bharat Sangh (TBS), a non-governmental organization located at Kishori-Bhikampura in Alwar district of Rajasthan was organised so as to illustrate practice of



sustainable development. Tarun Bharat Sangh was founded by Dr. Rajendra Singh, winner of “Ramon Magsaysay Award for community leadership in 2001” and “Stockholm Water Prize, also known as the Nobel Prize for water in 2015”. Participants were briefed about community based water

conservation measures undertaken by TBS and their socio-economic impact including improvement of agriculture, economy in rural areas; reversal of out-migration of youth for employment opportunities; improvement in condition of woman and woman empowerment; etc.

As part of biodiversity module, a biodiversity trip to Keoladeo National Park, Bharatpur was organized. The participants were overwhelmed by the biodiversity of bird species i.e. waterfowl, ducks, Storks, Cranes, etc. at Keoladeo National Park. They had a first-hand experience of measures for conservation of migratory and local birds, their habitat as well as world heritage wetland which is also a Ramsar site. At the end of the park visit Mr. Ajit Uchoi, Dy. Conservator of Forest (Wildlife), Bharatpur briefed participants about biodiversity and habitat conservation measures undertaken by forest department as well as challenges being faced due to socio-political conflict for resources. Participants were overwhelmed by the biodiversity of bird species viz., waterfowl, ducks, Storks, and Cranes, etc. Teaching methods

during the training programme included both formal lectures as well as various individual and group exercises, etc. Each topic was divided into theory and practical part consisting of case studies.

Participants also visited Taj Mahal at Agra and were amazed to see the beauty of craftsmanship. Use of “*Pietra Dura*” technique and human emotion & imagination in a sophisticated and elegant manner has carved one of the wonders of world out of stone. Feedback from the participants was highly motivating and showed that the participants learnt a lot from the sessions and training has improved their understanding of various topics. Commenting on the quality and usefulness of the training programme, Ms Simbalwa Thandiwe from SAI, Zambia expressed that *“The onus for sustainably managing our environment to save our globe cannot be overemphasized the course was structured to include all aspects of environmental issues that affect the planet and all of us as all of us could relate to them in one way or another during our lessons. With the knowledge obtained we shall therefore be able to use tools and principles learnt from our audits in various audits in our country. The quality of audits would obviously be enhanced with the tools that we have learnt from the training. This will help us in improving the quality of work.”* Mr. Stephen Narkotey from SAI, Ghana expressed that *“This training has given us opportunity to share experience with fellow participants on environment related issues. Experiences from countries like Estonia on waste management was shared with us by the faculty, again experiences from European Court of Auditors on climate change, experiences from Indonesia on water harvesting matters were all shared by the faculty. We are taught that various goals of SDGs are interlinked and can be approached we are also taught how to audit preparedness for implementing the SDGS in our various countries. All the other environmental issues were tackled and we have been taught the tools that we can use to conduct the environmental audits successfully for example direct analysis, audit methodology, stake holder analysis, Audit design matrix and RACI. We have also learnt ISSAIs that will give public confidence about the work we do. We should learn how to green our SAIs we should start and others will follow. All participants are now prepared to conduct more audits on environment related issues in our various countries.”*

Valedictory session of the programme was chaired by Mr. Moermahadi Soerja Djanegara, Chairman of the Audit Board of the Republic of Indonesia as the Chair of INTOSAI WGEA and

was graced by the presence of Shri A.W.K Langstieh, Additional Deputy Comptroller & Auditor General and Director General (iCED).

ADAI in his address conveyed that global SAI community is expected to assume responsibility for ensuring accountability in implementation of the agreed Sustainable Development Goals agenda. SAI India has been playing a very active role in the sphere of audit of environment and sustainable development issues. Initiative of capacity building of SAI India with the partnership of INTOSAI WGEA is bearing fruit and **iCED is proving to be an important instrumentality of this partnership.** iCED assuming this responsibility, hosted first international training programme on introduction to environment audit in November, 2013 and this being the sixth edition of such programme.

Chairman, INTOSAI WGEA in his valedictory address highlighted that environment audit have a significant impact on management of the employment and sustainable development issues on audit entities reflecting around the world we can directly linked positive employment result to the input and effect of environment audit He stated that *“Recent surveys indicates that one of the main expectation of WGEA member is to receive training on environmental auditing hence it is a rewarding to have ICED as a global training facility participate in this worthy persuade.”*