

Address of new membership into INTOSAI WGSDG KSDI by the State Audit Office of Viet Nam

**Distinguished Chair,
Esteemed delegates and colleagues,**

The State Audit Office of Viet Nam (SAV) would like to extend its warmest greetings and sincere appreciation to the Working Group, the Secretariat, and member SAIs of INTOSAI WGSDG KSDI. We are deeply honored by your support in welcoming us SAI Viet Nam a new member and for the opportunity to deliver an address in this important meeting.

During the past few years, INTOSAI WGSDG KSDI has demonstrably established itself as a leading force in propelling sustainable development efforts. Through unwavering dedication, the Working Group has assumed a critical position in fostering the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and facilitating collaboration, knowledge exchange amongst SAIs worldwide. Its strategic priority on Key Sustainable Development Indicators (KSDIs) underscores the vital importance of reliable data for measuring progress, enhancing accountability and transparency. Furthermore, the Working Group's commitment to capacity building, technical assistance, and best practice sharing has empowered SAIs to conduct effective audits of government policies and programs related to sustainable development, consequently leading to improved governance outcomes. This unwavering dedication has become a source of inspiration for a collective effort amongst member SAIs to realize societal equity, resilience, and prosperity on a global scale.

As SAV joins INTOSAI WGSDG KSDI, our aspirations is to make effective contributions to global sustainability endeavors. We are particularly focused on collaborating with the Vietnamese Government to establish a long-term mechanism for the promulgation, amendment, and enhancement of the legal and policy framework in critical areas such as environment, poverty reduction, gender equality, education, and energy. This aligns with our national commitment to implementing the Millennium Declaration and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), and achieving net-zero emissions by 2050.

Viet Nam has a demonstrably strong track record in achieving sustainability goals. As recognized by the United Nations, Viet Nam is among the few countries to have achieved early completion of MDGs including poverty eradication, universal primary education, and advancement of gender equality. We are actively pursuing the remaining goals, with a comprehensive National Action Plan outlining a roadmap for implementing the 17 SDGs and 115 specific goals tailored to our national context.

SAV has a longstanding commitment to promoting sustainable development at both national and regional levels. During our chairmanship of the Asian Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (ASOSAI) from 2018 to 2021, we spearheaded the Ha Noi Declaration on environmental auditing for sustainable development while also promoting the establishment of ASOSAI Working Group on SDGs and is currently an active member of ASOSAI WGSDGs. Additionally, we have undertaken audits of national target programs on hunger eradication, poverty reduction, and clean water sanitation. Furthermore, we collaborated with the Canadian Audit and Accountability Foundation (CAAF) to enhance auditors' knowledge on gender equality auditing, integrating this area into our upcoming activities. These initiatives align with SAV's Development Strategy to 2030, which emphasizes improved audit quality, analysis and warnings for national target programs and social security commitments, pension benefits, natural disaster prevention, etc.

Driven by a deep conviction in the importance of promoting sustainable development in both the National Agenda and the international community, SAV seeks to leverage the expertise and collaborative opportunities offered by this esteemed Working Group. We are eager to share our knowledge and experiences and commit ourselves to actively participating in Working Group activities, along with building valuable networks with SAIs and international organizations. Through mutual learning and cooperation, we can address the increasingly complex challenges of sustainable development. Ultimately, our membership in INTOSAI WGSDG KSDI reflects our unwavering commitment to advancing sustainable development both domestically and globally, striving towards a more equitable, resilient, and prosperous future for all citizens of Viet Nam and beyond.

Thank you for your kind attention.

We wish all delegates and colleagues good health and success.