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15th meeting of INTOSAI Working Group on Environmental Auditing

Dear participants,

The National Audit Office of Estonia has the honour of hosting the next Assembly Meeting of INTOSAI WGEA. With only a month left to go, I have a pleasure to present you the meeting materials published here on the WGEA's website www.environmental-auditing.org.

Nearly 70 SAIs have expressed interest towards participating in the Assembly meeting – a true compliment to the singularity and reach of the WGEA's work. This energy of SAIs to address environmental issues has been employed when furnishing agenda of the WG15, through an invitation to share the challenges and success stories of environmental auditing over the years. I am glad to note that more than 35 SAIs have offered to contribute with topical papers and presentations.

The WG15 meeting will also be a prelude to the XXI INCOSAI in Beijing, China where another 3-year working period of INTOSAI is to be reviewed. Therefore, an important task of approving the WGEA documents compiled during 2011-2013 as well as the devising of the next work plan for 2014-2016 lies ahead of the Assembly. Additionally, the respective SAI-project leaders will organize tutorials on the recent guidance and research documents and keynote speakers are invited to reflect on the larger perspectives of environmental auditing in the light of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development.

Kindly note that according to the usual good practice of the WGEA the meeting documents will not be distributed to the delegates. Upon necessity, please bring your own binder along to Tallinn. The electronic binder will be updated with further materials, as they come, in the course of May.

I wish you all pleasant and safe trips and am looking forward to welcoming you all in Tallinn in June.

Yours sincerely,



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