

Fifth Survey on Environmental Auditing

1. Progress to date

The project work plan was updated to include comments from the fourth steering committee meeting in Prague and posted on the WGEA Web site.

The Secretariat decided to delay sending the survey to SAIs. Instead of January 2006, as stated in the work plan, it will be sent in April 2006. The survey results will be essential when we draft the 2008–10 WGEA work plan. As we have just begun to implement the current work plan, we realized that finalizing the questionnaire in the fall of 2005 would not give us enough time to create meaningful questions for the survey, keeping in mind what the WGEA wants to accomplish for its next mandate. This delay should not affect the major drafts that will be presented during the 2007 steering committee meeting and the next WGEA meeting. There is an updated timeline at the end of this document.

1. a. Research and activities completed

This summer, we began to analyze the fourth questionnaire and looked at which questions will indicate trends, and which ones we should keep, discard, and add. The WGEA Secretariat team was consulted about ways to improve on the fourth survey.

As mentioned in our project work plan, we are planning to send the fifth survey electronically. With a survey specialist and information technology specialists, we are discussing the coordination and major steps needed to send the questionnaire at the beginning of April 2006.

1. b. Information request

No request has been made.

1. c. Sub-committees

The sub-committee—composed of the RWGEA coordinators and the United Kingdom and the United States—has not yet been consulted. A draft questionnaire has been designed and we are planning to consult the sub-committee during the Moscow meeting.

2. Future steps

After the Moscow meeting, the questionnaire will be reviewed and updated, and a formal draft will be sent to the sub-committee at the beginning of 2006 for their review. The following updated timeline shows the main key milestones of this project.

Updated timeline and key milestones

October 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consult the fifth survey sub-committee during the WGEA Assembly meeting in Moscow.
January to March 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalize the questionnaire. Prepare a letter to be attached to the questionnaire—in consultation with the sub-committee. Update the mailing list. Translate the questionnaire in the other four INTOSAI languages.
4 April 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The fifth survey will be sent to all INTOSAI members to gather data for the 2003–05 (three years).
1 June 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Send reminders to SAIs that did not complete the questionnaire. Work with the RWGEAs to follow-up with their members.
1 August 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All questionnaires should be received. Finalize data entry in the database.
September 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begin data analysis with SPSS.
December 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalize data analysis. Draft the fifth survey results—in consultation with the sub-committee.
January 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Present a draft of survey results at the steering committee meeting for comments.
March and April 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalize the fifth survey results.
June 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Present data to the eleventh WGEA meeting.
May and June 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update the survey results for the last time.
October 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The fifth survey results on environmental auditing will be tabled in Mexico at the INCOSAI meeting.

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