



# **SPECIALIZED WORKING GROUP ON THE FIGHT AGAINST TRANSNATIONAL CORRUPTION (GTCT)**

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**Workshop on Integrity - Anticorruption**

**10 – 11/09/2020**

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## BACKGROUND OF THE GTCT

It is presided by SAI of Ecuador until July 2021.

This body drafted the San Salvador Declaration to Fight Against Transnational Corruption, subscribed by OLACEFS' members in their General Assembly of 2019.



It was created on April 12, 2019.

Currently gathers 17 members within the OLACEFS community.

Its goal is to enhance the cooperation between SAIs to prevent, mitigate and fight “transnational” corruption.

# GTCT AND THE PROMOTION OF INTEGRITY AS AN ANTICORRUPTION PRACTICE

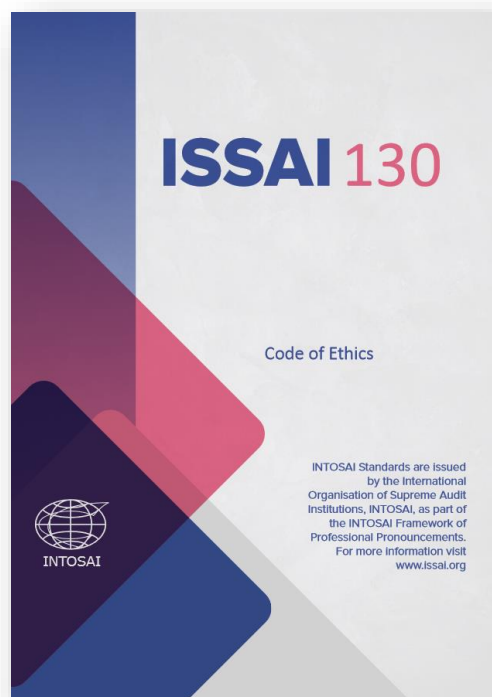
**SAIs are considered “integrity actors” within the public sector:**

“As the agency responsible for auditing government income and expenditure, the supreme audit institution acts as a watchdog over financial integrity and the credibility of reported information” (Dye & Stapenhurst, 1997, p. 4).

**Through the activities of OLACEFS’ Specialized Working Group on the Fight Against Transnationals Corruption, the promotion of integrity comes across in several projects such as:**



# ISSAI 130 TRAININGS FOR OLACEFS' MEMBERS



With the **support of IDI**, the GTCT has obtained the materials of the ISSAI 130 Training Program.

This course will be launched in **the last trimester of this year** as part of the Anticorruption Virtual Trainings of Working Group (2020 – 2021).

The purpose of this training is to position within OLACEFS, ISSAI 130 as a **standardize tool to prevent corruption**.

# GOOD PRACTICES MANUAL

The Presidency of the Working Group, with the help of SAIs of Brazil, Chile, El Salvador, Honduras, Mexico and Peru, is drafting a Good Practices Manual. Currently, the period for the second socialization has closed and the upcoming step will be to sent the document to the peer reviewer.

Among the practices implemented in the region to prevent, detect and fight corruption, the **promotion of Integrity stands out**, since 11 of the 13 participants have a Code of Ethics a Committee that implements it.

In the early stages, the UNODC – EC, contribute to the organization of the manual.



Quality control



SAI of ITALY, EUROSAI member, will serve as a peer reviewer of the manual.

# INFORMATION EXCHANGE BETWEEN SAIs



## Potential benefits:

- Enhancement of audit plannings
- Recognition of the main sectors vulnerable to corruption to advise governmental agencies
- Interoperability between GTCT members
- Open data (partially)

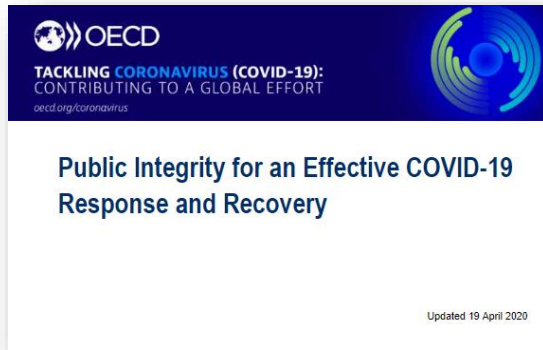


## Challenges:

- Standardization of the data sets from different SAIs
- Interpretation of the data
- Cooperation agreements
- Maintenance
- Results seen in the long-term

Key vision: INCOSAI 2019 - II Theme “new roles of SAIs”.

# COORDINATED AUDIT ON SOCIO-ECONOMIC PACKAGES DURING COVID-19



In response of the COVID-19 crisis, the Working Group has planned a coordinated audit on the socio-economic packages that governments in the region have promoted to counteract the effects of the pandemic in the most vulnerable sectors of society.

This activity will have the technical assistance of the German Cooperation GIZ.

## Upcoming activities:



## COOPERATION WITH OTHER BODIES



Along with the SAI of United Arab Emirates, the Working Group has the responsibility to implement the Memorandum of Understanding signed between INTOSAI & UNODC. Cooperation with INTOSAI regions will be key.



SAI of Ecuador joined on July 2020, the NCPA and discussed in a recent meeting a cooperation agenda for the Working Group Members.

The GTCT looks forward to enhance its cooperation with EUROSAI

