

Technical guide for conducting audits of ethics

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Who is the main user of the Guide?

- The framework and the tools were a response to the need expressed by internal auditors
- Thus, internal auditors are its main addressees
- However, it can be used by other interested parties
- Internal auditors have participated in the process of updating the Guide
 - Stating that all regulations must be in accordance to the applicable law
 - Setting a 3-year period for performing a complete evaluation covering the 3 elements of the institutional ethical framework
 - Adding to the tools



The tools

- General work plan
- Guide for evaluating the institutional ethical framework
- Guide for the analysis of strengths, opportunities, weaknesses and threats
- Ethics maturity model
- Guides for interviews (Board and senior management / Middle management)
- Survey on the institution's ethical environment
- Summary sheet of findings (Guide / Sheet)



What's next?

- Releasing the updated Guide
- Improving the Index of Institutional Performance
- Contributing to strengthening ethics in the public sector
 - Training activities
- Devising new audit methodologies
 - How to audit elements of transparency



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