SAI20 COMMUNIQUE

1. We, the ........ Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) of the Group of 20 (G20) in attendance at the inaugural SAI20 Summit met in Bali, Indonesia on 29-30 August 2022. We agreed jointly in accordance with the established Rules of Procedure for the inaugural SAI20 engagement group to promote collaboration among SAIs in G20 countries and with other relevant stakeholders in order to contribute in strengthening oversight, developing insight, and providing strategic foresight to foster accountable governance.

2. In doing so, we also recognize and acknowledge the different maturity levels and mandates of each respective SAI of member countries, and the need to ensure the unity and integrity of the SAI community under INTOSAI platforms and initiatives, as well as a need to develop a platform for strengthening the SAIs’ role as strategic partners of G20 governments in responding to global challenges.

3. We emphasized the three main pillars for its G20 2022 Indonesia Presidency namely: Global Health Architecture, Sustainable Energy Transition, and Digital Transformation that Indonesia will continue to take the lead on ensuring equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines, promoting sustainable and inclusive economic development.

4. We noted that the COVID-19 pandemic has not only increased the risks of fraud due to rapid implementation of the Government program, but also widened inequality across the globe due to unachieved development targets, thus hindering the achievement efforts of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) globally.

5. We stress that outside of the direct impacts of the pandemic, global recovery is also at risk from more persistent supply disruptions, mounting inflationary pressures, financial stresses, an emerging energy crisis, the potential for climate-related disasters, and weaker-than-anticipated long-term growth drivers.

6. We acknowledge that SAIs and other stakeholders need to focus on accelerating economic recovery, by resuming efforts to achieve the 2030 agenda, and create a suitable environment for business sustainability, and assist developing nations’ resilience to better respond to various challenges and uncertainties that may present themselves in the future.
7. Referring to United Nations General Assembly Resolution A/66/209 and INTOSAI P 12, public sector auditing has an essential role in promoting the efficiency, economy, effectiveness, accountability, and transparency of public administration while supporting global response to the COVID-19 crisis and SDGs implementation.

8. In this context, we, in demonstrating our relevance to the government, parliament, and other stakeholders, including the citizens, are committed to providing timely and relevant information needed to ensure the accountability and transparency decision-making of the government. We also commit to helping the government identify potential risks, impacts, and possible responses to be implemented in order to deliver good public policy outcomes and assuring good governance, as well as contributing to the follow-up and review of SDGs implementation.

9. Considering that the response to the pandemic from the SAI of each of the G20 countries differs, and in line with the focus on the priorities of current G20 Presidency in Global Health Architecture, to support the economic recovery as a result of the pandemic, we call on the governments of the G20 to:
   ● Address the importance of planning, good governance and sound risk management in managing an emergency, including the importance of crisis preparedness and coordination across key governance structures.
   ● Ensure equity while prioritizing the availability, distribution of resources and health facilities.
   ● Ensuring health systems are responsive to the needs of the environment and continue to be agile in an ever-changing environment.
   ● Continue to focus on areas of healthcare reform, tax reform and fiscal continuity, through the demonstration of government vision and leadership; digital transformation and data management; and human resources quality.

10. Having considered further the prolonged impact of the pandemic and its hindrance to the progress of the 2030 agenda, we as SAIs with respect to support the SDGs Implementation, which in line with the priorities of the current G20 Presidency in Digital Transformation and Sustainable Energy Transition, call on the governments of the G20 to:
    ● Ensure comprehensive mapping of government programs and policies for achieving sustainable development, including the SDGs.
    ● In the implementation of new policies, promote stakeholder involvement, demonstrate good leadership and enhanced coordination and cooperation across the public sector and with (and between) the private sector and national critical sectors.
    ● Improve transparency and accountability frameworks for better implementation of policies and programs, including the development of clear performance targets, assessment criteria and robust monitoring and reporting.
    ● Highlight the importance of documentation, and increase intelligence and data analytics capability to leverage opportunities on reflecting digital security issues in digital transformation while identifying and mitigating the risks to data safety.
Consider the need for a framework for sustainability reporting in the public sector and the role of the SAI to provide transparency and accountability of non-financial information of government programs.

11. In the face of Volatility, Uncertainty, Complexity and Ambiguity (VUCA) era, we stress the importance of the role of SAIs as external independent institutions and pursue a comprehensive initiative to play an active role in promoting the efficiency, accountability, effectiveness, and transparency of public administration.

12. We thank the Audit Board of the Republic of Indonesia as Chair of the inaugural SAI20, under Indonesia’s G20 presidency and particularly given such a challenging first year of the establishment of SAI20 and the convening the heads of the fourteen SAIs in attendance to agree on this first communique. We look forward to the Comptroller and Audit General of India as the next Chair SAI20, under India’s G20 presidency.