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# National Audit Chamber Of South Sudan Empowers Female Auditors Through ICT Training Sessions

**Promoting Gender and Diversity in Auditing with Expert ICT Training** 

Juba, March 2023



NAC female staff pose for a photo during the workshop

In a remarkable stride towards gender equality and diversity in auditing, the National Audit Chamber of South Sudan has embarked on a new initiative. Female auditors within the Chamber are empowered through dedicated Information and Communication Technology (ICT) training sessions, facilitated by the chamber's IT advisor.

Traditionally in South Sudan, the profession has been male-dominated, but the National Audit Chamber is leading the way in South Sudan by recognizing the vital contributions that female auditors can make. This innovative program is not only breaking down gender barriers but also diversifying the auditing profession, ensuring a more inclusive and representative workforce.

The ICT training sessions are designed to equip female auditors with the necessary skills to thrive in a rapidly evolving technological landscape. The importance of ICT proficiency in auditing cannot be overstated. With the increasing reliance on digital tools and data analysis, auditors must utilize technology to effectively and efficiently assess financial records and ensure transparency.

The National Audit Chamber's IT advisor, who spearheads these training sessions, brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the program. Participants learn to harness the power of Microsoft 365 tools, auditing software, data analytics tools, and digital platforms, enabling them to excel in their roles.

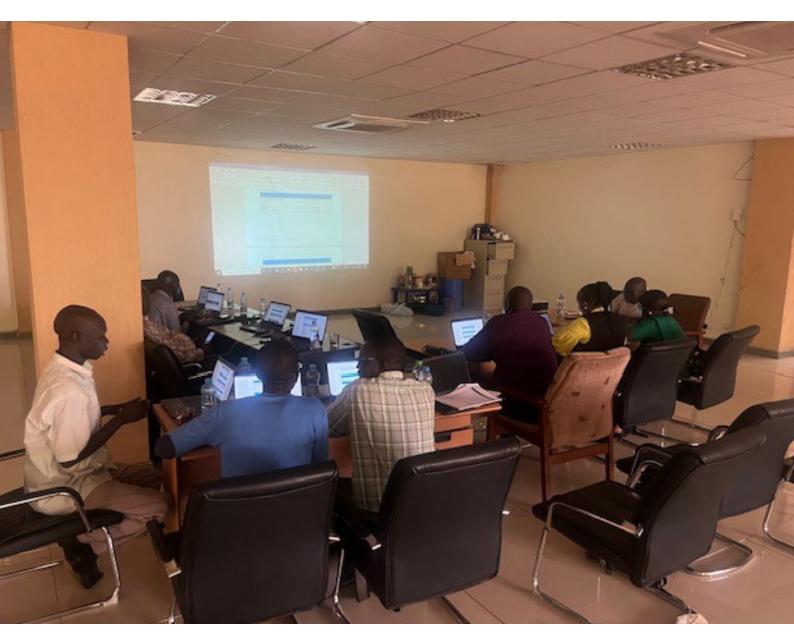
Furthermore, this initiative serves as a model for the wider South Sudanese society. By empowering women in auditing through ICT training, the National Audit Chamber is sending a powerful message: Gender equality is not just an abstract ideal, but a tangible reality that drives progress and innovation.

As South Sudan strives for economic growth and development, all segments of society must be involved in this journey. Empowering female auditors with ICT skills strengthens the auditing profession and contributes to building a more inclusive and prosperous nation.

The National Audit Chamber's commitment to promoting gender and diversity through ICT training is a commendable example of how organizations can drive change and foster a more equitable society.

# **Embracing Digital Transformation** in Audit

Juba, April 2023



NAC financial audit team during an online working paper review session with the audit advisor from OAG Kenya.

In an era of technological advancement, the National Audit Chamber of South Sudan has taken a bold leap into the digital realm. Staff members have wholeheartedly embraced the power of digital tools, revolutionizing how audits are conducted within the institution.

Gone are the days of traditional paper trails and manual processes. The Chamber has transitioned seamlessly to conducting all audits digitally, leveraging the robust capabilities of Microsoft Teams. This transition marks a significant milestone, streamlining operations and enhancing efficiency in audit procedures.

Through dedicated training and handson experience, the auditors have swiftly adapted to this digital paradigm. Their expertise in utilizing Microsoft Teams has expedited the audit processes and laid the foundation for further advancements in their audit methodologies.

Looking ahead, the Chamber has set its sights on an even more sophisticated audit tool. Building upon the knowledge and experience gained from using Microsoft Teams, auditors are gearing up to transition to a more intricate digital platform. This evolution reflects the commitment of the Chamber to innovate and embrace cutting-edge technologies in pursuit of excellence continuously.

This bold move towards a more complex audit tool is not merely a technological upgrade but a strategic shift towards more advanced audit practices. The Chamber envisions this transition as a catalyst for heightened accuracy, deeper insights, and a more comprehensive audit approach.

The success of this digital transformation speaks volumes about the dedication and adaptability of the National Audit Chamber's staff. Their willingness to embrace change and harness the potential of digital tools exemplifies a forward-thinking approach essential for navigating the challenges of the modern audit landscape.

As the Chamber continues this path of digital innovation, it stands poised to redefine auditing practices in South Sudan, setting new standards of excellence and efficiency in governmental oversight and accountability.

# Connecting Beyond Boundaries: National Audit Chamber Of South Sudan Unveils New Digital Presence

Juba, April 2023

We are thrilled to announce a significant milestone in the journey of the National Audit Chamber of South Sudan - the launch of our brand-new website and social media platforms! This marks an exciting leap forward in our commitment to transparent communication, accessibility, and engagement with internal stakeholders and the wider community.

In today's digital age, effective communication is pivotal. The unveiling of our website and social media channels is a testament to our dedication to fostering open dialogue and enhancing transparency within the National Audit Chamber. These platforms will serve as dynamic hubs for information, insights, and updates regarding our audit processes, reports, and initiatives.

Here's what you can expect from our new digital avenues:

#### **Enhanced Transparency**

Our website will provide comprehensive access to our reports, audits, and publications, empowering stakeholders with valuable insights into the Chamber's activities. This transparency reinforces our accountability and commitment to upholding the highest standards in auditing practices.

#### **Improved Accessibility**

We understand the importance of accessibility. Through our user-friendly website and social media platforms, stakeholders will have effortless access to information, enabling a broader audience to engage with our work and understand its impact on governance and public accountability.

#### **Direct Engagement**

The launch of our social media channels opens doors for direct interaction. We invite discussions, questions, and feedback from all stakeholders, facilitating a more inclusive and collaborative environment. Your perspectives are invaluable in shaping the future of audit processes and governance.

#### **Strengthened Partnerships**

Externally, these digital platforms will enable us to forge stronger connections with government bodies, civil society organizations, media outlets, and the general public. By fostering these relationships, we aim to catalyze positive change and contribute to the overall development of South Sudan.

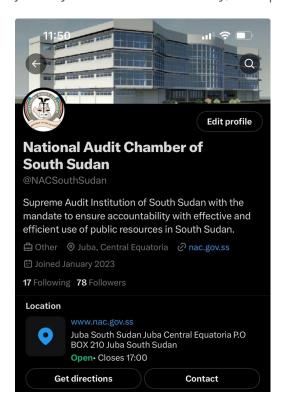
In embracing this digital transformation, we acknowledge that effective communication isn't merely about dissemination but also listening.

We are committed to actively engaging with your insights, concerns, and suggestions as we navigate this new digital frontier together.

As we embark on this exciting chapter, we invite you to explore our website and connect with us on our social media platforms. Your participation is instrumental in our collective journey toward accountability, transparency,

and good governance in South Sudan.

Stay tuned for regular updates, informative content, and engaging discussions! Together, let's shape a brighter future through transparency and collaboration.





NAC twitter and facebook page

# Celebrating Success: NAC South Sudan's Leadership In The East African Community Audit Commission

Arusha, April 2023



AG South Sudan handing over chairmanship to AG Kenya

We are thrilled to share some momentous news about our National Audit Chamber of South Sudan's remarkable achievement and integral role in the East African Community Audit Commission. It brings us immense pride to announce that our Chamber, under the exceptional leadership of Auditor General Ambassador Steven Kiliona Wondu, has not only been an active member but also took on the esteemed position of Chairmanship from 2021 to 2022.

# **Leading by Example: Chairmanship Success**

During the tenure of 2021 to 2022, Ambassador Steven Kiliona Wondu, along with our dedicated team, has exemplified unparalleled commitment and proficiency in steering the Audit Commission towards its objectives. Under his guidance, our Chamber has overseen and delivered the audit of the commission with unwavering excellence.

#### **Achievements Worth Celebrating**

This momentous milestone stands as a testament to the relentless dedication and expertise of our team. It signifies our Chamber's pivotal role in fostering transparency, accountability, and excellence in the region. It's through collective efforts and a commitment to the highest standards of audit practices that we've achieved this commendable feat.

# **Looking Ahead: Continuing the Legacy**

As we bask in the glory of this achievement, it's imperative to acknowledge that our journey doesn't end here. The Chairmanship might have transitioned, but our commitment to upholding the values of the Commission and ensuring top-tier audit practices remains unwavering. We shall continue to actively contribute and set benchmarks for excellence in auditing, thereby further solidifying our position as a key player in the region.

Once again, congratulations to the entire team for this significant milestone. Let's continue to strive for excellence and uphold the principles of accountability and transparency that define us.



Presentation of the audit report



AG South Sudan with members of the Court de Compte of DRC during the audit report signing

# Strengthening Capacity in the Audit of the Extractive Industries

Capetown, June 2023



Members of the NAC petroleum audit team during the workshop in Capetown

We're thrilled to share the exciting news of our recent participation in the Extractive Industries Workshop hosted by AFROSAI-E in Capetown. Our delegation from the National Audit Chamber of South Sudan embarked on an insightful journey, fostering collaborations and gaining invaluable knowledge in extractive industries.

The workshop proved to be a pivotal platform for us to engage with industry experts, audit professionals, and stakeholders from diverse backgrounds. We delved deep into strategies for effective oversight, transparency, and accountability within the extractive sector through immersive sessions and interactive discussions.

This experience is not merely a milestone but a significant leap toward building our capacity to ensure the prudent management of oil revenues in South Sudan. The lessons learned, and connections made during this workshop will profoundly impact our auditing processes, enabling us to enhance our practices and contribute more effectively to

the sustainable development of our nation.

As we return with enriched insights and renewed enthusiasm, let's channel this knowledge into our work. Let's collaborate, innovate, and apply these learnings to our audits, aiming for greater transparency, efficiency, and effectiveness in managing our country's invaluable resources.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to AFROSAI-E for organizing this enriching workshop and to all team members for their dedication and active participation. Together, let's continue to strive for excellence in our audit processes and make a lasting positive impact on South Sudan's economic development.

Here's to a brighter, more transparent future for our nation.

# Empowering Excellence: National Audit Chamber Enhances Performance Audit Skills

Entebbe, July 2023



Participants including the NAC team pose for a group photo during the workshop.

We're thrilled to share a significant step forward in our pursuit of excellence and professionalism at the National Audit Chamber. Recently, our Performance Audit Unit members participated in a transformative three-module course facilitated by AFROSAI-E in Uganda, aimed at honing their performance auditing skills.

#### **Elevating Expertise through Training**

The course, comprising three comprehensive modules, was tailored to enrich our team's capabilities in conducting performance audits effectively. It delved into advanced methodologies, techniques, and best practices, equipping our staff with the latest tools and insights required to conduct thorough and impactful audits.

#### **Strengthening Audit Quality**

By investing in our team's professional development, we are fortifying the quality of audit reports produced by the National Audit Chamber. The enhanced skills and expertise gained from this training will significantly elevate the caliber of our audits, ensuring they are robust and insightful and contribute meaningfully to improving governance.

#### A Commitment to Continuous Improvement

At the heart of our mission lies a commitment to continuous improvement. The knowledge and skills acquired from this course empower us to adapt to evolving audit landscapes and tackle complex challenges effectively, ultimately benefiting the citizens of South Sudan through strengthened accountability and transparency.

# **Enriching Partnerships and Collaboration**

Our participation in this training program further solidifies our collaborative networks within the audit community. It reinforces our commitment to learning and knowledge sharing, fostering partnerships that enhance the region's collective capacity for audit excellence.

# Enhancing Accountability And Transparency: National Audit Chamber Conducts First Sensitization Workshop for Public Accounts Committee in South Sudan

Juba, August 2023



Members of the Public Accounts Committee pose for a photo with the Auditor General during the engagement workshop.

In a significant stride towards bolstering transparency and accountability in the governance of South Sudan, the National Audit Chamber recently held its inaugural sensitization workshop for the Public Accounts Committee of the National Assembly. The two-day workshop, held in the capital city of Juba, aimed to familiarize committee members with the crucial roles of the Auditor General and their responsibilities in evaluating and discussing audit reports.

The workshop is pivotal for South Sudan as it continues its journey toward effective governance, fiscal responsibility, and sustainable development. The collaboration between the National Audit Chamber and the Public Accounts Committee underscores the commitment of the government to promote openness and responsible resource management.

# **Understanding the Roles: Empowering Oversight for Accountability**

The Auditor General serves as a guardian of public funds, ensuring that financial transactions are conducted transparently and within the confines of the law. The sensitization workshop shed light on the Auditor General's responsibilities, including conducting audits, examining financial records, and producing audit reports highlighting discrepancies, inefficiencies, and potential misappropriations of funds. The workshop aimed to equip committee members with the knowledge necessary to effectively oversee governmental financial activities by providing a comprehensive overview of these duties.

#### **Strengthening Parliamentary Oversight**

The Public Accounts Committee plays a pivotal role in upholding transparency and accountability within the government. By reviewing audit reports and engaging in discussions about financial management, committee members can identify areas of concern, question irregularities, and propose

necessary actions. The workshop emphasized their role in demanding answers from relevant government officials and ensuring corrective measures are taken to rectify any shortcomings.

# **Promoting Collaboration for a Better South Sudan**

During the workshop, the National Audit Chamber and the Public Accounts Committee highlighted the importance of collaboration between the two entities. Transparent and effective governance relies on a cooperative effort between auditors and oversight bodies, creating a system of checks and balances that reduces the potential for financial misconduct and misuse of public funds. By fostering understanding and communication between these entities, the government of South Sudan takes a critical step towards achieving its developmental goals and improving the lives of its citizens.

#### **Toward a Brighter Future**

As South Sudan strives for stability, growth, and equitable development, the role of transparent and accountable governance cannot be overstated. The National Audit Chamber's initiative to organize a sensitization workshop for the Public Accounts Committee is a testament to the government's commitment to creating a robust framework for financial oversight. The workshop paves the way for a more informed, vigilant, and active approach to scrutinizing government expenditures by empowering committee members with knowledge about the Auditor General's role and responsibilities.

As the nation moves forward, this collaboration will lead to enhanced accountability, reduced financial irregularities, and increased public trust in the government's economic management. With this groundbreaking step, South Sudan strides closer to a future characterized by transparency, accountability, and sustainable growth.

# Strengthening Accountability: National Audit Chamber Empowers Government Officials in South Sudan

Juba, August 2023



Undersecretaries and Heads of Accounts during the workshop

The National Audit Chamber of South Sudan held a pivotal 3-day stakeholder engagement workshop, gathering all undersecretaries and heads of accounts and internal audits from various central government departments. The primary goal? To enlighten participants about the critical role of the Auditor General and their profound responsibility in ensuring timely financial reporting.

The workshop was a significant step toward fostering good governance practices in a nation where financial transparency and accountability are paramount. It brought together top officials who play pivotal roles in managing public finances and maintaining fiscal responsibility.

The workshop's agenda was crafted to provide comprehensive insights into the workings of the Auditor General's office. It aimed to demonstrate how their roles intertwined with the broader goal of timely financial reporting.

# **Understanding the Auditor General's Role**

The workshop commenced with an in-depth introduction to the National Audit Chamber's mandate and its indispensable role in overseeing public finances. Participants gained insights into the legal framework and regulatory environment governing the Auditor General's work.

# **Promoting Timely Financial Reporting**

A pivotal aspect of the workshop emphasized the criticality of timely financial reporting. Delayed reporting can harm fiscal management, impacting resource allocation and decision-making. The workshop featured interactive sessions, case studies, and practical examples, empowering attendees with strategies to ensure the punctuality of financial reporting.

# Fostering Collaboration and Exchange

The workshop provided a unique platform for participants to engage in open dialogues, share experiences, and address common challenges. This collaborative approach encouraged the cross-pollination of ideas and fostered a sense of unity among various government departments. This unity is vital in achieving timely and transparent financial reporting across the central government.

#### A Resounding Success

Feedback from participants has been overwhelmingly positive. Many expressed gratitude for the opportunity to deepen their understanding of their roles and responsibilities, particularly in the context of financial reporting. The workshop's success reflects the National Audit Chamber's dedication to enhancing public financial management in South Sudan.

As South Sudan strives for financial transparency and improved governance, initiatives such as these stakeholder engagement workshops serve as a beacon of hope. They equip government officials with the knowledge and tools to excel in their roles and pave the way for a brighter future where accountability and fiscal responsibility reign supreme.

# Pioneering Progress: National Audit Chamber embarks on the Development of a Non-Oil Revenue Manual

**Juba, August 2023** 



The NAC team, AFROSAI and other stakeholders pose for a photo during the workshop

We're thrilled to unveil an ambitious and pivotal initiative undertaken by the National Audit Chamber in collaboration with AFROSAI-E and generously funded by the African Development Bank. Our latest endeavor involves the development of a groundbreaking Non-Oil Revenue Manual, a significant step as South Sudan endeavors to diversify its revenue sources and reduce dependence on oil income.

## A Strategic Shift: Focusing Beyond Oil Revenues

Recognizing the imperative to diversify revenue streams, this manual will lay the groundwork for auditing non-oil revenues comprehensively. As South Sudan charts a course to move beyond oil dependency, the manual will facilitate robust audit methodologies, ensuring the accuracy, transparency, and accountability of non-oil revenue management.

# **Collaborative Innovation: Engaging Key Stakeholders**

The development of this manual is a product of collaboration. Integral to this process has been the interaction with key stakeholders, notably the National Revenue Authority. Engaging with these stakeholders has provided invaluable insights and perspectives, enriching the manual's content and ensuring its relevance and applicability.

# **Strengthening Audit Methodologies:** A Path to Progress

By establishing comprehensive audit methodologies specific to non-oil revenue, we aim to elevate the auditing standards in this domain. This manual will equip auditors with the tools and frameworks necessary to conduct rigorous and practical audits, contributing significantly to financial accountability and governance.

# Advancing National Resilience and Development

A diversified revenue base is fundamental to South Sudan's economic resilience and sustainable development. This manual catalyzes this pursuit, laying the groundwork for enhanced financial management practices and fostering a more stable and prosperous future for our nation.

# Setting The Course: National Audit Chamber of South Sudan Finalizes Annual Audit Plan for Fy 2023-2024 and Embarks on Updating Audit Manuals

Juba, August 2023



The NAC team poses with peers from OAG Kenya during the workshop

The National Audit Chamber is delighted to share a momentous achievement at the heart of our commitment to accountability and transparency—completing the Annual Audit Plan for the Financial Year 2023-2024 by the National Audit Chamber of South Sudan and embarking on updating its financial and compliance audit manuals.

#### A Strategic Roadmap for Excellence

The Annual Audit Plan is a meticulously crafted roadmap that outlines our audit priorities, strategies, and objectives for the upcoming fiscal year. It serves as a strategic tool that guides our efforts in fulfilling our audit mandate with precision and effectiveness.

#### **Focused Prioritization for Impact**

In developing this plan, we have meticulously prioritized audits based on their significance, potential impact, and relevance to the public interest. This approach ensures that our resources are optimally utilized, targeting areas that matter most to the citizens of South Sudan.

#### **Timely and Relevant Audits**

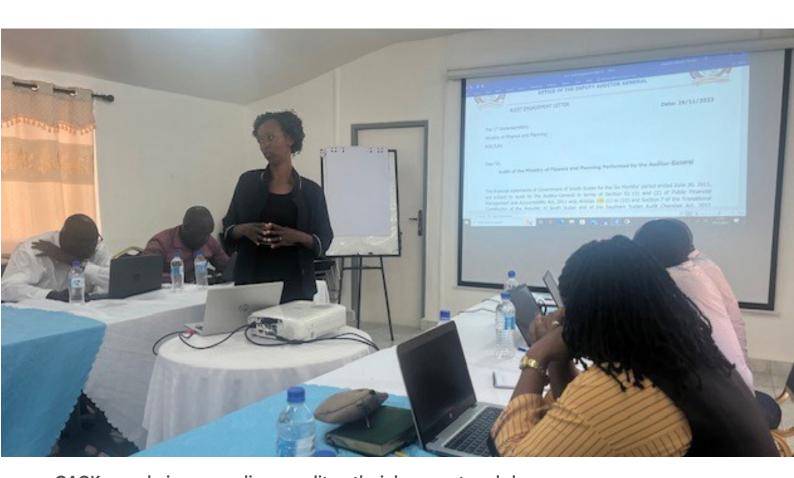
Completing the Annual Audit Plan allows us to conduct audits promptly, providing real-time insights into financial management and performance across various sectors. This agility enhances our ability to address emerging challenges promptly and contribute to the continuous improvement of public administration.

#### **Strengthening Public Trust**

By transparently communicating our audit priorities, we aim to reinforce public trust in the integrity and effectiveness of our audit processes. The Annual Audit Plan is a commitment to our stakeholders, showcasing our dedication to responsible governance and fiscal accountability.

# Embracing Progress: National Audit Chamber's Peer-To-Peer Partnership with the Office of the Auditor General of Kenya

**Juba, September 2023** 



OAGK peer during a compliance audit on the job support workshop

We are excited to share some noteworthy developments within the National Audit Chamber (NAC) that highlight our commitment to continuous improvement and collaboration. Under the NAC SCP (Strategic Change Project),

we have successfully forged a peer-to-peer partnership with the Office of the Auditor General of Kenya, and the results have been nothing short of exceptional.

#### **Audit Methodology Enhancement:**

Through this strategic collaboration, our team at the National Audit Chamber has had the valuable opportunity to exchange insights and best practices with our counterparts in the Office of the Auditor General of Kenya. This exchange has significantly enhanced our audit methodologies, incorporating innovative approaches and methods that align with global standards. The shared experiences and knowledge have empowered our teams to adopt more effective and efficient audit practices, ultimately raising the bar for the quality of our audits.

#### **ICT Advancements:**

In today's rapidly evolving technological landscape, staying abreast of the latest ICT developments is imperative. The peer-to-peer partnership has facilitated a robust exchange of ideas and experiences related to Information and Communication Technology (ICT) systems. As a result, the National Audit Chamber has been able to implement cutting-edge ICT solutions that enhance our efficiency, data security, and overall technological capabilities. This collaboration has streamlined our processes and positioned us as a forward-thinking organization within the audit community.

# Human Resources System Strengthening:

Recognizing the importance of a skilled and motivated workforce, the NAC has focused on strengthening our Human Resources (HR) systems in collaboration with the Office of the Auditor General of Kenya. The exchange of insights on talent management, professional development, and employee engagement has allowed us to implement strategic initiatives that contribute to the growth and well-being of our team members. This, in turn, positively impacts our organization's overall effectiveness and productivity.

In conclusion, the National Audit Chamber's commitment to fostering collaboration through the NAC SCP project has yielded tangible and meaningful results. Our peer-to-peer partnership with the Office of the Auditor General of Kenya has not only enhanced our audit methodologies, ICT capabilities, and HR systems. Still, it has also positioned us as a dynamic and progressive force in the audit community.

We sincerely appreciate all team members involved in this collaborative effort. Together, we will strive for excellence and uphold the highest standards in our audit practices.



NAC performance audit team during a working session with peers from OAG Kenya.

# Empowering Excellence: National Audit Chamber Expands Horizons Through Capacity Building Initiatives

**Pretoria, October 2023** 



Two members of NAC's operational planning team during the M&E workshop in South Africa

We're thrilled to share exciting news from the National Audit Chamber as our commitment to capacity building and professional development continues to soar. Recently, our team members embarked on two transformative workshops facilitated by AFROSAI-E, fostering enriched skills and knowledge in ICT and monitoring and evaluation.

# Advancing in Technology: ICT Workshop in Windhoek, Namibia

Our team delved into the dynamic realm of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) through an intensive workshop in Windhoek, Namibia. This immersive experience equipped us with the latest tools, trends, and strategies for leveraging technology to enhance audit processes, data analysis, and information management.

# **Sharpening Expertise: Monitoring and Evaluation Workshop in South Africa**

In a parallel endeavour, our staff underwent comprehensive training in monitoring and evaluation methodologies in South Africa. This workshop, facilitated by AFROSAI-E, honed our skills in assessing the impact and effectiveness of audit processes, ensuring that our evaluations uphold the highest standards of accuracy and relevance.

# **Strengthening Audit Practices through Capacity Building**

The participation of our team in these workshops underscores our unwavering commitment to excellence in audit practices. By embracing technological advancements and refining our monitoring and evaluation methodologies, we are poised to elevate our audits' quality, efficiency, and effectiveness at the National Audit Chamber.

## A Testament to Continuous Learning and Growth

These capacity-building initiatives are more than workshops; they symbolize our dedication to continuous learning and growth. The knowledge and insights from these experiences empower us to adapt to evolving audit landscapes, driving innovation and excellence in our audit processes.

We are committed to applying the enriched skills and knowledge from these workshops to deliver thorough, insightful audits that contribute meaningfully to accountability and good governance in South Sudan.



NAC ICT advisor during the AFROSAI-E WGISA, workshop in Windhoek Namibia

# Welcoming New Talents: National Audit Chamber's Week-Long Induction and Peer Support Program

Juba, October 2023



New staff pose for a photo during the induction session.

Exciting developments are underway at the National Audit Chamber of South Sudan as we proudly welcome a cadre of new talents to our esteemed team. The recent recruitment drive has brought in fresh perspectives and skills, marking a significant step forward in our commitment to excellence in audit practices.

## **Investing in Excellence: New Staff Recruitment**

Our recruitment process carefully selected individuals whose dedication, expertise, and passion align with our mission of fostering transparency, accountability, and good governance in South Sudan. Adding these new members strengthens our capabilities to navigate the challenges and opportunities in the dynamic auditing field.

#### A Week of Enrichment: Comprehensive Induction Program

We conducted a comprehensive one-week induction program to ensure a smooth integration and provide our new staff with a holistic understanding of our organizational culture, processes, and expectations. This program was an immersive introduction to the National Audit Chamber's values, goals, and operational procedures.

#### Learning from the Best: Peer Support from Auditor General's Office of Kenya

To enrich the induction experience, we were honored to have esteemed peers from the Auditor General's Office of Kenya contribute to the program. Their wealth of experience and insights added invaluable perspectives, fostering a collaborative learning environment that transcended borders.

#### **Nurturing a Culture of Excellence**

The induction program not only equipped our recruits with the knowledge and skills needed for their roles but also emphasized the importance of upholding the highest standards of professionalism, integrity, and accountability. It sets the foundation for a cohesive and collaborative team dedicated to advancing the goals of the National Audit Chamber.

# Strengthening Accountability: Auditor General Presents Key Audit Findings to the Transitional National Legislative Assemby

Juba, November 2023



AG Amb. Steven Wondu and the NAC team at the TLNA after presentation of the audit report to the Public Accounts Committee.

In a pivotal move towards reinforcing accountability and transparency in South Sudan, the Auditor General recently presented the Performance Audit Report on the Juba-Rumbek road to the esteemed Transitional National Legislative Assembly in October. This significant step marks a concerted effort to ensure robust follow-up on audit recommendations, underscoring our commitment to accountable governance.

#### **Unveiling Key Audit Findings**

The Performance Audit Report on the Juba-Rumbek road holds critical insights into the management and execution of this vital infrastructure project. Its presentation to the Transitional National Legislative Assembly is a testament to our commitment to transparency, providing legislators and the public with comprehensive insights into the project's performance and challenges.

## Catalyzing Action: Summons to the Public Accounts Committee

The subsequent summoning of the Auditor General to appear before the esteemed Public Accounts Committee in December 2023 further emphasizes the gravity of these audit findings. This engagement paves the way for constructive dialogues, enabling

thorough discussions on the audit report's observations, recommendations, and necessary actions for rectification.

# Fostering Accountability through Collaboration

This collaborative process involving the Auditor General, the Transitional National Legislative Assembly, and the Public Accounts Committee underscores the collective commitment to holding public institutions accountable. We foster an environment conducive to responsible governance and informed decision-making by facilitating discussions and inquiries based on audit findings.

#### **Empowering Follow-Up Mechanisms**

The presentation of the Performance Audit Report and subsequent engagements exemplify our dedication to not only conducting audits but also ensuring that their outcomes are actively monitored and acted upon. This cycle of assessment, recommendation, and follow-up forms the cornerstone of effective governance and accountability

# Upholding Standards: National Audit Chamber Appoints KPMG to Audit the Bank of South Sudan

Juba, November 2023



KPMG team paying a courtesy call to the Auditor General's office in Juba.

To ensure transparency, accountability, and the highest standards of financial oversight within publicly owned institutions of South Sudan, the National Audit Chamber has appointed KPMG, a renowned auditing firm, to audit the Bank of South Sudan.

### Leveraging Expertise: Partnership with KPMG

The appointment of KPMG reflects our dedication to ensuring thorough and impartial scrutiny of financial operations within critical institutions. KPMG, known for its reputation for global auditing and advisory services, will bring a wealth of expertise to examine the Bank of South Sudan's financial activities.

## Rigorous Oversight for Sound Governance

This collaboration aligns with our mission to strengthen financial governance and enhance public trust. The audit conducted by KPMG will provide an independent and comprehensive evaluation of the Bank's financial performance, risk management practices, and adherence to regulatory frameworks.

## Fostering Confidence in Financial Institutions

Transparent audits of crucial financial entities such as the Bank of South Sudan are vital in instilling stakeholder confidence. The findings will contribute to informed decision-making, reinforce financial accountability, and promote a culture of responsible governance in South Sudan.

# Nurturing Excellence: Deputy Auditor General Engages in Project Management Workshop in Paris

Paris, November 2023



DAG Tombe Lukak making a presentation during the Paris project management workshop.

Mr. Tombe Logale Lukak, the Deputy Auditor General of the National Audit Chamber, recently participated in a transformative Project Management Workshop held in Paris, France, organized by the INTOSAI Development Initiative under the NAC SCP project.

#### **Embracing Professional Development**

Mr. Lukak'sparticipation in this workshop underscored the National Audit Chamber's commitment to fostering excellence and continuous learning. The workshop provided a comprehensive platform to delve into advanced project management methodologies, equipping Mr. Lukak with cutting-edge tools and strategies.

#### **Collaboration and Peer Support**

What made this experience even more enriching was the collaboration with peers from various Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) representing diverse country projects. This shared knowledge and experiences environment offered valuable insights and perspectives, fostering a collaborative spirit across international boundaries.

# **Strengthening Implementation: Impact on the SCP Project**

The skills and expertise gained by Mr. Lukak during this workshop will directly contribute to the National Audit Chamber's Strategic Change Project (SCP) success. Effective project management is pivotal in ensuring the smooth execution and attainment of goals outlined within the SCP.

#### **Empowering Leadership for Excellence**

Mr. Lukak's engagement in this workshop exemplifies the National Audit Chamber's investment in nurturing capable leaders with the necessary skills to steer initiatives toward success. The acquired knowledge and strategies will further enhance the chamber's ability to deliver impactful audits and fulfill its mandate effectively.

# National Audit Chamber's Leadership Engaging in Afrosai-E Events

Accra, May 2023



AG South Sudan on a panel discussion during the SAI Donor conference

We're excited to share some incredible updates regarding the active involvement of our esteemed top management at key AFROSAI-E (African Organisation of English-speaking Supreme Audit Institutions) events this year. The National Audit Chamber's leadership once again demonstrated our commitment to regional collaboration and advancement within the audit community.

# **Annual Governing Board in Accra Ghana: May 2023**

Our top management, led by the Auditor General Ambassador Steven Kiliona Wondu played a pivotal role in the highly anticipated AFROSAI-E Annual Governing Board meeting held in Ghana this past May. The event provided a platform for thought-provoking discussions, strategic planning, and collaborative initiatives to enhance regional audit practices and governance. Our representation at this gathering underscored our Chamber's dedication to fostering knowledge sharing and best practices within the AFROSAI-E network.

# AFROSAI-E Donor Workshop in Pretoria, South Africa: November 2023

Later in November, our leadership actively participated in the AFROSAI-E Donor Workshop held in Pretoria, South Africa. This workshop was a crucial forum for engaging with key stakeholders, exploring partnership opportunities, and aligning strategic objectives to strengthen our audit capabilities further.

Our involvement emphasized our Chamber's commitment to seeking innovative avenues for capacity building and sustainable growth in audit practices.

# **Promoting Collaboration and Knowledge Exchange**

The participation of our top management in these significant AFROSAI-E events underscores our dedication to collaborative efforts, knowledge exchange, and staying at the forefront of advancements in the audit domain. Their engagement exemplifies our commitment to shaping the future of auditing practices within our Chamber and the broader African audit community.

#### **Continuing Our Journey Forward**

As we reflect on these engagements, let's harness the insights gained from these invaluable experiences. Let's leverage this knowledge to elevate our standards further, embrace innovation, and reinforce our role as key contributors to the advancement of audit practices in our region.

#### **Acknowledging Our Leadership**

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to our top management for their active involvement, leadership, and commitment to representing our Chamber at these prestigious AFROSAI-E events.



AG South Sudan in conversation with AG South Africa and the CEO of AFROSAI-E at the Governing Board meeting in Ghana



NAC DAG Dr Justin Droko and Audit Director with IDI staff at the Governing Board meeting in Ghana

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