

A Brief Statement from Counsellor/ Mohamed El-Faisal Youssef; President of the Accountability State Authority (ASA) of the Arab Republic of Egypt, and Chair of INTOSAI Working Group on Impact of Science and Technology on Auditing WGISTA.

The accelerating scientific and technological revolution we are witnessing—marked by advancements in Artificial Intelligence and emerging sciences and technologies—is no longer merely a set of supportive tools; it has become the driving force reshaping the global landscape of financial oversight.

In light of this radical transformation, the role of Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) in safeguarding public funds and ensuring transparency is exponentially increasing in importance. Our responsibility lies in transforming this scientific and technological challenge into a golden opportunity to enhance the efficiency, accuracy and comprehensiveness of audit operations.



Since these challenges are global and require a shared effort, collective international action becomes an imperative necessity. This leads us to the pivotal role of international partnership in this field; here comes the significance of WGISTA, which I have the honor to chair.

Our core mission is to anticipate the future, identify the necessary competencies to keep pace with advanced sciences and emerging technologies, facilitate the exchange of expertise and knowledge among SAIs worldwide, and develop auditing methodologies to ensure our work remains relevant, effective and impactful in the evolving digital environment.

However, achieving these ambitious goals requires all of us to be part of this collective endeavor. Therefore, I call upon the Heads and representatives of SAIs to join WGISTA. This is not a complementary choice—it is **an existential necessity and a leadership imperative.**

In an era where time is racing forward, isolation is a luxury we cannot afford. Let your expertise and capabilities be the fuel for this Group, because **shared knowledge is the protective shield** we need to soar into the spaces of technology.

In conclusion, I would like to express **my utmost appreciation and gratitude** for your commitment and presence. We renew our pledge before you to continue working tirelessly and persistently, ensuring that auditing remains the **unwavering cornerstone** upon which the sovereignty of nations and the integrity of their economies are built.