

**Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India**

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**Press release**

**CAG OF INDIA ELECTED AS EXTERNAL AUDITOR OF WHO**

Shri Rajiv Mehrishi, the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India, has been elected for the position of External Auditor of the World Health Organization (WHO) for a four-year term from 2020 to 2023. The election was held in the Seventy-second World Health Assembly in Geneva on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019, where the CAG of India was elected with a majority (90 out of 162 votes) in the first round of voting itself. Apart from India, others competing for the position were the Auditors General of Congo, France, Ghana, Tunisia and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Shri Rajiv Mehrishi will take over from the incumbent External Auditor of WHO, the Supreme Audit Institution of Philippines. This is the second major international audit assignment for the CAG this year following his selection for the post of External Auditor of Food and Agriculture Organization in Rome earlier this year in March 2019.

The CAG of India is currently also on the Board of Auditors of the United Nations and Vice Chair of the UN Panel of External Auditors.

Last month, Shri Rajiv Mehrishi attended the 6<sup>th</sup> Global Audit Leadership Forum (GALF) in Shanghai on 8-9 April, 2019. GALF is a select group of 24 major SAIs who meet annually to discuss current and emerging issues of concern and explore opportunities to share information and work. The discussions in the 6<sup>th</sup> GALF meeting focused on “Big Data and Auditing” and “Improving Public Accountability through Environmental Auditing”. Delegates from 15 countries including India participated in the meeting. They agreed to strengthen bilateral and multilateral exchanges in the field of audit using big data and leveraging the work of INTOSAI Working Group on Big Data to share best practices and step up the training, knowledge and talent base.

On Environmental Auditing, the SAIs felt the need for collaborative audits in areas such as climate change, disaster preparedness and management, water management including allocation and quality of water, air quality, etc. The next meeting of GALF will be hosted by CAG of India in 2020.

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