



Meeting	56th Governing Board Meeting on 6th September 2021
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Agenda Item-8	Speech on ASOSAI Journal
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Presented by	Mr. Girish Chandra Murmu, Comptroller and Auditor General of India
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Time for presentation	5 minutes (12.10 PM to 12.15 PM IST)
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Mr Chairman, Mr Secretary-General, esteemed members of the Board, Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen.

Good Afternoon

1. First and foremost, I extend my heartiest appreciation to the Chair, the Secretary-General and the Auditor General of Thailand for successfully organising the 56th Governing Board Meeting of ASOSAI virtually.
2. Over the years, the ASOSAI Journal has played a key role in encouraging and fostering the spirit of innovation within the ASOSAI community. This innovative spirit has come to our rescue in devising new ways of working, either in the form of remote audits or virtual meetings like the present one, to confront the biggest global disruption of our times caused by the COVID 19 pandemic. As our governments are working tirelessly to control the spread of disease and strengthen

health infrastructure, I am confident that we will soon overcome the pandemic through our strong resilience and determination. The day is not far when all of us will meet in person.

3. On this note, I would now have the honour to present a brief report on the ASOSAI Journal to the esteemed members.

Dear Colleagues,

- 4 I am pleased to inform that the new version of the website hosting our Journal has been launched and is being accessed by the global audit fraternity. The new website is more user-friendly, mobile-friendly and has professional PDF designing of articles for better readability. Like the INTOSAI Journal, our Journal now has a social media presence on Twitter for better visibility in the civil society. I am thankful to the Governing Board members and members of the Board of Editors of the ASOSAI Journal for extending their continuous support and cooperation in revamping of our Journal.

- 5 The theme of April 2021 issue of ASOSAI Journal was “**Emerging Technologies in the field of Audit**” with three additional themes: (i) **Auditing the implementation of SDGs**; (ii) **Crisis and disaster management** and (iii) **COVID- 19 Pandemic: Digital Innovation**. SAIs of Kuwait, Bhutan, China, Egypt, Indonesia, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Palestine, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Vietnam, Azerbaijan and Turkish Court of Accounts (TCA) have contributed articles for the April 2021 issue and shared their best practices in various aspects related to the public audit.

- 6 The theme for the October 2020 issue was “**Audit of Poverty Alleviation in Rural Areas**”. SAIs of Bangladesh, Bhutan, Korea,

Pakistan, Indonesia, Vietnam, New Zealand, and Qatar contributed articles for this edition.

- 7 I take this opportunity to sincerely thank the SAIs and the respective authors for contributing to the October 2020 and April 2021 editions of the ASOSAI Journal.

Dear Colleagues

- 8 Due to our collective efforts, our Journal has been successfully spreading the message of good governance and accountability. Our Journal has enabled creation of an ecosystem of compliance and transparency by disseminating best practices in public audit through articles of practical relevance, special reports, news items and other relevant materials. We encourage member SAIs to continue contributing innovative articles for enriching the future issues of our Journal.
- 9 With these words, I once again thank all the governing board members of ASOSAI for their dedicated support for the Journal.

10 Thank You.