

Public Audit Insights for Climate Action at COP30

Message from the INTOSAI Working Group on Environmental Auditing (WGEA)

It starts in the room where the plan is written.

If the voices of the vulnerable are not there from the first line, they will be absent in the results. We have seen it—again and again—in the audit evidence gathered by government external audit institutions around the world. When climate action plans are designed without inclusiveness at their core, implementation falters.

The INTOSAI Working Group on Environmental Auditing (WGEA) helps national audit offices evaluate whether climate policies are effectively implemented, transparently governed, and responsive to the needs of all people.

As COP30 approaches, INTOSAI WGEA brings forward audit evidence that reflects where climate adaptation planning has been strong, and where it has left people behind. It shows that the difference between a promise fulfilled and a promise forgotten is often the presence—or absence—of inclusive, accountable planning from the start.

We invite the Climate Champions and the Marrakech Partnership to work with us to:

- Integrate audit insights into global climate action.
- Embed measurable inclusiveness criteria into climate planning from day one.

In five years, success for the GCAA should mean:

- No community says, *“We were not heard when the plan was made.”*
- Audit insights are incorporated and shaping policy around the world.
- Inclusiveness is not an aspiration—it is an audited, measured reality.

INTOSAI WGEA is ready to be your partner in this effort. We bring the evidence, the independence, and the bridge-building capacity to connect governments and communities. We are not here to replace ambition with scrutiny—we are here to strengthen ambition through accountability and effectiveness, ensuring that NDCs, NAPs, and Global Stocktake outcomes become lived realities on the ground, not just plans on paper.

Launch at COP30

We will present our Global Audit Report on Climate Change Adaptation, summarizing audits carried out in over 50 countries on adaptation planning, disaster risk resilience, water resource management, and sea level rise. The findings and recommendations are unavoidable insights to make climate action accountable, effective, and inclusive.

Join our side event and the launch of the report to learn more. Time and date to be confirmed!