The second Stakeholders Engagement Strategy (SES) workshop was held in Pretoria, South Africa commencing from November 29 to December 7, 2018. The workshop was initiated by the INTOSAI Development Initiative (IDI) and sponsored by the AFROSAI-E Headquarter in Pretoria, South Africa. The participants attending the workshop included SAIs from the different SAI Organizations which comprised of the following: AFROSAI-E, ASOSAI, CAROSAI and PASAI.

The purpose of this workshop was to develop a strategy plan as well as a communication plan that will enable the SAIs to effectively and efficiently engage with key stakeholders. Mr. George Phiri from IDI was the Program Coordinator for this workshop and also the main facilitator with the assistance of some resource persons from Guam, The Philippines, Nepal, Curacao, and some other SAIs from the AFROSAI-E. The SES workshop was basically a seven -day event commencing on Thursday, November 29, 2018. The first two-days (Thursday & Friday) were presentations from each SAI on the overview of their strategy reports; mainly the successes and challenges encountered during the development of their strategy reports.

During the last week, each SAI was assigned to review other SAIs’ SES reports and provide their comments and feedbacks. SAI FSM was assigned to review SAI Thailand SES report while SAI Nigeria was assigned to review SAI FSM SES report. At the end of each review, all SAIs provided their comments and feedbacks that were very useful and helpful to the other SAIs.

Overall, the workshop was very productive and informative by sharing ideas and knowledge from the other SAIs and of course from the resource persons. We believe that by implementing the SES report, we will be able to engage with our stakeholders effectively and efficiently. We would like to thank the IDI for giving us the opportunity and the financial support to attend this important workshop.