

Second Newsletter for the 12th ASOSAI Research Project – 2nd September 2019



Since February 2019 the date of the first meeting, the team responsible for the 12th ASOSAI Research Project which is titled “**Audit on implementation of SDGs: leveraging digital or big data to achieve the SDGs**” has been working on agreeing the terms of reference for the research project and establishing the lines of inquiry upon which the research will be conducted.

Project team leader SAI UAE stipulated the terms of reference in an analytical report and suggested conceptualized lines of inquiry. The lines of inquiry revolve around the three dimensions that were identified and agreed during the team’s first meeting. These dimensions are reiterated as follows:

- Policy coherence
- Management of information
- Clear accountability lines

The analytical report was discussed by all active team members in a group video conference that took place on 24 April 2019. Team members expressed concurrence to the analytical report including the lines of inquiry under which an activity (operational) plan would be produced. The operational plan detailing the activities that will be undertaken, delineation of responsibilities and expected outputs had been developed. This has also been shared with the team members for feedback before it gets formalized and rolled out for implementation and delivery.

Besides the above, a questionnaire was disseminated to the team members to survey the maturity level of information management in each country’s environment. This was one of the early outputs that were agreed to be achieved to help in the development of the operational plan and the research project final outputs way ahead. Appreciations go to the countries that had participated in the survey.

Furthermore, a report on the progress of the research project was issued and submitted to the ASOSAI Governing Board’s last meeting which was held on 23 and 24 July 2019. This is in compliance with the ASOSAI guidelines on research projects and the requirement for keeping the Governing Board constantly informed about the progress made to the research project. The Governing Board approved the report and made no comments.

The date for the team’s second meeting has been set. The following are key milestones that are planned until the team’s next meeting:

#	Activity	Tentative date	Responsibility
1	Finalization of operational plan.	30 September 2019	SAI UAE
2	Determining the agenda and discussion points for the team’s second meeting.	30 September 2019	SAI UAE
3	ASOSAI Project team second meeting.	22-23 October 2019 (Confirmed)	All Participants