e-Gov Audits

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Today, the utilisation of information technology is essential for the correct and efficient operation of the public administration. By the same token, the public administration is becoming more vulnerable to IT risks, especially when they are not properly managed, or even when they remain unrecognized. **This is the challenge for the management, as information about risks should be provided early on in order to initiate corrective actions.**

The audit of Information Systems is not a new concept; auditing of e-government is however a relatively new one. Audit of e-Gov projects offers a valuable approach to gain information by external auditors, to improve projects, and to minimise risks of failures.

The modernisation of public administration entails the implementation of many e-Gov projects, and most of them are characterized by large size and high complexity, which may contribute to project failures. One approach to preventively counteract project failures is to conduct regular and methodical audits.

Public expectations of government are changing, with demand of zero tolerance for corruption and a desire for enhanced and demonstrated results, and improved responsiveness.

At the same time, the challenges that the SAIs are facing are also constantly evolving. It becomes clear that the mission of an independent and responsive SAI has to evolve towards the following roles:

- **assist parliament to carry out its constitutional responsibilities and legislative oversight;**
- **assist in improving the performance of government; and**
- **assure accountability and transparency of government for the benefit of the citizens.**

> **The main objectives of the workshop are to:**
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> - share experiences and audit approaches in the e-Gov project audits,
> - focus on changing needs of citizens and benefits for the stakeholders, and
> - discuss faced challenges and solutions.

In this sense the workshop will be organized in a participatory environment enabling the SAIs to come up with new ideas, stimulating inspiration among participants and as a concrete step, discovering ways of further cooperation areas.

We would like to kindly invite all Supreme Audit Institutions to participate in this workshop.