



INTOSAI

International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions

Working Group on Evaluation of Public Policies and Programs (WGEPPP)

Forum 2025

Making a difference through data

15-17 October 2025, Bern, Switzerland

Draft programme and practical information

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Data is the basis for informed decision-making and managing complex public programmes. It helps us to assess the impact of policies, to identify potential for improvement and to make the public sector more efficient. From big data to artificial intelligence, data is key to gaining deeper insights, strengthening accountability and transparency, and ultimately helping to improve the quality of life for all citizens. The Forum will explore how data analysis can be embedded into our practice and how it can help generate performance audits and evaluations that make a difference.

At the WGEPPP Forum 2025, you will have the opportunity to get insights on

- how to identify subjects suitable for data analytics
- efficient and effective methods for preparing an evaluation using data analysis, data quality requirements and how to access the data,
- decision criteria for deciding whether to outsource data analysis and points to consider,
- how to communicate the results in a convincing way,
- how to embed a data analytics culture in an SAI and how to strengthen the cooperation between evaluators and data analysts

Target audience

This event is particularly suitable for:

- members and observers of the WGEPPP working group, and
- experienced colleagues from all SAIs interested in presenting or discussing evaluations or performance audits that have used data analytics in an innovative or meaningful way.

Event format

15-16 October 2025: These two days will be dedicated to the forum. Keynote speakers will introduce trends and challenges in the use of data analytics in public sector auditing. A series of practical case studies will follow, showcasing how different SAIs have integrated data analytics into their evaluations and performance audits. The sessions will highlight not only successes, but also the limitations and lessons learned. Participants will have many opportunities to interact, reflect, and share their own experiences.

17 October 2025: On the third day a training session will be held, specifically tailored to the SAIs, which do not yet have extensive experience in working with data. It will not be a methodology training on statistics. The aim is to raise auditors' awareness of the potential of data analysis and the issues to consider when preparing the audit and deciding whether or not to outsource the analysis.

Draft programme

Wednesday, 15 October 2025

09:00	Welcome coffee				
09:30	Welcome and programme overview			Pascal Stirnimann, President Swiss Federal Audit Office	
	Keynotes				
10:00	Keynote 1 Making a difference through data			Prof Dr Julia Lane, NYU Wagner Graduate School of Public Service	
10:45	Keynote 2 From Data to Action: Building a Data-Driven Culture in SAIs			Jacob Sjöberg, Swedish National Audit Office	
11:15	Group photo and coffee break				
11:45	Keynote 3 Building Capacities for Data Analytics: A Development Curriculum for SAIs			INTOSAI International Development Initiative (IDI)	
12:00	Results of the Survey on data analytics			Mario Luketić, Swiss Federal Audit Office	
12:15	Lunch				
13:30	Sessions – Introduction			Emmanuel Sangra, Swiss Federal Audit Office	
	<i>A ‘session’ is a presentation of a data analysis that was carried out as part of an evaluation or a performance audit and that was of great importance in supporting the results of the audit and convincing the audited entity to take further action. The sessions are scheduled to last 20 minutes for presentations and 20 minutes for discussions. Participants choose which session they would like to attend.</i>				
13:45	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Session 5
14:30	Session 6	Session 7	Session 8	Session 9	Session 10
15:15	Coffee break				
15:45	Session 1	Session 3	Session 5	Session 7	Session 9
16:30	Session 2	Session 4	Session 6	Session 8	Session 10

Session 1	Prevention Policy of Vascular Stroke	France
Session 2	Language Training in a Russian-Language Basic School	Estonia
Session 3	Performance of COVID-19 National Vaccination Program	Philippines
Session 4	Implementation of SDG 2: Addressing Obesity	Malta
Session 5	Government Measures for Cyclists	Sweden
Session 6	Interventions to Ensure Sustainable Water Quality	Czech Republic
Session 7	Combining Administrative Data with Other Data Sources	Finland
Session 8	Sustainability of the Pension System	Austria
Session 9	TBD	
Session 10	TBD	

17:15	End of official programme day 1
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19:00	Evening programme
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Thursday, 16 October 2025

08:30	Welcome coffee			
09:00	Innovation Labs - Introduction		Mario Luketić, Swiss Federal Audit Office	
	<i>‘InnoLabs’ are basically workshops that are specifically designed to develop creative ideas and identify and design new technologies or processes. A Lab begins with a presentation of experiences and problems at 1-2 SAI, followed by a moderated discussion of best practices and innovations to be tested.</i>			
09:15	InnoLab 1 When and how do SAI data analysis add value for auditees and citizens? TBD	InnoLab 2 More synergy between auditors and data analysts, or enabling them to perform both activities? TBD	InnoLab 3 Sharing Data with the Public and other possible innovations when using data TBD	InnoLab 4 Using artificial intelligence effectively for data analysis Marco Schreyer, Swiss Federal Audit Office
10:30	Coffee break			
11:00	WGEPPP Group Meeting		Brigitte Christ, Swiss Federal Audit Office	
12:15	Lunch			
13:30	Continuation of Group Meeting: Project report & WGEPPP Award		Brigitte Christ, Swiss Federal Audit Office Swati Pandey, Comptroller and Auditor General of India Alfredo Campos Lacoba, Court of Auditors, Spain	
14:30	Results InnoLab 1		TBD	
14:45	Results InnoLab 2		TBD	
15:00	Results InnoLab 3		TBD	
15:15	Results InnoLab 4		Marco Schreyer, Swiss Federal Audit Office	
15:30	Conclusion		Emmanuel Sangra, Swiss Federal Audit Office	
16:00	Closing remarks and outlook		Pascal Stirnimann & Brigitte Christ, Swiss Federal Audit Office	
16:15	End of the official programme			

Friday, 17. October 2025 Training (optional)

09:00	Welcome coffee	
09:15	Introduction to the training	Prof. Dr Wolfgang Meyer, Saarland University, Germany
09:30	Appropriate accessing and handling data	Roger Pfiffner, Swiss Federal Audit Office
10:30	Coffee break	
11:00	Appropriate assessing, analysing and visualising data	Prof. Dr Wolfgang Meyer, Saarland University, Germany
12:30	Lunch	
13:45	Appropriate assessing, analysing and visualising your results	Prof. Dr Wolfgang Meyer, Saarland University, Germany
16:15	Conclusion	Prof. Dr Wolfgang Meyer, Saarland University, Germany
16:30	End of the training	

Practical Information

Registration

You can register now. The SFAO offers meals and refreshments during the forum. The participants bear the costs for hotel and transport. Please fill in the Google form to register before 31 August 2025: [Registration form](#)

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How to find us

The forum will take place in Bern, Switzerland.

Directions from Zurich Airport or Geneva Airport

The best option is the train. There are direct trains from Zurich (1h20) or from Geneva (2h). Please refer to: <https://www.sbb.ch/en>

Directions to the forum

The forum will take place at the [Federal Personnel Office, Eigerstrasse 71, 3003 Bern, Switzerland](#).

- From Bern Main Station: Bus 19 to Sulgenau tram stop, then 5 minutes walk. Journey time 10-20 min. [Google map](#).
- From Hotel City am Bahnhof: Bus 19 to Sulgenau tram stop, then 5 minutes walk. Journey time 10-20 min. [Google map](#).
- From Hotel Bern: Bus 19 from Zytglogge to Sulgenau tram stop, then 5 minutes walk. [Google map](#).
- From Hotel Ambassador: 9 minutes walk. [Google map](#).

Directions to Wednesday's evening programme (19:00)

The evening program will take place in the [Rotonda Hall, Sulgeneckstrasse 13, 3007 Bern, Switzerland](#).

- From Federal Personnel Office: 10-15 minutes walk. [Google map](#).
- From Hotel City am Bahnhof: 10 minutes walk directly from the hotel. [Google map](#).
- From Hotel Bern: Tram 7/8 to Hirschengraben tram stop, then 5 minutes walk. [Google map](#). Or 15 minutes walk directly from the hotel. [Google map](#).
- From Hotel Ambassador: Bus 19 to Monbijou tram stop, then 5 minutes walk. [Google map](#).
- Dress code for the night: Casual with warm clothing as there might be short outdoor activities (depending on weather conditions)

Accommodation

We selected three hotels with special room rates for WGEPPP Forum participants. All hotels are within comfortable distance of the conference venue.

Special rates are available for the nights of 14 to 18 October 2025. Please discuss the price for additional nights directly with the hotel.

Please write an e-mail to your preferred hotel and do not forget to mention the code “WGEPPP Forum 2025” in order to benefit from the special conference rate. We have negotiated prices for a limited number of rooms, so book as soon as possible.

Hotel City am Bahnhof

Price single room: 171.70 CHF per night and person, breakfast and taxes included

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Address Bubenbergplatz 7, 3011 Bern, Switzerland

Telephone no. +41 (0) 31 311 53 77

Email city@fhotels.ch

Internet site [Hotel City am Bahnhof](https://www.hotelcityambahnhof.ch)

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Hotel Ambassador

Price: 175.70 CHF per night and person, breakfast and taxes included

Address Seftigenstrasse 99, 3007 Bern, Switzerland

Telephone no. +41 (0) 31 370 99 99

Email ambassador@fhotels.ch

Internet site [Fassbind Hotels: Ambassador](https://www.fassbind-hotels.com/ambassador)

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Hotel Bern

Price: 190.70 CHF per night and person, breakfast and taxes included

Address Zeughausgasse 9, 3011 Bern, Switzerland

Telephone no. +41 (0) 31 329 22 22

Email reservation@hotelbern.ch

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