

WGEPPP Meeting 2026

Assessing the Relevance of Public Policies

Public policies are often evaluated based on their effectiveness and the efficiency with which resources are utilised. But what if the real issue is that the goals themselves no longer match today's needs? This brings us to the concept of relevance and the challenging space where performance audits and evaluations meet policy.

Supreme Audit Institutions (SAI) are increasingly confronted with situations in which their findings point not only to implementation issues, but also to problems in the legal and policy framework itself. This raises important questions about mandate, independence, and methodology. How can SAIs assess whether public policies are still meaningful and fit for purpose without encroaching on the territory of decision makers?

The WGEPPP Meeting 2026 from 15-16 September in Rabat, Morocco, will provide an opportunity to explore this grey area together. Participants will review how SAIs currently address relevance in practice, discussing the institutional conditions for doing so, especially in difficult legal contexts. The programme will examine how to identify suitable audit topics, analyse complex cause-and-effect relationships, and select appropriate criteria and methods. It will also address how a more explicit and systematic focus on policy relevance can strengthen the impact, usefulness, and strategic focus of SAI work. Join the discussion, share your experiences and learn about the importance of this subject for your Supreme Audit Institution!