



Meeting 2026

Assessing the Relevance of Public Policies

15-16 September 2026, Rabat, Morocco

Draft Agenda and practical information

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Public policies and programmes are designed to respond to specific needs, risks and priorities, but these needs may change over time. New social, economic, environmental or technological developments can challenge the assumptions on which policies or programmes were originally built. For SAIs, this raises an important question. Public interventions may be well implemented, but they may no longer address the right problems or respond to the needs they were originally designed to meet.

The WGEPPP Meeting 2026 will explore how SAIs approach the relevance of public policies and programmes in their audit and evaluation work. It will look at the institutional and practical challenges involved when audit findings touch on policy design, legal frameworks, political objectives or changing public needs. The meeting will provide a space to exchange experiences, discuss concrete audit examples and reflect on how SAIs can address relevance while respecting their mandate and independence.

At the WGEPPP Meeting 2026, you will have the opportunity to gain insights on

- how SAIs understand and operationalise the concept of relevance in evaluations and performance audits,
- how to identify audit topics where relevance is a meaningful and legitimate question,
- which criteria and sources of evidence can be used to assess relevance,
- how SAIs deal with attribution, causality and impact models when assessing relevance,
- how relevance-related findings and recommendations can be formulated in a useful, balanced and institutionally sound way,
- how SAIs can navigate mandate-related sensitivities when their work touches on policy objectives, legislation or strategic choices.

Target audience

This meeting is particularly suitable for:

- members and observers of the WGEPPP working group, and
- experienced colleagues from all SAIs interested in discussing how evaluations and performance audits can address the relevance of public policies and programmes.

Event format

15 September 2026: The first day will focus on the conceptual and institutional foundations of assessing relevance. Keynote contributions will introduce central perspectives on relevance, while case studies from SAIs will show how these questions can be addressed in concrete audit and evaluation work.

16 September 2026: The second day will focus on discussion and exchange, with a central panel debate on whether SAIs should assess the relevance of public policies or programmes. The discussion will bring together different positions and reflect on the opportunities, limits and institutional sensitivities involved.



Programme

Tuesday, 15 September 2026

09:00	Welcome coffee	
09:30	Welcome	SAI Morocco & SAI Switzerland
10:00	Keynote 1 – Definition of relevance	SAI India
10:30	Results of the survey	SAI Switzerland
10:45	Keynote 2 – Impact model	SAI Morocco
11:15	Coffee break and group photo	
11:30	Keynote 3 – Communication with government, parliament and stakeholder	SAI USA
12:15	Lunch	
13:30	Introduction Case study presentations	SAI Switzerland
	<i>Two parallel workshops will explore relevance-related themes through concrete examples from audits and evaluations. Each workshop will be based on three SAI case studies. Participants will choose one of the two workshops and remain in the same group throughout the afternoon.</i> <i>The case studies will briefly present the audit results, with a particular focus on how relevance was addressed in practice:</i> <i>1. How were the criteria, target values and impact model defined during the preparation of the audit or evaluation?</i> <i>2. How were the perspectives of stakeholders and end users incorporated, and which methods were used?</i> <i>3. How were the relevance-related findings and recommendations formulated?</i> <i>4. What reactions, if any, did the findings receive from government, parliament and the media, particularly regarding their legitimacy?</i>	
	Workshop A	Workshop B
13:35	Case Study 1	Case Study 4
14:00	Case Study 2	Case Study 5
14:30	Case Study 3	Case Study 6
15:00	Coffee break	



	Workshop A	Workshop B
15:30	Workshop discussion – Drawing cross-cutting conclusions	Workshop discussion – Drawing crosscutting conclusions
16:15	Preparing key messages for the panel discussion	Preparing key messages for the panel discussion
	<i>Case Study 1: Evaluation of Programmes to Simplify Administrative Procedures</i>	SAI Morocco
	<i>Case Study 2: Evaluation of the Programme to Reduce Regional and Social Disparities</i>	SAI Morocco
	<i>Case Study 3: Performance Audit of Inclusive Education</i>	SAI Madagascar
	<i>Case Study 4: Performance Audit of the Municipal Solid Waste Management and Waste-to-Energy Project</i>	SAI Thailand
	<i>Case Study 5: Performance Audit of the National Health Insurance Scheme</i>	SAI Maldives
	<i>Case Study 6: Evaluation of the Social Programs</i>	SAI Algeria
17:00	Project Update – MPI Auditing Project: First feedback round	SAI Brazil
17:30	Information on evening programme and outlook for day 2	SAI Switzerland
17:45	End of official programme day 1	
19:00	Evening programme	

Wednesday, 16 September 2026

08:30	Welcome coffee	
09:00	Panel discussion – Assessing Relevance: A SAI role or a step too far?	
	<i>The panel discussion will include:</i>	
	– <i>Presentation of the key results from Workshops A and B</i>	
	– <i>Presentation of the counter-perspective</i>	
	– <i>Opening of the panel discussion</i>	
10:00	Coffee break	
10:30	WGEPPP Group Meeting	SAI Switzerland
	<i>The group meeting will include:</i>	
	– <i>Overview of activities (SAI Switzerland)</i>	
	– <i>Update on the Impact Assessment Framework project (SAI India)</i>	
	– <i>Update on the MPI Auditing project (SAI Brazil)</i>	



12:00	Conclusion WGEPPP Meeting 2026	SAI Switzerland
12:15	Closing remarks and outlook	SAI Morocco & SAI Switzerland
12:30	End of the official programme and lunch	
14:30	Sociocultural activity (planned and organised by SAI Morocco)	