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

Meeting 2026

Assessing the Relevance of Public Policies

15-16 September 2026, Rabat, Morocco

Meeting Programme

(Status as of 11 September 2026)





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	Zineb El Adaoui, First President Court of Accounts Morocco & Eveline Hügli, Director Swiss Federal Audit Office
10:00	Keynote 1 – Definition of relevance	Swati Pandey, Comptroller and Auditor General of India
10:30	Results of the survey	Mario Luketić, Swiss Federal Audit Office
10:45	Keynote 2 – Impact model	Naima Ghema, Court of Accounts Morocco
11:15	Coffee break and group photo	
11:30	Keynote 3 – Communication with government, parliament and stakeholder	Triana McNeil, United States Government Accountability Office
12:15	Lunch	
13:30	Introduction Case study presentations	Emmanuel Sangra, Swiss Federal Audit Office

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.

The case studies will briefly present the audit results, with a particular focus on how relevance was addressed in practice:

- 1. How were the criteria, target values and impact model defined during the preparation of the audit or evaluation?*
- 2. How were the perspectives of stakeholders and end users incorporated, and which methods were used?*
- 3. How were the relevance-related findings and recommendations formulated?*
- 4. What reactions, if any, did the findings receive from government, parliament and the media, particularly regarding their legitimacy?*



	Workshop A	Workshop B
	Workshop Leader: Mario Luketić, Swiss Federal Audit Office	Workshop Leader: Raisa Ojala, Federal Court of Accounts Brazil
13:35	<i>Evaluation of Programmes to Simplify Administrative Procedures, Abdelouahab Kadiri, Court of Accounts Morocco</i>	<i>Performance Audit of the Municipal Solid Waste Management and Waste-to-Energy Project, Dusita Lertkrai, State Audit Office Thailand</i>
14:00	<i>Evaluation of the Programme to Reduce Regional and Social Disparities, Mohamed Abdelmouhcine Hanine, Court of Accounts Morocco</i>	<i>Performance Audit of the National Health Insurance Scheme, Fasaha Fahmee, Auditor General's Office Maldives</i>
14:30	<i>Performance Audit of Inclusive Education, Bernardine Rakotoalion Solomampionona, Court of Accounts Madagascar</i>	<i>Evaluation of the Social Programs, Hadjira Boukhari, Court of Accounts Algeria</i>
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
17:00	Project Update – MPI Auditing Project: First feedback round	Jorge Castro, Raisa Ojala and Giuseppe Antonaci, Federal Court of Accounts Brazil
17:30	Information on evening programme and outlook for day 2	Court of Accounts Morocco & Eveline Hügli, Swiss Federal Audit Office
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 (Mario Luketić, Swiss Federal Audit Office & Raisa Ojala, Federal Court of Accounts Brazil)</i> – <i>Presentation of the counter-perspective (Eveline Hügli, Swiss Federal Audit Office)</i> – <i>Opening of the panel discussion (Mario Luketić, Swiss Federal Audit Office)</i>	
10:00	Coffee break	
10:30	WGEPPP Group Meeting <i>The group meeting will include:</i> – <i>Overview of activities (Eveline Hügli, Swiss Federal Audit Office)</i> – <i>Update on the Impact Assessment Framework project (Swati Pandey, Comptroller and Auditor General of India)</i> – <i>Update on the MPI Auditing project (Jorge Castro, Raisa Ojala and Giuseppe Antonaci, Federal Court of Accounts Brazil)</i>	Eveline Hügli, Swiss Federal Audit Office
12:00	Conclusion WGEPPP Meeting 2026	Emmanuel Sangra, Swiss Federal Audit Office
12:15	Closing remarks and outlook	Eveline Hügli, Swiss Federal Audit Office
12:30	End of the official programme and lunch	
14:30	Sociocultural activity (planned and organised by the Court of Accounts Morocco)	