



SAI Aruba's Chairmanship of CAROSAI 2022 - 2025

XII CAROSAI Congress, Aruba May 2022

- **New Chairperson:**

Mrs. Xiomara Croes-Williams, President of the Court of Audit Aruba.

Accepted chairmanship on May 16, 2022, during the XII CAROSAI Congress in Aruba.

Succeeded Mr. Deodat Sharma of SAI Guyana.

- **Reflections from SAI Aruba:**

- Expresses gratitude and satisfaction for the opportunity to lead CAROSAI.
- Highlights a remarkable period of professional growth and organizational development.
- Emphasizes:
 - Strengthening of new and existing partnerships.
 - Enhanced collaboration among CAROSAI member SAIs.
 - Reinforced connections with regional and global audit institutions, including OLACEFS and INTOSAI.



Key Achievements of the Three-Year Chairmanship





1. Resolution OAXACA

Strengthening Ties with OLACEFS & the Oaxaca Declaration (Article 9)

- During the XII CAROSAI Congress in Aruba, important contacts were established with OLACEFS, especially with SAI Mexico.
- This relationship was further solidified during the XXXI OLACEFS General Assembly (September 2022, Oaxaca, Mexico).
- A major outcome: Adoption of the Oaxaca Declaration, unanimously supported by all OLACEFS members.

Key Highlight – Article 9 of the Oaxaca Declaration

- Proposes the creation of a community of auditors with expertise in crisis situations.
- Purpose:
 - To share knowledge and experiences across all INTOSAI regions.
 - To enhance regional preparedness and collaborative crisis response capacity.
- CAROSAI is explicitly recognized in the declaration as a key regional partner in this knowledge-sharing initiative.



2.SIDS Resolution

Context:

- Discussions held during the XII CAROSAI Congress in Aruba focused on the unique challenges facing Small Island Developing States (SIDS).
- All CAROSAI members are classified as SIDS.

Key Outcome:

- Led to a unanimous CAROSAI resolution at the CBC-IDC-IFAC meetings held in Jamaica, June 2023.

Impact of the Resolution:

- Strengthened CAROSAI's role as a regional advocate for SIDS and other developing nations.
- Promoted greater collaboration between: Donors and INTOSAI regional organizations
- Reinforced CAROSAI's commitment to amplifying the voice and needs of SIDS in the global auditing community.





3. Coordination meetings INTOSAI donors and regional organizations

In September 2024, SAI Aruba, in its role as Chair of CAROSAI, participated in key meetings held in Bucharest, Romania.

Purpose:

- To support regional coordination, knowledge exchange, and strategic alignment among INTOSAI regions.

The meetings focused on identifying joint actions needed to address results areas to support capacity development for SAIs.

The event brought together:

- Regional organizations, donors, and key stakeholders.
- Forums such as the:
 1. INTOSAI-Donor Cooperation Steering Committee
 2. IFAC's MOSAIC Steering Committee and Forum
 3. Policy, Finance, and Administration Committee

Discussions centered on:

- Building institutional capacity for accountability and transparency
- Strengthening collaborative actions to enhance the global impact of SAIs

The event was held alongside the 150th anniversary celebration of SAI Romania, further reinforcing the commitment to international cooperation.



4. Stakeholder Engagement Plan

- Stakeholders are directly impacted by the work of Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs).

Building strong stakeholder relationships:

- Fosters mutual understanding.
- Establishes a foundation for effective two-way communication.

Engagement ensures that stakeholders:

- Remain informed, involved, and supportive of the SAI's work.

A workshop was organized in St. Lucia by IDI and IPU focused on:

- Developing a Stakeholder Engagement Plan.

The initiative aimed to:

- Establish a roadmap for identifying key areas of stakeholder engagement.
- Lead to practical tools designed to achieve two main objectives:
 - Strengthening cooperation between the SAI and Parliament.
 - Enhancing public interest and involvement in the work of both institutions.



5. New CAROSAI Logo

CAROSAI Logo Evolution

The current logo, used since CAROSAI's inception, is distinctive but complex, including:

- Flags of all 23 member SAs, a mountain, sun, the organization's full name, abbreviation (CAROSAI), and a slogan.

Challenges with the current logo:

- Difficult digital reproduction
- Limited flexibility for future growth (e.g., new members)
- Visually dense and not easily adaptable for modern use

New Logo Initiative

Launched in May 2023 under the leadership of Mr. Deodat Sharma, AG of SAI Guyana

- Thank you, Mr. Sharma, for your engagement and sponsorship.

Criteria were established and independent judges selected.

In March 2024, members were invited to submit designs:

- 26 submissions received
- Judges shortlisted 5 designs, and the Executive Committee selected the winner.

As a gift from outgoing Chair SAI Aruba, the winning design was transformed into a professional logo.

The new CAROSAI logo will be unveiled on Thursday – stay tuned!

CAROSAI LOGO DESIGN COMPETITION

ELEGIBILITY

- This competition is open to all members of CAROSAI

CRITERIA

1. All entries must include your full name, and a brief description of your design
2. All entries must be submitted electronically through the respective SAI to the secretariat
3. Submissions are open from February 2nd to April 1st 2024
4. Logo must be submitted in JPEG or PNG format
5. Logo should be no smaller than 1000 x 1000 pixels
6. Logo must not have more than 3 colours

Judges

Mr. S. Pasha (Finance Secretary)
Mr. W. Layne (Former Chair of CARICOM Audit Committee)
Ms. D. McKenzie (Burrowes School of Art)

**CASH PRIZE
USD \$250 !!
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6. Charter Amendment

CAROSAI Charter Amendment Progress

XII CAROSAI Congress (Aruba, COVID-19 period):

- First hybrid format enabling virtual participation.
- Virtual members could not vote under existing charter.
- Amendment to Article 1 approved to allow virtual voting.

- Other charter amendments were not voted on in 2022 but modernization remained a priority.
- Since early 2023, charter amendment discussions have been a regular EC agenda item.
- January 2023: Charter Amendment Committee (CAC) established, chaired by Mrs. Sandra Stephens-Malcolm, with expert support.
- CAC worked diligently for over two years to draft proposed amendments.
- Feb 14, 2025: Draft reviewed in virtual meeting; member feedback incorporated.
- Final draft now on plenary agenda for voting.
- Thanks to CAC and all members for their work and input.
- Chair requests your support to approve amendments to strengthen CAROSAI's future.

**THE CARIBBEAN ORGANISATION OF
SUPREME AUDIT INSTITUTIONS (CAROSAI)**

CHARTER

INCORPORATED BY ACT NO. 15 OF 1993
OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
WHICH WAS ASSENTED TO
ON JUNE 20, 1993

Thank You

