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FOUNDATION

Collaboration for Change

How civil society organizations and
audit offices can hold government
accountable for the Sustainable
Development Goals



PERFORMANCE AUDITS:

What do you need to know?

Who?

Nearly every country has a national audit office, like the Office of the Auditor General of Canada or the U.S. Government Accountability Office. Audit offices can also exist at provincial/state, regional or municipal levels.

What?

Auditors examine government operations and results. Their performance audits include findings on what is or isn't working well and make practical recommendations for improvements.

Why?

Audits provide Parliament and citizens with objective and reliable information so they can hold government accountable for its commitments.

What's the connection to gender equality and the SDGs?



Performance audits can examine how governments are fulfilling their commitments to gender equality and the SDGs, such as:

- ▶ How a government is implementing SDG 5 in its national context—from planning, to financing, to monitoring progress
- ▶ How effectively a government has implemented a plan to prevent and reduce gender-based violence
- ▶ How effectively a government has implemented its technical and vocational education program for youth

What role can CSOs play?

Suggest



an audit topic or raise issues of concern.

Support



the audit office's collection of data through your proximity to citizens.

Share



with the audit office your assessment of a specific program and how it is or isn't effective for the beneficiaries.

Use



audit reports as a reliable source of data to build your case in your advocacy work.

Engage



with the media to help build public interest around an audited topic and create public debate.

Monitor



recommendations made by the audit office and place pressure on government to take action and make improvements.

We want to help CSOs get involved with audit offices

The Canadian Audit and Accountability Foundation (CAAF) is creating a series of products and tools in collaboration with Women Deliver, the Canadian Council for International Cooperation, the International Institute for Sustainable Development and other CSOs and audit offices.

These products will provide CSOs with information, strategies and tools to effectively engage with audit offices and oversight bodies.

For more information on this project or to receive the published products, please contact Marie-Hélène Bérubé, CAAF's Program Officer for Gender Equality and Ethics, at mhberube@caaf-fcar.ca.

About Us

The Canadian Audit and Accountability Foundation is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting and strengthening public sector performance audit, oversight, and accountability in Canada and abroad through research, education, and knowledge sharing.

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