

Ouko elected Vice-President of AFROSAI General Assembly

Delegates of the African Organisation of Supreme Audit Institutions (AFROSAI) elected Auditor-General Mr Edward Ouko the Vice- President of the Office of AFROSAI General Assembly.

Mr Ouko was also elected the President of one of the two critical Technical Committees of the AFROSAI on Knowledge Sharing and Management for a period of six years.

The elections were conducted during the 13th General Assembly of AFROSAI, held in Sharm El Sheik, in the Arab Republic of Egypt from October 24 – 30, 2014.

In his acceptance speech Mr Ouko thanked the delegates for the honour and the trust they have bestowed in Supreme Audit Institution of Kenya (SAI Kenya) and said he accepted the roles with great humility and promised to serve the Organisation diligently

During the meeting, the host and President of the Accountability State Authority of the Arab Republic of Egypt, Counselor Hesham Genena was elected as the President of the Office of AFROSAI General Assembly for the same period. The Controle superieur de l'Etat of Cameroon, Mr. Henri Eyebe Ayissi was also confirmed as the Secretary General of the Office of AFROSAI.

At the October 2014 meeting, the African Union Commission was also incorporated into AFROSAI as an Associate Member with an observer status.

AFROSAI was founded in 1976 following a resolution by International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI's) to call for fruitful and vital cooperation for exchange of ideas and documentation in each of the five continents.

The AFROSAI General Assembly was endorsed as the Supreme Organ of the Organization which brings together Auditors-General from 53 countries in Africa including all language Sub-Linguistic Groups from the Anglophone, Francophone and the Arab speaking, and is held after every 3 years.

The General Assembly has powers to give strategic direction to the organization governing the functioning of organs of African states and also formulate principles that inspire greater public financial control in African states.

The General Assembly is sanctioned by a Board of Governors. The Board of Governors is formed to fulfill the executive roles of AFROSAI and is composed of the President, Vice-President, Secretary General and nine other members as duly elected.

Topical themes that were covered during this year's General Assembly that also cuts across the continent were audit of Regulatory Authorities, Local Authorities and Public-Private Partnerships. The 2014 General Assembly was well attended with over 130 regional, international delegates and various multilateral and bilateral partners as observers.