

Hello. I'm Gene Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States and head of the Government Accountability Office. I would like to express my best wishes to all INTOSAI colleagues. It is a pleasure to join all of you today.

Without question, the COVID-19 pandemic has been one of the most difficult events in recent history. The virus' impact has been severe and worldwide, affecting everyone both personally and professionally. Supreme audit institutions everywhere, including GAO, have sought to protect the health and safety of their staff while carrying out their mission consistent with their respective mandates.

In these difficult times, I'm reminded of INTOSAI's motto that "mutual experience benefits all." In that spirit, I'm pleased to announce the launch of GAO's international webinar series. These online conversations will bring together experts and practitioners to help the auditing community deal with various aspects of the pandemic.

I welcome and encourage the participation of representatives from all supreme audit institutions in these webinars. In my view, they're a wonderful opportunity to help build on INTOSAI's proud history of collaboration. In closing, I'd like to extend my best wishes to you, your families, and your colleagues. I hope you all have a great day.