

Olacefs holds its 23rd General Assembly



The City of Santiago, in Chile, hosted the 23rd General Assembly of the Organization of Latin American and Caribbean Supreme Audit Institutions (Olacefs), held from 12/08 to 12/11/2013.

During the Assembly, there was discussion of topics, such as tools for preventing corruption, citizen's participation, assessment of performance of the Supreme Audit Institutions (EFS) and environmental issues.

Approximately 150 representatives of the 24 audit institutions that compose Olacefs, experts, representatives of international agencies and of other audit institutions of countries like China, United States, France, Suriname and South Africa attended the meeting.



At the event opening, the president of TCU and of Olacefs, minister Augusto Nardes stated that the cooperation among the audit institutions, the national and regional governments and the global multilateral institutions is crucial in order that the control institutions are strengthened, seek excellence and are able to increasingly generate positive results that benefit society.

The president claimed that: "Such excellence must be able to ensure and increase the social achievements, as well as to produce new development levels, offering to the population high standard public services, particularly of health, education, public safety and urban mobility".

President Nardes defends improved public governance as the path to reaching the development intended. And the participation of the supreme audit institutions would be a condition precedent for Olacefs to be able to operate as a driving force in such new agreement for governance. He stated that: "We have the duty of leading this movement for improving the public management in the entire continent. What we all want, without any doubt

whatsoever, is a Latin America that is fairer and more plural. A continent that belongs to everyone”.

The integration of the Latin American countries was also the focus of the speech by the president of Chile at that time, Sebastián Piñera, who participated in the opening ceremony. “We share many things. A common history, as well as a vast and rich territory. And, most important of all, a promising future that knocks on our doors”.

According to Piñera, the assembly of Olacefs represents a privileged instance for integration and dialogue among the attending countries. The former Chilean president stated that: “It is a great opportunity, not only for conducting diagnoses, but mainly for identifying problems and sharing good practices that may perfect the control institutions, so that honesty, transparency and efficiency of the government are strengthened after such meeting”.

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Ramiro Mendoza, discussed the recent changes in society and the impact of such transformation on the control agencies. In Mendoza’s opinion, the core of such changes lies in the existence of stronger citizens and civil society, which not only require the benefits of public policies, but also the participation in their definition, enforcement and assessment.

In view of such new scenario, Mendoza stated that the audit institutions started to articulate strategies. One example is the Beijing Statement concerning the promotion of good governance, signed as the result of the last congress of the International Organization of Supreme Audit

Institutions (Intosai), held in China, in October 2013. He explained that “It is possible to say that we are turning into states that endeavor to see difficulties and whose focus is the discovery of keys to good governance as the driving force of a true development”.

The general director of China’s national audit institution and general director of the international cooperation department of Intosai, Zhou Weipei, also participated in the ceremony and pointed out that, over the last fifty years, Olacefs has had prominence among the regional groups of Intosai concerning cooperation and exchange of knowledge and experience among countries. Furthermore, Weipei emphasized the interaction between Olacefs and Intosai in relevant works and agreements in areas, such as prevention of corruption and of money laundering. According to him, “All such efforts play a positive role in the sense of encouraging nations to establish efficient, clean and financially sustainable governments”.

The next Olacefs General Assembly will be held in November 2014 in the City of Cuzco in Peru.



Contralor Geral da República do Chile, Ramiro Mendoza e o Presidente da OLACEFS, Ministro Augusto Nardes, na abertura da Assembleia-Geral da OLACEFS