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Namibia wins 2009 Swedish National Audit Prize

A performance audit team from the Auditor General of Namibia has been selected to receive a newly founded prize for best performance audit report produced by the AFROSAE-Es members. The report title is “Service delivery to orphans and vulnerable children in the country”. The news was made public 12 April by the Swedish Auditor General Jan Lundahl at the AFROSAE-E-Governing Board Meeting held in the Leshoto capital Maseru.

The prize is financed by the Swedish National Audit Office. The purpose of the prize is to promote the development of performance audit among African Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) and to highlight the efforts of audit institutions as saudance prizers. The prize can hopefully facilitate sharing of experience and benchmarking of best practices across different member states within the region.

The Swedish National Audit Office (SNAO) is a review team consisting of four members from the Supreme Audit Institutions of the Netherlands, Norway, the United Kingdom and Sweden. These SAIs are all in partnerships with individual members of AFROSAE-E. This partnership focus on improving the quality of audit reports. The report is focused on the assessment and the quality of the winning performance audit team.

The prize consists of a one week study visit to the Swedish National Audit Office for the three team members that produced the winning performance audit report. The team will be able to see how the performance audit work is organized in Sweden, meet with representatives of the Swedish parliament. It is also expected that the team will be able to present their work in a workshop at the Swedish NAO.

In its report of the winning team the review team concludes:

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Bengt Sundgren, performance audit manager of AFROSAE-E: Congratulations to the winning team! What made you win the Prize?

We were interested by the idea to win the price from the beginning. The challenge was to reduce the production time to be able to participate. The team leader was our team member. We also had a review team in 2007 who pointed out areas of improvement that we have been able to carry out.

What was your immediate reaction when you got the price?

I didn't expect us to win. I am happy that we did win the price. The team also made me and our office to prove that we can do it.

What will you tell the team about the price?

I have already spoken to some staff at the office. I will meet the team when I get home. The team leader is on leave at the moment so I will meet them next week. I will encourage them to continue to produce good reports and doing the right things.

What is your own role in the success?

As a leader I have stressed the importance of meeting the deadlines and getting the work done. I have been involved in the project from the start and tried to understand and follow the project and have a smooth decision project.

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What if you choose one of your current SAIs?

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Once again congratulations to the Prize and I hope you will compete again this year!