

**PRESS RELEASE ON XXIII COMMONWEALTH AUDITORS GENERAL
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The 23rd Commonwealth Auditors General Conference was inaugurated by Shri Shashi Kant Sharma, Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) today at Hotel Taj Palace, New Delhi. This Conference is being attended by 74 participants from 36 countries.

CAG mentioned that the Commonwealth Conference is one of the oldest multilateral conferences of the public sector audit community as it started more than six decades ago. CAG emphasized the significance and relevance of the two conference sub-themes, viz., leveraging technology and environment audit to the Supreme Audit Institutions. He also underlined the focus in the agenda on the independence of Supreme Audit Institutions across the Commonwealth.

Speaking on the occasion Mr. John Thorpe, Executive Leader of National Audit Office of UK emphasized on the core values of Commonwealth and how the challenges of present times makes them all the more relevant.

The Conference was also graced by Dr. Harib Saeed Al Amimi, President of the State Audit Institution of UAE and the Chairman of International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI). Dr. Amimi emphasized on the significance of the two sub-themes for the international community of public auditors. He mentioned that INTOSAI is actively working in these areas through its working groups. He also appreciated the efforts of CAG of India towards capacity development in the field of environment auditing through the International Centre for Environment Audit and Sustainable Development (iCED) near Jaipur. The Keynote address on the main theme "Fostering Partnerships for Capacity Development in Public Audit" was delivered by Dr. Prasenjit Mukherjee, Deputy Comptroller and Auditor General.

Sessions on the conference sub-theme "Leveraging Technology" was chaired by Prof Mussa Assad, the Auditor General of Tanzania. The keynote address on the sub-theme was delivered by SAI South Africa. The delegates from Cayman Islands, Kenya, Malaysia,

Pakistan and United Kingdom also shared their country experiences on the use of technology in audit.