

“Capacity Building and Strengthening Institutional Arrangement”

Workshop: Sustainable Development

Working group n° 5

“Prepare a procedure for an Environmental  
Management Systems Auditing (EMSA) for  
Sustainable Development ”

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## Prepare a procedure for an Environmental Management Systems Auditing (EMSA) for Sustainable Development

### Objective:

The working group is finalised to prepare a procedure for an environmental management system auditing to allow an organization to audit and to evaluate if its EMS is in compliance with environmental regulations and is achieving the environmental targets of sustainable development

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## Activities:

**1<sup>st</sup> phase:** Discussion and debate by EEAA and RBOs experts about previously experiences on environmental management systems auditing (EMSA) adopted by organizations in the Egyptian territory (national at local level)

**2<sup>nd</sup> phase:** Taking as example the same organizations selected in the WG n°4, develop a procedure to Audit an organization's EMS that includes the following aspects:

- Define the Audit team and indicate which environmental experts are needed
- Develop a scheme of the Audit-plan, that includes:
  - a) audit's objectives (example: compliance with environmental regulations, evaluation of effectiveness environmental emergency procedures, etc.)
  - b) the main environmental issues linked with the organization's activities (example: possible soil contamination, etc.)

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- c) documentations of reference needed to collect information for the Audit (for example previously audit's reports, top management's reports, etc.)
- d) which activities, processes and sites will be covered by audit (example: waste management process, plants that cause air emission, etc.)
- e) the agenda of the environmental inspection visit on-site, the time management, the single structures or productive processes to be involved by inspection
- Preparation of possible environmental checklist to be used during audit's activities

Final presentation and discussion about working group's activities