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New Initiatives in the Control and Audit Office of Afghanistan

The Control and Audit Office (CAO) of Afghanistan is the superior auditing organ of financial and accounting affairs of ministries, departments, and organizations at the national level and has 60 years of background. Prof. Muhammad Sharif Sharifi has been appointed the Auditor General and the Control and Audit Office has been promoted a lot based on wise guidance of Prof. Sharifi, of which some are mentioned hereunder concisely:

1. Expansion of relations with international organizations of ASOSAI, INTOSAI, ECOSAI and with the supreme audit institutions of countries such as Iran, Pakistan, India, United States of America, England, Bangladesh, Canada, Russia, Latvia, Turkey, Bulgaria, Sri Lanka, Indonesia and other countries.
2. Audit affairs are achieved based on audit plans and the new audit methods.
3. Audit of government financial statements for the year 1381, 1382, and 1383 after years of interruption.
4. The CAO of Afghanistan is an independent organ under the direct supervision of State President. It has audited World Bank grants, ARTF, UNDP, DANIDA and many more with the cooperation of foreign experts from PKF London and Delloite India based on agreement between governments of Afghanistan and the World Bank since the establishment of Afghanistan Interim Administration.
5. Building capacity of CAO employees is one of the core functions. They have been trained professional audit skills such as planning, achieving the audit, reporting and also the new audit methods by foreign trainers. Some of CAO Employees have participated in seminars and programs held out side Afghanistan such as India, Russia, Bulgaria, Turkish, Sri Lanka, Latvia, Pakistan and many other countries.
6. Due to importance of CAO's work and operation, 171 CAO employees based on merit principles have passed PRR process.
7. CAO activities are relatively computerized. It is planned that the internet access should be extended and to be used by CAO employees.
8. It is planned to establish CAO's zones in Afghanistan provinces.
9. It is planned to establish Environmental Audit Directorate.

