

Sustainability Seminar on Performance Audit
President highlights the contribution of performance audit to the advancement of control

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Yesterday, when opening the international seminar on sustainability of performance auditing, president Ubiratan Aguiar pointed out that one of the most current tools for the exercise of external control is the performance audit. This mechanism has been used systematically by the Brazilian Court of Audit (TCU) for 12 years and, according to the president, has contributed effectively to the modernization of auditing. In 2009, TCU held 98 such audits. The number represents 11% of TCU audits in the past year. According to monitoring conducted by the technical teams, 75% of the recommendations made to improve the management and operation of evaluated services have been or are being fulfilled.

For the president, the exposition of experiences and the discussion of ideas promoted by the meeting should contribute to the advancement of quality and to the innovation of techniques already used in the evaluation of programs and government actions through performance audits. He also highlighted the servers' contribution so that the Court could now chair the subcommittee of the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI) for performance audits.

After the opening, the auditor of the European Court of Auditors John Sweeney held a lecture on the fundamentals of performance auditing. At the end, in a discussion led by the manager of the Division of the Bureau of Audit and Evaluation of Government Programmes (Divisão da Secretaria de Fiscalização e Avaliação de Programas de Governo - Seprog), Gloria Maria Merola, were addressed, among others, questions about the status of performance auditing in the European community, the consequences of the lack of performance indicators in an audit, how to proceed with audit failures and the process of selecting subjects to be audited in the European Court.

Also present in the opening were the ministers Benjamin Zymler, Valmir Campelo and substitute Minister Oliver Weder.