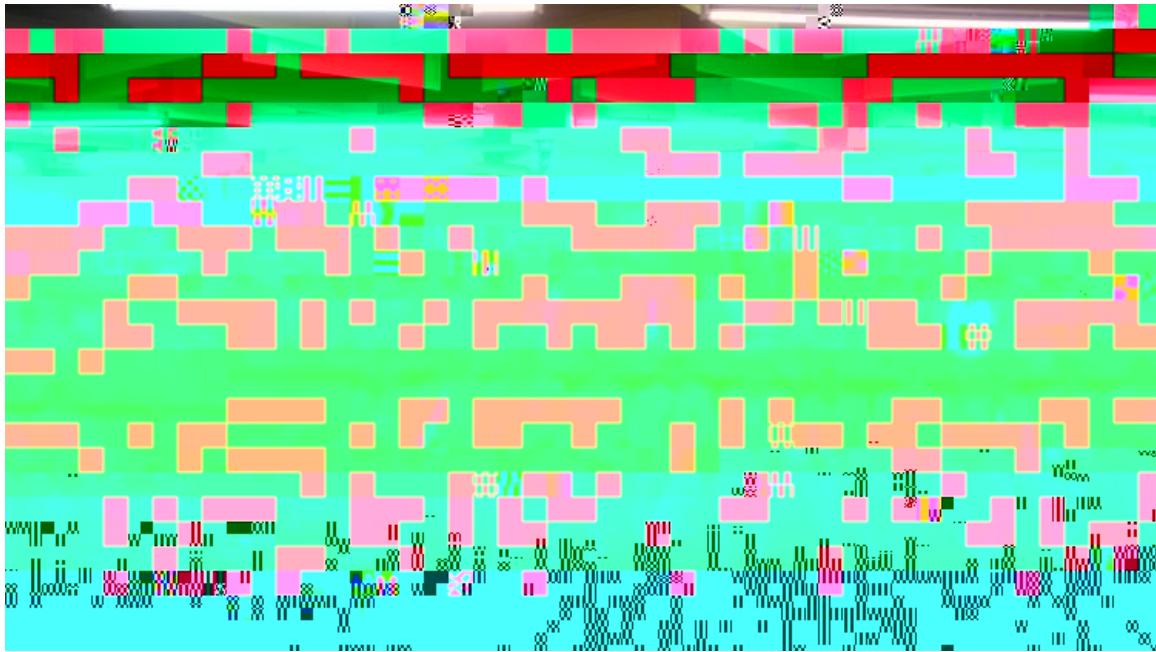


# Panel of External Auditors meets in Rome



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The fifty-eighth meeting of the Panel of External Auditors, chaired by Mussa Juma Assad, Secretary General of the Arab Bank for Economic Development, was held from 20-22 November 2017 in Rome.

The Panel consists of 27 members who are either elected or selected to conduct the external audit of the UN Secretariat, Funds and Programmes, and the UN Development System. This also includes two observers who remain on the Panel for the next three years, namely the United Nations Development Programme and the World Health Organization.

The Panel's members are independent of the United Nations and conduct their audits on their financial statements and managerial and performance audits. The main objectives of the Panel are to further the co-ordination of the audits for which its members are responsible, and to exchange information on audit methods and findings.

The Panel's Technical Group also met from 27-29 November to discuss methodical matters and prepare the discussions for their Principals on 30 November to 1 December. The Panel's members discussed issues related to audit practices and audit impact between member countries and International Organizations audited by them.

Other matters discussed were important developments in IPSAS and accounting standards in Inter as well as the auditing the preparedness of national Standards on Auditing of the UN and its agencies in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

The Panel also met with FAO's Deputy Director-General of Operations Laurent Thomas  
discuss programme challenges faced by FAO and the WFP in implementing their mandates.

Both meetings were held in paperless mode supported by the paper-smart team of the Department for General Conference Management in New York. Assembly link

More details on the Panel's working are available at its website.