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Visit of the Auditor General of the National Audit Office of Finland to the National Audit Office Malta

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The Auditor General of the National Audit Office of Finland, Ms Tytti yli-Viikari, is presently in Malta for bilateral discussions focusing on enhanced cooperation with the National Audit Office of Malta. Ms Viikari has extensive experience within the international public sector auditing community, particularly within the International Organisation of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI) which is a worldwide affiliation of national audit institutions.

She was welcomed at the NAO by the Auditor General, Charles Deguara, and the Deputy Auditor General, Noel Camilleri as well as other senior officials within the Office.

The discussions, involving a frank and open exchange of experiences and knowledge on a number of mutually interesting subjects in the area of public sector auditing, focused particularly on how national audit institutions play a key role in the enhancement of good governance across the public sector. Moreover, the three Assistant Auditors General within the NAO gave a brief overview of the work and challenges of their respective Audit Sections.

During her brief but intensive visit, Ms Viikari also gave a most inspiring speech to all NAO employees on the subject 'Current Trends in Public Audit – a Global Perspective'. She emphasised that "the added value of public audit is in giving insight to decision-makers on complex policy issues and policy coherence while also strengthening accountability mechanisms." She concluded that "there is tremendous potential in cooperation and international benchmarking, which is why it is a great pleasure for me to learn from the practices of the Maltese Audit Office and share thoughts on the current issues our administrations face."



