

The Constructive Audit Reform – For the first time, the institution of State Comptroller of Israel will undergo a peer audit

Comptroller Englman and the Comptroller General of the US Have Agreed to Conduct an External and Objective Audit of the Institution of State Comptroller of Israel

- The office of Comptroller General of the US (the Government Accountability Office) is considered to be one of the most noted and innovative such offices in the world and the cooperation is intended to **improve the audit processes in the Office of the State Comptroller of Israel through a professional and objective audit.**
- The “peer audit” cooperation exists in a number of leading audit institutions around the world.
- The agreement was reached during a recent professional visit undertaken by Comptroller Englman and a delegation from the Office of the State Comptroller to his American counterpart at this time.
- Comptroller Englman, who sees great importance in learning from top state comptroller offices around the world and in strengthening international ties, presented “The Constructive Audit Reform”, including the enhancement of audit processes, heightened audit effectiveness and diversification of audit types.

Comptroller Matanyahu Englman and the Comptroller General of the US, Gene Dodaro, agreed to conduct a “peer review” within which framework the American Comptroller General will perform an external comprehensive audit of the institution of the Office of the State Comptroller of Israel. The office of the Comptroller General of the US (the Government Accountability Office) is considered to be one of the most noted and innovative such offices in the world and the cooperation is intended to **improve the audit processes in the Office of the State Comptroller of Israel through a professional and objective audit.**

This initiative undertaken by Comptroller Englman will be conducted as part of the implementation process of “the constructive audit reform”. Comptroller Englman places great importance on the advancement of the external audit mechanism, under which a comprehensive examination of the Israeli audit work will be conducted, and will indicate which audit components are worth retaining, flaws that should be corrected, and organizational structural changes and work methods that should be brought into line with international standards.

In addition, in preparation for the US audit, the Office of the State Comptroller will conduct, for the first time, in the coming year, an internal self-evaluation process intended to improve the audit work. The “peer review” arrangement exists in a number of leading audit institutions around the world, among which are Britain, Finland, Canada, Denmark, New Zealand and more.

The agreement was reached during a during a recent professional visit undertaken by Comptroller Englman and a delegation from the Office of the State Comptroller to his American counterpart. The visit included a round of meetings with senior executives of the Government Accountability Office and dealt with, among other issues:

- Building a multiyear program oriented toward meeting national challenges and strategic risks.
- Improving audit processes including increasing audit effectiveness, following up correction of failings and organizing audit work vis-à-vis audited bodies.
- Internal and external audit processes.
- Use of computerized audit tools in the increasingly technological era.
- Mutual relations with the legislative authority and general public.
- Financial and IT audits.

Comptroller Englman presented to the US Comptroller General the principles of “the constructive audit reform”, including the use of IT audits (which examine the computerized systems of the audited bodies), deepening the audits of the financial reports of government ministries, which in the past few years have been prepared in a limited manner, and conducting international comparisons when necessary.



Likewise, Comptroller Englman decided together with his US counterpart to strengthen the interoffice cooperation, including the possibility of employee exchange for the purposes of advancing professionalism and mutual learning as well as a future visit by the Comptroller General and senior executives in the GAO to Israel.



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