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The EUROSAI-OLACEFS conference, which saw participation from 70 countries from Latin America and Europe, was held in Mexico City (10-11.7.2024). The conference focused on discussions about artificial intelligence, big data utilization in audits, and preparedness for crises and climate change.

During his keynote speech, EUROSAI President and State Comptroller and Ombudsman of Israel, Mr. Matanyahu Englman, underscored the importance of audit preparedness for emergencies, particularly in supporting vulnerable communities, stating, "We must be the voice of the voiceless."

Mr. Englman highlighted an ongoing parallel audit with ten European countries on integrating AI into audit processes, emphasizing both its benefits and associated risks that require careful management.

Regarding preparedness for climate change, Mr. Englman said, "The importance of our role as auditors is to maintain sustainability and the environment for our generation and for the future."

He presented at the conference a series of reports with advanced data analysis, including the use of GIS: "Big data analysis is an advanced audit tool that allows us to conduct audits with findings based on 100% of the population without the need to focus on samples. At the same time, it imposes on us the responsibility of maintaining privacy as far as personal data is concerned".

In addition to delivering lectures, EUROSAI President engaged with State Auditors from various Latin American countries, including the host State Auditor of Mexico, David Rogelio Colmenares Páramo, and Camilo Benítez Aldana, the State Auditor of Paraguay, who also serves as OLACEFS President. Mr. Englman stated: "As President of EUROSAI, I consider it a privilege to promote cooperation between EUROSAI and the organization of Latin American state auditors".