For XAUI-to-SFI/XFI operation, you will need to configure the device for 10GBASE-KR mode and disable the features specific to backplane Ethernet like Clause 73 auto-negotiation and 10G link training. To do this, follow this procedure:

1. Reset device (write a 1 to 0x1E.0000 bit 15 or assert RESET\_N pin)
2. Make sure the reference clock selection (156.25 MHz or 312.5 MHz) is correct – this is done through register 0x1E.001D bit 12 (default is 156.25 MHz).
3. Disable auto-negotiation by writing 1’b0 to 0x07.0000 bit 12
4. Disable link training by writing 16’h0000 to 0x01.0096
5. Write 16’h03FF to 0x1E.8020. This allows the link settings that would normally be configured through KR training to be configured manually instead.
6. Depending on the link conditions, you may need to change the default configuration of 0x1E.0003 and 0x1E.0004. For optical connections, we typically recommend changing HS\_ENTRACK (0x1E.0004 bit 15) to 1’b1 and HS\_EQPRE (0x1E.0004 bits 14:12) to 3’b101. This can be a starting point, but you may need to do some BER testing to optimize the values.
7. Issue a data path reset by writing 1’b1 to 0x1E.000E bit 3.

At this point the device should be properly configured. I’ve attached a reference document that gives more example configurations for various modes. Please let us know if you need any more help.