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Final chapter of comprehensive financial audit support programme starts in the Pacific

Auckland, New Zealand: PASAI and the INTOSAI Development Initiative (IDI) today commence a final round of workshops to enhance financial audit capabilities in the Pacific region.

Two senior auditors from the supreme audit institution (SAI) in Samoa will participate in online workshops from 5 to 6 and 8 November 2021. Ten staff (four female, six male) from the SAI in Tonga participated in similar workshops from 13 to 15 September 2021.

The workshops are part of a six-month programme of capability-building support to conduct Financial Statements of Government (FSG) audits in accordance with the International Standards of Supreme Audit Institutions (ISSAIs).

Staff from SAIs in Fiji, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu and Vanuatu participated in earlier rollouts of this programme.

IDI Senior Manager, Karma Tenzin, will again facilitate the workshops supported by PASAI Director Technical Support, Tiofilusi Tiueti.

Mr Tenzin explained, "The intervention will utilise PASAI resources and our Financial Audit ISSAI Implementation Handbook to adapt ISSAI-compliant audit methodology, conduct FSG audits, support Quality Assurance (QA) review and provide ongoing virtual technical assistance".

PASAI and IDI will jointly conduct an FSG audit QA review workshop for all eight participating SAIs in March 2022.

SAIs Tuvalu and Fiji will peer review SAIs Tonga and Samoa's FSG audits next year, respectively. Other participating SAIs will follow the same process with each other's audits to provide extra assurance of ISSAI compliance.

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