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PASAI 27th Governing Board meeting

Auckland, New Zealand: The Pacific Association of Supreme Audit Institutions (PASAI) held its 27th Governing Board meeting online on 10 September 2021.

Ajay Nand, Auditor-General of Fiji and Chair of the PASAI Governing Board, chaired the meeting. Esther Lameko-Poutoa, Chief Executive PASAI, accompanied other Auckland-based Secretariat staff who all attended virtually from their homes during another mandatory government lockdown. John Ryan, Secretary-General PASAI and Auditor-General of New Zealand, and other Wellington-based staff were able to join from their office.

Ms Lameko-Poutoa provided an overview of the Secretariat's work during July and August 2021 aligned to its five Strategic Priorities.

Her report included:

- recent SAI independence workshops for SAIs Cook Islands and Kiribati,
- continued work to improve the quality and timeliness of Financial Statements of Government audits,
- progress on SAI Performance Measurement Framework assessments, and
- recent training on environmental auditing and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals organised in collaboration with the Working Group on Environmental Auditing.

Members of the Governing Board raised and discussed the issue of SAI independence. PASAI resolved to work with development partners and regional leaders to advocate for strengthened SAI independence to complement the efforts of its members.

The Governing Board endorsed the Annual Report and Financial Statements for presentation at the Annual General Meeting of PASAI Incorporated, held later that day.

Agenda items also included the findings and recommendations from the assessment of the technological setup of 20 PASAI members and an update on the implementation of the Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting Framework to meet external and internal reporting requirements.

The Secretariat expresses its gratitude to the Governing Board members for their ongoing assistance and acknowledges our development partners for their continued support of PASAI and its work in the region.

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