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Training for leaders to get the best from their audit teams

Auckland, New Zealand: The Pacific Association of Supreme Audit Institutions (PASAI) is delivering training on leading audit teams from 29 to 30 April 2021.

Eighty-six participants (44 female, 42 male) from supreme audit institutions (SAIs) in the Cook Islands, Fiji, FSM National, the Northern Mariana Islands, Samoa, the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and Yap State will participate in this leadership training, conducted in two short online sessions.

The training will be facilitated by Sarah Markley (Deputy Secretary-General, PASAI) and Nicole Ayo von Thun (Advisor, International Engagement, Office of the Auditor-General New Zealand).

Ms Markley explained, “The audit team supervisor is pivotal to audit process. Successful supervisors foster a positive work environment, value their team members’ skills, handle conflict professionally and allocate work effectively.

“This training will support participants to improve their work in this vital role. It will assist supervisors to enhance their leadership skills and particularly to tailor those skills to an audit team context. It includes the supervisor’s role in planning an audit, allocating and monitoring audit work, how to budget and understanding the audit completion timeline”.

The training will specifically focus on tools to help participants coach and support junior team members. It covers how to best deal with conflict within a team, good active-listening techniques, how to give constructive feedback and how to have difficult conversations with staff members.

Training material includes examples, best practice guidance and the opportunity to share experiences with other participants from SAIs across the Pacific.

PASAI developed this training in recognition of the important role audit team supervisors play in facilitating the production of high-quality audits and expects participants will better understand how to support their teams from the beginning to the end of an audit.

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