



# Media release

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## Performance auditors work together to strengthen their capability across the Pacific

**Nadi, Fiji:** The Pacific Association of Supreme Audit Institutions (PASAI) trained staff from 12 government audit offices for five days on the finer points of performance auditing earlier this month.

Nineteen performance auditors (9 female, 10 male) from American Samoa, Fiji, Guam, the Marshall Islands, the Micronesian states of Kosrae, Pohnpei and Yap, Palau, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu participated in the intensive workshop from 29 April to 3 May 2024.

PASAI Performance Audit Director, Mike Scott, and consultant, Craig Neil, facilitated the in-person training on performance auditing. PASAI eLearning Specialist, Danial Sadeqi, also attended to record the training for future use on PASAI's online Learning Platform.

Mr Scott praised the participants for their commitment, enthusiasm and contributions during the week.

"Your work as performance auditors is a vital part of the role of SAIs in strengthening how well public money is used to make a difference in the lives of Pacific people," he said.

Controller and Auditor-General of New Zealand, John Ryan, remotely opened the workshop in his capacity as PASAI Secretary-General.

The workshop covered the foundations of high-quality performance audits, which are meant to hold government agencies accountable for their service delivery and help agencies to achieve better results and outcomes.

The training included techniques and good practice for planning, doing and reporting on performance audits, and participants spent time selecting and developing potential topics for a PASAI-sponsored cooperative performance audit.

In a pre-recorded video, Secretary General of the INTOSAI Working Group on Environmental Auditing and head of the National Audit Office of Finland, Dr Vivi Niemenmaa, gave examples illustrating the power of SAIs working with each other on cooperative audits.

Following the workshop participants will examine an issue of common significance to the wellbeing of people across the Pacific and complete a performance audit together.

Acting Auditor-General of Fiji, Sairusi Dukuno, closed the workshop in person and reflected that maintaining connections with each other will strengthen the collective performance audit capability across the Pacific.

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Participants and facilitators of the performance audit workshop in Nadi, Fiji

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