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Pacific Island auditors general upgrading in-house systems to meet new audit management standards

Nadi, Fiji: The Pacific Association of Supreme Audit Institutions (PASAI), in cooperation with the INTOSAI Development Initiative (IDI), are supporting the staff of Pacific Island auditors general to set up a formal System of Audit Quality Management (SoAQM).

Seventeen staff (11 female and six male) from the six government audit offices of the Cook Islands, Fiji, the Marshall Islands, Samoa, Tuvalu and Vanuatu have gathered in Fiji this week to participate in the five, full-day SoAQM programme workshop.

Senior staff from Norway-based IDI, Karma Tenzin and Mark Anthony Flores, and Fiji-based PASAI Director (South Pacific), Meresimani Vosawale-Katuba, are facilitating the training. IDI developed the SoAQM establishment 'playbook'.

The in-person workshop from 8 to 12 April is the first part of the programme, which includes integrated professional education and an implementation phase for participating offices that continues to October 2025.

Ms Vosawale-Katuba explained, "The international standards of audit quality management these particular SAIs follow have recently been revised, taking effect from 1 January 2025.

"The new standards require a dynamic, scalable and risk-based approach to quality management. I'm confident that member offices participating in this programme will end up with fit-for-purpose systems embedded with self-correcting mechanisms."

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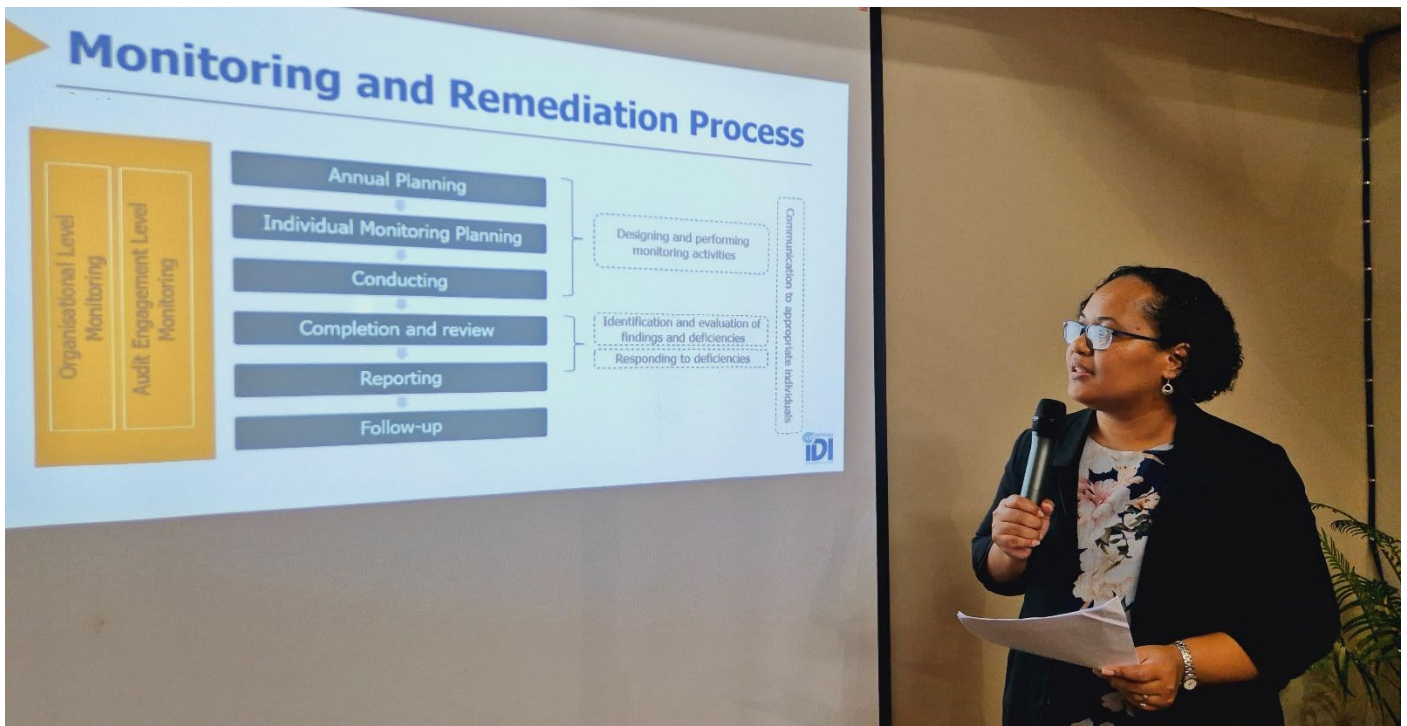
SoAQM workshop participants and facilitators in Nadi, Fiji



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SoAQM workshop participants during training

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