



PASAI BULLETIN

Introducing the Secretariat's new Chief Executive

From Washington to Auckland. The Bulletin caught up with the PASAI Secretariat's new Chief Executive, Mr Tiofilusi Tiueti, to see how he is settling in to his new role and new city.

Congratulations on your appointment as the new Chief Executive of the PASAI Secretariat. How are you settling in to the office, Tio?

Thank you for the kind words. I started with the Secretariat on 2 June, so it's about two months now with the team. I feel so welcome by the staff at the office and so far have enjoyed working with them. The two-day orientation I had with the Secretary General and the team from Wellington and with the consultants was very helpful to me in familiarising with my new role. Moreover, the subsequent planning meeting with the staff and consultants was also very useful to have a better understanding of strategic priorities and activities that are currently undertaken or to continue pursuing. So those events have really helped me to settle well and with the great support of the office staff, and I'm still learning more as I progress.

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You came to the Secretariat from a stint at the World Bank in Washington DC. What were you doing with the World Bank?

I was working as an Advisor to the Executive Director of the Southeast Asia Group (SEAG) Constituency for two years. There are 11 countries in that constituency (Tonga and Fiji from the Pacific are in that group) and there were about eight advisors. As an advisor, I assisted the Executive Director/ Alternate Executive Director in discharging their responsibilities as the SEAG's representative to the World Bank Group on various matters, which included reviewing and studying countries' project and program proposals and assessing proposed policies and strategies. It was an enriching experience, especially working in an organisation with such diversity.

You are not a stranger to PASAI. You were the Deputy Auditor General of Tonga from 1996 to 2008. Did this role help shape what you want to achieve at the Secretariat?

Very much so. I was with the Tonga Audit Office for a total of 19 years before I left in 2008 and joined Tonga's Ministry of Finance and National Planning. I was fortunate to work under the supervision of Dr Pohiva Tu'i'onetoa (former Auditor General) and also Mr Sefita Tangi (current Auditor General). While with the Tonga Audit Office, I headed the Financial and Compliance Audit Division, which was responsible for the audits of the Government Public Accounts and financial statements of public enterprises and other government entities. I also attended various audit trainings and workshops, and regional and international congresses in which I met and shared with colleagues from Pacific SAIs and other SAIs. I am happy to

be back again and work with our Pacific SAIs.

What are your plans for your new role at the Secretariat?

To continue the wonderful work that has been done by my predecessor, Mr Eroni Vatuloka, in establishing the Secretariat and pursuing the strategic priorities set by the PASAI Strategic Plan. Also, I want to ensure that the Secretariat continues to have professional and sustainable resources in building the capacity of SAIs to have quality Pacific auditors and deliver quality audit products that have developmental impact on PASAI member countries and make a difference to the lives of their citizen. I also want the Secretariat to be established and recognised as a key regional organisation in advocating good governance in both global and regional fronts.

Tell us what you are interested in outside of work?

I have found a very convenient place so it accommodates me well to do my daily workout exercise in the gym and a good walk along the waterfront. I enjoy relaxing and catch up with watching rugby on TV, something I missed out while in the States.

What are the top three priorities for the next year?

1. Pursuing 'prioritised' strategic priorities in the PASAI strategic plan.
2. Ensure Funding strategy is in place and implemented
3. Responsive Secretariat.

For the next time members of the PASAI community visit Auckland, what is your new favourite new cafe?

I need to find out soon.

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Partnerships and twinning arrangements

PASAI is continuing to work with INTOSAI Development Initiative (IDI) on new capacity development programs. One of these new programs is called the 'Enhancing eLearning Capacity Program'. A meeting was convened in New Delhi, India on 13–24 April 2015 to develop an eLearning handbook. PASAI's Director Practice Development, Ms Sinaroseta Palamo-Iosefo and the Samoa Audit Office's Director of the IT Audit Unit, Mr Terence Su'a, represented PASAI at this meeting, with seven other representatives from ASOSAI, AFROSAI-E, CAROSAI and OLACEFS. The eLearning handbook is a global public good that will assist SAls and regions to make decisions about engaging with eLearning as well as deciding whether eLearning is suitable for specific SAls or their region's capacity development strategy.

The meeting involved writing the handbook outlining different eLearning approaches, processes and tools and detailing the most effective tools to use in various learning circumstances.

PASAI will benefit from this program as it proceeds with implementing the Strategic Plan 2014–2024, which identifies enhancing eLearning capacity as one of its priorities. The PASAI representatives had an invaluable experience at the meeting that hopefully will be transferred to PASAI's future capacity development programs.

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Delegates for the product development meeting: E-learning Handbook, New Delhi, India

Electronic audit working papers — TeamMate virtual group

In the PASAI region, some SAls have implemented electronic working papers, in particular TeamMate, to help undertake efficient and effective audits.

In the spirit of our motto 'Pacific Auditors Working Together', the PASAI Secretariat has created a TeamMate Virtual Group to:

- share knowledge and ideas between the members that use TeamMate
- provide a 'think tank' forum to discuss how we can share new ideas relating to TeamMate
- provide an online forum and discussion board
- strengthen this collaborative effort to share lessons learnt and experiences with the wider PASAI community and other regional working groups (i.e. AFROSAI-E, ASOSAI, CAROSAI).

The PASAI Secretariat will encourage involvement in this group through Skype, emails, twinning arrangements and face-to-face meetings or workshops.

If any ACAG members who are using TeamMate, or a similar electronic tool, are able to provide some assistance to these Pacific SAls through any twinning arrangements, could you please contact the Secretariat. PASAI can assist with coordinating this through this group.

For more information, or if you want to be added to the group, contact PASAI Director Technical Support, Mrs Agnes Tuiai-Aruwafu, at agnes.aruwafu@pasai.org.

The following TeamMate champions have been nominated to be a part of this virtual group:

SAI COUNTRY

Cook Islands
Fiji Islands
Guam

PNG

Solomon Islands

Tonga

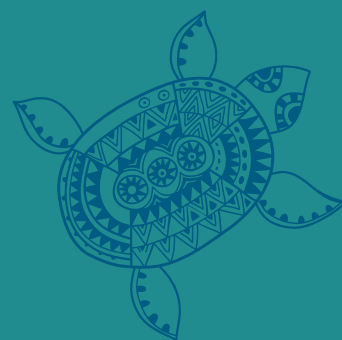
Vanuatu

CHAMPIONS

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Raveena Kumar
Yuka Hechanova
Rodalyn Gerardo
Clariza Roque
Alison Henkel (Advisor)
Malcolm Winga
Dallas Kila
To'oro Aveve
Peter Vesely (Advisor)
Wendy Ngodoro
Johnson Lobo
Gerbera Maqiti
Mary Leo
Jenny Tura
Lotomoua Tuungafasi
Kelepi Makakaufaki
Felix Feiloaki
Utuone Vena
Tevisa Lehauli
Beulah Daunakamakama (Advisor)
Priscilla Bongnebu

Creating impact with PASAI's Cooperative Performance Audits

The US Government Audit Office is working on a WGEA project about auditing climate change issues in the marine environment. They have developed an initial draft report and they have highlighted various aspects of PASAI's Cooperative Performance Audit on Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction. The report is also highlighting two individual audits from Tuvalu and Federated States of Micronesia as in-depth case studies in their report. It is great to see that all the hard work that went into this PASAI report is creating impact internationally. Well done to all those involved.



International Computer Driving Licence

PASAI is now an Accredited Test Centre for the International Computer Driving Licence (ICDL).

This is the first regional initiative for ICDL in the Pacific. Currently, 12 million people are enrolled in the ICDL across 148 countries. The ICDL is an online program for developing a workforce with high-level computer literacy. Benefits for SAIs and their staff include:

- increased overall efficiency and productivity
- saved time and money
- increased employee confidence and job satisfaction.

A highly computer-literate workforce within SAIs will also contribute to meeting one of PASAI's key strategic priorities to complete high-quality audits in a timely way.

All training modules within the ICDL program are available to PASAI members, including Australia and New Zealand. Each PASAI member can conduct ICDL training and testing in their home countries under this agreement and administrative support will be provided by the PASAI Secretariat.

There are 16 ICDL modules available to SAIs and PASAI offers SAI members access to the program at cost price. There is a range of options for packaging participation within SAIs, so contact the Secretariat for more details. The modules covered by the ICDL include basic, standard and advanced modules and cover the following topics:

Basic modules

Computer essentials
Online essentials
Spreadsheets
Word processing

Standard modules

Presentations
Using databases
IT security
Image editing
Web editing
Project planning
Online collaboration
Managing online information

Advanced modules

Advanced word processing
Advanced spreadsheets
Advanced databases
Advanced presentations

To register your staff to undertake an ICDL module, contact PASAI Director Technical Support, Mrs Agnes Tuia-Aruwafu, at agnes.aruwafu@pasai.org.



PASAI Secretary General Lyn Provost and newly appointed PASAI Chief Executive Tiofilusi Tiueti launching the accreditation of PASAI Secretariat as an accredited ICDL test centre

CPA certification

The New Zealand Country Head of CPA Australia, Mr David Jenkins, has advised PASAI that reduced fees for professional-level segments are available to nationals and residents of Vanuatu, Tonga, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Tuvalu, Cook Islands, Nauru, Solomon Islands, Tokelau and Niue.

CPA Australia will advise potential candidates when they apply if they are required to take the CPA exam at an examination centre in one of the eligible countries for the subsidised segment fees.

For more information, contact PASAI Director Technical Support, Mrs Agnes Tuiari-Aruwafu, at agnes.aruwafu@pasai.org.

A new Auditor General for Tonga

Mr Sefita Sifa 'Akau Tangi assumed his duties as the new Auditor General for Tonga on 1 July 2015. Mr Tangi started his career in government in the audit field with the Tonga Audit Office in 1991. He was Deputy Auditor General from 1993 to 2003, and Acting Auditor General in 1993 and 1994. During this 12-year period with the Audit Office, Mr Tangi represented Tonga at INTOSAI, SPASAI (at the time), and the Commonwealth Auditor General's conferences, workshops and trainings.

Mr Tangi was Tonga's Commissioner of Revenue from 2003 to 2011, responsible for the Ministry of Revenue (Inland Revenue and Customs Services). He then took up an advisor role under AusAID Technical Assistance from 2011 to 2013. He was the Chairman of Tonga Remuneration Authority at the time of his appointment to the Auditor General's position. Mr Tangi was also involved in other activities in the community as either external auditor, treasurer, or financial advisor.

Mr Tangi completed a Bachelor of Business (Accounting and Economics) and Master of Commerce from Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia. Professionally, he is a Fellow of the CPA Australia (FCPA) of which he is an active member for more than 25 years. He was also a Fellow of the Taxation Institute in Australia (FTIA) from 2004 and currently the President of the Tonga Society of Accountants.

CALENDAR

THE NEXT SIX MONTHS

tbc August to December
Tier 1–4 trainings, Tonga
SAI PMF training, Tonga
Communicating Effectively training, Tonga.

12 October: PASAI Governing Board meeting, Port Vila, Vanuatu

13–16 October: PASAI 18th Congress, Port Vila, Vanuatu.



The new Auditor General for Tonga, Mr Sefita Sifa 'Akau Tangi, assumed his duties 1 July 2015. Mr Tangi is a family man and is married with two children.

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