



# PASAI UPDATE

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## Career path training

Tier trainings have been on hold for the last three months while new funding arrangements were being finalised. Meanwhile, the Secretariat continued to follow up action plans from participants of training undertaken in previous years. The lessons learnt by SAs from previous trainings are important information for the Secretariat in improving and developing future capacity development programs. Therefore, the Secretariat asks the Heads of SAs for their continuous cooperation and support in ensuring staff who attended these trainings submit the required reports.

## SAS program

Round 4 of the SAS program was completed in Tuvalu on 18 December 2014. The SAS team assisted SAI Tuvalu to finalise the sign-off of the four years accounts (2009–2012) of the Falekaupule Trust Fund (FTF), which were outstanding from Round 3 of the program. The team also completed the fieldwork of the 2013 FTF accounts and finished with an exit meeting with PASAI's Executive Director, Eroni Vatuloka.

The Tuvalu phase of the program also included training sessions with secondees followed by on-the-job training conducted during the FTF audit. The SAS consultant also provided training to SAI Tuvalu staff on topics relevant to their needs.



SAS secondees, left to right: Kirata Bitu (Kiribati), Reveniti Rekenibai (Kiribati), Shawn Reynolds (SAS Expert), Johnson Lobo (Solomon Islands), and Iefata Keli (Tuvalu) holding their certificates at the end of the program at the Tuvalu Government Building on 17 December 2014.

## IDI planning and prioritisation meeting

IDI hosted a planning and prioritisation meeting with representatives from the seven INTOSAI regional working groups in Oslo, Norway on 1–3 December 2014. Fifteen representatives from the seven regional working groups attended the meeting. PASAI was represented by Mr Allen Parker, Director of Audit of Cook Islands and member of the Governing Board and Ms Sinaroseta Palamo-Iosefo, PASAI's Capacity Building Advisor. The meeting was an opportunity for IDI to present its priority programs identified from the Global Survey circulated to the INTOSAI community in 2013.

The following programs were the top priorities presented by IDI and discussed during the meeting:

- institutional capacity development
- enhance eLearning capacity
- SAI stakeholder relations
- strategy, performance and reporting
- supporting ISSAI implementation (including certification)
- enhancing SAI role in countering fraud and corruption
- SAI young leaders.

During a 'shift and share' session, the IDI team provided further details on the proposed programs to be offered to the regions from 2015 to 2018. The proposed programs covered the seven priorities identified above. Regional representatives provided feedback and comments about the different programs and also identified programs their regions would be interested in. The regions also shared their priorities and capacity needs. Regional representatives also commented on existing programs related to the priority programs as well as available resources that IDI and other regions can use.

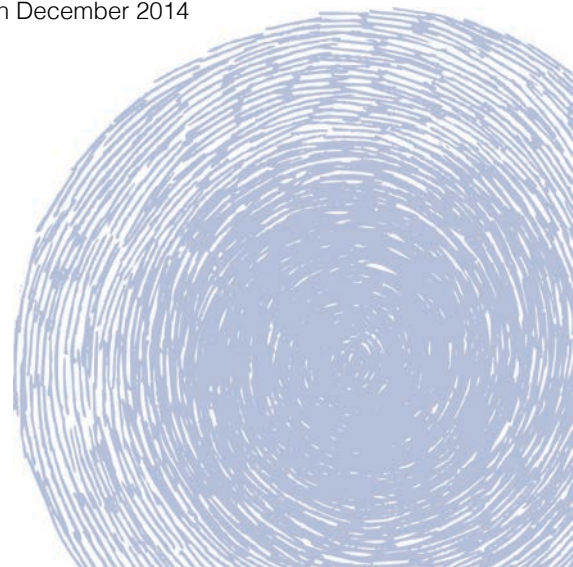
One of the sessions involved open discussions with IDI's development partners. Development partners were informed about the proposed programs and the partners provided feedback on what IDI plans to deliver to the INTOSAI community in the next five years. Participants also got a sense of what the development partners think of the proposed programs and what they are interested in supporting.

The meeting was a useful forum to get a broader understanding of IDI's proposed programs and what they plan to deliver in the next five years. The meeting was also an opportunity to learn more about the capacity development programs other regions undertake and to establish networks with other regions for knowledge sharing between regions. PASAI's strategic priorities are covered in IDI's proposed programs.

IDI also found the meeting beneficial for obtaining regional perspectives on their proposed programs to assist them design the programs according to the needs of the regions. They have considered suggestions from development partners as well as regional representatives for possible changes in the design of certain programs.



Participants of the IDI Planning and Prioritisation meeting in Oslo, Norway in December 2014





## Public financial management reform roadmap for Tonga

On the invitation of Pacific Islands Centre for Public Administration, and in collaboration with Pacific Financial Technical Assistance Centre and the Tonga Ministry of Finance, PASAI's Executive Director, Eroni Vatuloka attended the Tonga PFM Reform Roadmap Support Program in Fiji on 9–10 December 2014. The meeting was attended by Tonga officials of the Ministry of Finance and National Planning, the Ministry of Revenue and Customs, the Audit Office, the Prime Minister's Office, with representatives from the Pacific Islands Centre for Public Administration, the Pacific Financial Technical Assistance Centre, the Asian Development Bank, the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the World Bank and a delegation from the European Union.

The objectives of the meeting were:

- to inform the design of the next stage of the Tonga PFM Reform Roadmap Support Program
- to review the preliminary work plan and allocation of responsibilities, as well as the expectations of all parties
- to identify further engagement with development partners, where appropriate.

The meeting concluded with an understanding of the next phase of the Tonga PFM Reform Roadmap Support Program and an agreement on the preliminary work plan.

The participants were informed of the areas in which PASAI was working, including training for audit offices, Members of Parliament and Public Accounts Committees. Participants were also briefed on a proposed pilot exchange program between Fiji and Kiribati and specific Tier training that the SAI Tonga is particularly interested in.

Following the PFM meeting, officials of the Ministry of Finance, the Audit Office and the Executive Director met with the Fiji Auditor General Tevita Bolanavanua and Deputy Atunaisa Nadakuitavuki and progressed discussions on the exchange program and other matters such as providing assistance for IT and the SAI PMF assessment.

### THE NEXT SIX MONTHS

17–18 February 2015:  
12th Governing Board meeting,  
Auckland, New Zealand

16–20 March 2015: Tier 2  
in-country workshop, Tarawa,  
Kiribati

11–15 May 2015: Tier 3 in-country  
workshop, Pohnpei, Federated  
States of Micronesia

May 2015 (tbc): SAS Committee  
meeting, Auckland, New Zealand.

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