



PASAI update

Pacific Auditors working together

IDI/PASAI COOPERATIVE PROCUREMENT AUDIT PROGRAM — DESIGN MEETING

The Director Technical Support and Director Practice Development attended a design planning meeting in Oslo, Norway between 22 June and 4 July 2015 as part of a project team to develop the program for the IDI/PASAI cooperative audit on public procurement.

The project team included two experts from the New Zealand Audit Office, ISSAI facilitators from Samoa SAI, Cook Islands SAI, Maldives SAI, the IDI project manager and a member of the INTOSAI Compliance Audit Sub-Committee.

This project team developed an approach and program for this cooperative audit, following the compliance audit methodology or the ISSAI 4000 series. The outcomes of this intensive planning design meeting will be communicated to the Heads of SAI through a joint program announcement letter from IDI/PASAI around August or September.

More information and clarification for this program will be provided at the 18th PASAI Congress in October. The intention is to run this program in November 2015 for two weeks.

This cooperative audit is a great opportunity for SAIs to develop their capacity to comply with ISSAIs and to achieve PASAI's strategic priority to produce high-quality audits.

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



Members of the design planning meeting team in Oslo, Norway.

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 SAs 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 SAs 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 SAs and PASAI offers SA members access to the program at cost price. There is a range of options for packaging participation within SAs, 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 Tuiai-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

ELECTRONIC AUDIT WORKING PAPERS — TEAMMATE VIRTUAL GROUP

In the PASAI region, some SAIs 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. 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

Desmond Wildin
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
Tevita Lehaul
Beulah Daunakamakama (Advisor)
Priscilla Bongnebu

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.

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Strengthening governance, transparency and accountability

PASAI has continued to advocate Public Financial Management (PFM) improvements to strengthen governance, transparency and accountability in the region. On 20 June, the Chief Executive, Mr Tiofilusi Tiueti and the PASAI Advocate, Mr Eroni Vatuloka, joined representatives from Pacific Financial Technical Assistance Centre (PFTAC) and the Pacific Island Centre for Public Administration (PICPA) and some development partners to meet with Senior Officials from the Government of Tonga's Ministry of Finance and National Planning, Public Service Commission, Ministry of Revenue, and Tonga Audit Office on the second Tonga PFM Reform Roadmap Stocktake in Fiji.

The outcome of the meeting was a preliminary work plan that outlines the content of training, targeted audiences, delivery mechanisms and sustainability strategies for the next phase of the Tonga PFM Reform Roadmap. Donor partners and regional technical service providers, PFTAC, PASAI and PICPA agreed on the implementation of the revised work plan. PASAI support is to be provided through training programs for the Tonga Audit Office, which have been scheduled for August through to December. These training programs include Tier 1–4 trainings, SAI PMF training, and Communicating Effectively training.

Around the Tonga Roadmap Stocktake meeting, the Chief Executive and the PASAI Advocate also met with some of the development partners (ADB, UNDP, DFAT, MFAT) and with PFTAC, PIFS Regional Governance Adviser and the Secretary General of PIFS, Dame Meg Taylor. These meetings provided an opportunity to introduce the new Chief Executive and to discuss relevant issues relating to funding PASAI activities, and also advocating for PASAI as a key regional institution that promotes good governance in the region.

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.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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PASAI's Chief Executive and the PASAI Advocate participated in the second Tonga PFM Reform Roadmap Stocktake in Fiji in June