



Pacific Association of Supreme Audit Institutions (PASAI)

Status of the Pacific Regional Audit Initiative (PRAI) - March 2010

(i) PASAI Congress and Governing Board Meeting

The PASAI Secretariat issued a Special PASAI Update on the 2010 Kiribati Congress on 24th March 2010. Heads of SAIs and stakeholders are requested to make early travel and hotel bookings. The members of the Governing Board have also been invited to attend a meeting in Nadi prior to the Congress. Both the Governing Board Meeting and the Congress are self-funded.

(ii) PASAI Secretariat

The PASAI Secretariat has completed interviews of applicants for the Technical and Methodology Advisor and Administrative Assistant positions and will be making appointments soon. The appointees are hoped to commence work with the secretariat by May 2010.

The Building Consent Approval for the PASAI Secretariat has been issued by the Auckland City Council. The office is now officially approved for occupation.

(iii) Capacity Development Program

The secretariat has commenced preparations for the first of the two "Kick-off" meetings of working groups which will be responsible for the development of manuals and training materials. The working groups include the following: (i) Human Resources Manual; (ii) Financial Audit Manual; (iii) Performance Audit Manual; (iv) Intermediate Government Auditing Skills; and (v) Supervisory Roles in Government Auditing. The meeting will be held in Mercure Hotel Auckland between 21 and 29 June 2010.

The SAIs that signed up for membership in the 5 working groups during the 2009 Palau Congress and invited experts in public sector auditing have been invited to register for the meeting.

(iv) PASAI Cooperative Performance Audit

The Cooperative Audit Advisor Ms Claire Kelly completed her work with the last 2 participant SAIs, Samoa and Papua New Guinea in March 2010. All teams are now prepared for the Reporting Meeting to be held in Novotel Nadi in April 2010.

(v) PASAI Sub-regional Audit Support (SAS) Program

The PASAI SAS Team are completing the last few weeks of their work in Nauru. The two audits that the team is engaged in include Ronphos and Nauru Central Utilities. The results of the audits and on-the-job training will be ready for the SAS Committee when it meets in Suva on 17 and 18 May 2010.

(vi) 2009 Accountability and Transparency in the Pacific Region

Professor Michael Powles has started work on the review of the 2009 Annual Report on regional Accountability and Transparency.

(vii) Funding

Apart from IDI funding and funding for office fitouts, funders have taken their time to process and release funds for PRAI. The Secretariat has been in touch with development partners in this regard.

(viii) Project Management Framework

Mr Benjamin Stephens has commenced work on the review of the PASAI 3-year plan and the development of a project management framework. The work is closely monitored by the Executive Director and the Secretary General of PASAI.

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