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PASAI trains champions to sustain strategic management in six Pacific audit offices

Auckland, New Zealand: The Pacific Association of Supreme Audit Institutions (PASAI) taught strategic management concepts and processes throughout last week to 14 staff (10 female, four male) from six public audit offices in FSM Chuuk, FSM Kosrae, FSM Pohnpei, Guam, Palau and Tuvalu.

International consultant, Pritom Phookun, and PASAI's Director Practice Development, Sinaroseta Palamo-Iosefo, facilitated five, part-day online sessions from 13 to 17 February to develop participants' knowledge on strategic management concepts including value creation, strategic priorities and key performance measures.

PASAI Chief Executive, Esther Lameko-Poutoa, opened the first online session reminding participants, "It's important for SAIs to visualise the impact on society they want to achieve to plan how they will achieve the change effectively and efficiently.

"Proper strategic management is key to ensuring SAIs deliver meaningful and quality audits to improve governance in their countries."

The online course is part of a broader programme to enhance SAI strategic management capabilities.

Two staff from each office will gather in Guam from 6 to 10 March 2023 for a face-face workshop to build the necessary skills that will foster strategic thinking at the individual and organisational levels. Afterwards, these 'strategy champions' will facilitate strategic development processes in consultation with their SAIs' stakeholders and staff, with remote support from PASAI.

Ms Palamo-Iosefo explained, "A thoughtfully developed strategic plan, annual operational plan and monitoring and evaluation framework are essential elements of any productive and impactful public audit office.

"This online course will set the participants up with the foundational knowledge needed to facilitate their own SAIs' strategic development sessions."

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