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International support for 15th PASAI Congress

Auckland, October 11, 2012: The Pacific Association of Supreme Audit Institutions (PASAI) received extensive international support for its 15th PASAI Congress held in Noumea, New Caledonia from 2 to 5 October 2012. Auditors-general from across the Pacific region along with development partners and stakeholders participated in the Congress, which is responsible for endorsing PASAI's long term strategies and direction.



The Congress was attended by the leaders of the International Organisation of Supreme Audit institutions (INTOSAI) and other international bodies beyond the region. The opening ceremony was addressed by:

Mr Terence Nombembe, Auditor-General of South Africa and Chair of the INTOSAI Governing Board;

Dr Josef Moser, Secretary General of INTOSAI;

Dr Zhou Weipei, Director General of the National Audit Office, People's Republic of China.

In his address Mr Nombembe spoke highly of PASAI's work and pointed to a bright future for it.

INTOSAI is the umbrella organisation of national audit authorities of United Nations member countries, and has 190 full members.

Ms Lyn Provost , Secretary General of PASAI and chair of the 15th Congress said 'it is particularly encouraging for PASAI and its Congress to receive the recognition and support from the international audit community.'

During its business meeting Ms Provost issued participants with a number of key questions to consider for the future;

'are we communicating our achievements as well as we can?

are we being honest about the capability challenges we face?

where do our SAs position themselves on financial audits;

where, accurately, are our SAs positioned on the PASAI capability model; where are we now and where do we want to be?'

One of a number of important items of business discussed was the recent PASAI Accountability and Transparency Report, which made recommendations for improvements in governance practice across the region. The full report can be found on the PASAI website at www.pasai.org.

A crucial part of the Congress involved presentations from members on key developments in their operations. A number of common themes that emerged across the presentations included:

- staffing issues such as turnover, training, remuneration;
- peer reviews;
- clearing audit backlogs;
- production of audit reports;
- whole of government audits;
- strategic/corporate planning;
- concurrent/cooperative audits;
- new and refined legislation.

You can read the communiqué of the 15th Congress on the PASAI website at www.pasai.org.

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The Pacific Association of Supreme Audit Institutions (PASAI) is the official association of supreme audit institutions (government audit offices and similar organisations, known as SAs) in the Pacific region. PASAI promotes transparent, accountable, effective, and efficient use of public sector resources in the Pacific. It contributes to that goal by helping its member SAs improve the quality of public sector auditing in the Pacific to uniformly high standards. PASAI is supported by the Asian Development Bank, the Governments of Australia and New Zealand, the International Association of Supreme Audit Institutions Development Initiative, and the World Bank. Further information on PASAI can be found at www.pasai.org.