

PASAI Mandate and Objectives

PASAI promotes transparent, accountable, effective, and efficient use of public sector resources in the Pacific.

PASAI contributes to that goal by helping its member SAs improve the quality of public sector auditing in the Pacific to uniformly high standards.

To that objective, PASAI's mandate is to strengthen understanding, co-operation and coordination between its members by advocating the interest in good governance and build and sustain auditing capacity while assisting its members to perform their auditing functions. It also serves as a regional working group of INTOSAI and encourage co-operation with other regional working groups.

PRAI

The Pacific Regional Audit Initiative (PRAI) is a Pacific Plan initiative.

The PRAI's overarching objective is to raise Pacific public auditing to uniformly-high standards.

This in turn is expected to improve transparency and accountability in managing and using public resources.

14th PASAI Congress, Nukualofa, Tonga – 2-5 August 2011

The organisation of the 14th PASAI Congress to be held in Nukualofa, Tonga on 2-5 August 2011 is progressing well. The Tonga Audit Office will be sending out invitations and Congress information soon. The Governing Board will be meeting on Monday 1 August prior to the Congress.

The Congress remains an important part of the life of PASAI. As a group of Auditors General, the Congress will endorse the Business Plan for 2011/2012 financial year and guide the Governing Board in attaining PASAI's objectives.

The Congress program includes 2 workshop sessions for heads of SAs and other participants. The Office of the Auditor General of New Zealand will coordinate a session on general awareness of the International Standards for Supreme Audit Institutions (ISSAIs). The other workshop, *Leading organizational change* will be coordinated by Ms Linda Weeks. The Commissioner of Police of Tonga has been invited to deliver a key note address in this workshop.

PASAI will meet the cost of attendance of the head of SA or his/her representative in accordance with the PRAI.

Capacity Building

The Secretariat and capacity building experts discussed the evaluation of Tier 2 *Intermediate government auditing* and Tier 3 *Supervisory roles* training materials following their pilots in March 2011. Changes in the structure and scope of the materials are being considered and will be reflected in the final draft.

The working group developing the Tier 4 *Management of audits* training material met in Auckland on 11-15 April to finalize the contents of the manual and start consolidating the materials for the first draft. The development of this training material is progressing well.



Members of the Tier 4 Managing Government Audits group
Left to Right : Fatafehi Fonua , Scott Milne , Toromon Metutera, and Joel Wia Wak

Cooperative performance audit



Nine of the ten SAIs participating in the cooperative performance audit on access to safe drinking water attended a meeting in Nadi, Fiji on 4-9 April 2011 to review their draft reports. The tenth SAI had already completed its report, and been signed off by the head of SAI. The key objective of this meeting was to educate and assist the participants to write high quality audit reports for their SAIs and legislatures.

The meeting provided an opportunity for participants to review each SAI's report and make comments. It also encouraged participating SAIs to agree to

timelines to ensure the reports are efficiently completed and tabled in legislatures and/or made public.

Sub-regional Audit Support (SAS) program

The ADB has appointed Mr Matt Major as PASAI's SAS program expert and he will commence work on 30 May 2011. The Bank has yet to confirm the appointment of a SAS Coordinator.

The SAS coordinator and the expert, and Mrs Beulah Daunakamakama (2009/10 expert) will attend a planning meeting in Auckland, New Zealand on 30 May to 3 June.

Funding

PASAI received the first tranche of NZAID assistance of NZ\$179,733 on 19 April. The sum will fund 3 activities, which include 2 working group meetings and the 2011 accountability project.

PASAI also received a reimbursement from the World Bank of NZ\$153,334 for expenses made on the development of manuals and training materials.

PASAI remains grateful to its development partners.

Secretariat

The ADB has confirmed the appointment of Ms Anna Will as PASAI Communications Advisor. She takes up the position in May 2011. Her principal role will be to edit and prepare for printing the 9 manuals and training materials that are currently being developed, and review reports and documents under the various programs of PRAI

PASAI Calendar

The dates of various activities to be conducted over the next 3 months are as follows:

- 30 May - 3 June, SAS Planning meeting, Auckland, New Zealand;
- 6 June, SAS program starts in Kiribati; and
- 11-22 July, Tier 1 Fundamentals of government auditing, pilot training, Nadi, Fiji.

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