

### 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.

### 1. Governing Board induction

The PASAI Secretariat conducted an induction session for two members of the Governing Board at the PASAI Secretariat on 31 January 2012, prior to the 6th Governing Board meeting. They are the Auditor General of Samoa, Fuimaono Camillo Afele and President *de la chambre territoriale des comptes de* New Caledonia, Francois Monti.

The agenda included PRAI achievements to date, PASAI Charter and governance, management reporting, operational rules and office policies. The presenters included the Executive Director Mr Eroni Vatuloka, Legal Advisor Mr Robert Buchanan, Ms Sarah Lineham of the New Zealand Office of the Auditor General, and Ms Sook Ling Vun PASAI Office Manager.

The new members appreciated the session and mentioned that it prepared them well for their role as members of the Governing Board.

### 2. Strategic Management and Operational Guidelines

PASAI is looking for an advisor to manage the preparation of PASAI Strategic Management and Operational Guidelines (SMOG). The advisor will lead a working group (comprising representatives from member SAs) to develop the SMOG. It will provide guidance, and collect examples and supporting materials as needed. The advisor will review, revise and provide feedback as working group members prepare the guidelines. The advisor will co-ordinate the working group logistics with other PASAI consultants, the Capacity Building Advisor, and the PASAI Office Manager.

The SMOG Advisor announcement was circulated to SAs in the region on 3 February 2012, and is also available on the PASAI website [www.pasai.org](http://www.pasai.org). Applications close on Friday 17 February 2012.

PASAI has confirmed membership of the SMOG working group. Members are:

Lillian Waterhouse Hytongue	Audit Director	Samoa (Leader)
Lotomo'ua Faleafa	Deputy Auditor General	Tonga
Mamu Kolis	Assistant Auditor General	Papua New Guinea
Sairusi Dukuno	Director of Audit	Fiji
Llewelyn Terlaje	Senior Auditor	Guam

The group will convene in Auckland in March and start the work on the project. The guideline is expected to be completed by June 2012.

### 3. Co-operative performance audit

The draft regional overview report on Access to Safe Drinking Water has been approved by the Governing Board. The report will now be prepared for printing and circulation. A copy of the report will also be placed on the PASAI website [www.pasai.org](http://www.pasai.org).

Co-operative performance audit teams on sustainable fisheries management are currently completing their field audit work. They are now required to complete their draft reports for the March 2012 reporting meeting to be held in Nadi, Fiji.

#### **4. Sub-regional audit support programme**

The SAS team was stranded in Suva Fiji when the Pacific Sun flights to Tuvalu were cancelled due to bad weather and aircraft technical problems. The team was expected on Tuvalu on 23 January for the start of the last phase of the SAS programme.

The Nauru secondee, Gillian Itsimaera, withdrew from the SAS team after she was appointed to act as Head of SAI. Nevertheless, the SAS team is enthusiastic about continuing the programme on Tuvalu and will attempt to complete the required audits within the specified time.

#### **5. Accountability and transparency project**

The accountability report 2011 has been completed and tabled at the Governing Board meeting. PASAI takes this opportunity to thank everyone who participated in the project. We also thank the members of the steering committee, Pohiva Tuionetoa, Lyn Provost and Doris Brooks for their useful inputs in the finalisation of the report.

The report will be circulated to a number of stakeholders (UNDP and Transparency International) for their review and two academics, Dr Ron McNinch of the University of Guam and Dr Peter Lamour of the University of the South Pacific, for expert review. The report is expected to be printed by 30 June 2012.

#### **6. PASAI Calendar**

In the next three months, PASAI has planned the following activities:

- 23 January – 23 March 2012 – SAS Tuvalu phase audits;
- 1-2 February – Governing Board meeting, Auckland, New Zealand;
- 26-30 March – Co-operative performance audit (sustainable fisheries) reporting meeting, Nadi, Fiji;
- 2-3 April – SAS Committee meeting, Suva, Fiji (tbc);
- 17-19 April – Pacific Working Group on Environmental Auditing (WGEA) meeting, Sydney, Australia;
- 2-3 May – Tier 2 Intermediate Government Auditing Working Group preparation meeting, Nadi, Fiji;
- 7-18 May – Tier 2 Intermediate Government Auditing training, Nadi, Fiji;
- 4-6 July – Tier 3 Supervisory Roles Working Group preparation meeting, Nadi, Fiji;
- 9-20 July – Tier 3 Supervisory Roles training, Nadi, Fiji.

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