

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. Capacity Building

Training - The Tier 3 career path training, *Supervisory Roles in Government Auditing* was held in Nadi, Fiji, from 3-14 September. Mr Raymond Prasad, Economic Advisor of the Pacific Island Forum Secretariat opened the training which was attended by 21 participants from 15 SAs. The training was designed for auditors who have the appropriate qualification and experience working in the field. It sought to provide an understanding of the supervisor's roles during the audit processes for financial and performance audits as well as an understanding of some supervisory skills that are commonly used in an audit.



Participants at the Tier 3 Supervisory Roles in Government Auditing training.

The training was closed by Ms Helen Leslie, First Secretary (Regional Development) of the New Zealand Embassy in Suva, Fiji. She emphasised the need for participants to implement good practices learnt during the two weeks and make a difference in the work of their SAs.

Communication training - The *Communicating Effectively* workshop held in Nadi, Fiji on 21-28 September 2012 was attended by 20 participants from 14 SAs. The workshop was designed to improve the auditors' skills in writing and orally presenting their reports. It supplements the four PASAI skills-based training that have already been conducted in the year.



The workshop emphasised that if the message about completed audits is not communicated clearly and convincingly, the audit may not lead to necessary or desired improvements.

2. Co-operative Performance Audits

Managing Sustainable Fisheries - To date, five SAs have made their fisheries performance audit reports public, while the other five are close to making their reports public. The regional overview report has also been drafted and will soon be made public. PASAI appreciates the efforts made by the 10 audit teams and hope that the audit results will benefit the relevant fisheries agencies and stakeholders.

4th Cooperative Performance Audit on Climate Change Adaptation - The 4th CPA on climate change adaptation and disaster risk and recovery strategies will commence with a planning meeting scheduled for 19-24 November 2012, in Auckland, New Zealand. Ten SAs have confirmed their participation in the cooperative audit.

3. SAS Committee

The SAS Committee convened its third meeting in Auckland, New Zealand on 4-5 September 2012. The agenda included a review and evaluation of the SAS program, feedback from the Auditors-General of Kiribati, Nauru and Tuvalu, and planning for the future of the program.



The SAS Committee members

The committee noted the satisfactory progress of the program to date and its challenges. It also resolved to complete the SAS program under the PRAI using the balance of the funds from the ADB technical assistance. However, the following need to be improved: planning; preparation of the SAS team, SAI and clients; support and communications; building on experience; and measurement. The program should fit the needs of the SAs: be clearer on funding; capability risk; financial management capability in government; governance; and handling delays in audits.

4. PASAI Calendar

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

- 1 October – Seventh Governing Board meeting, Noumea, New Caledonia;
- 2-5 October – 15th PASAI Congress, Noumea, New Caledonia;
- 19-24 November – Co-operative performance audit (climate change adaptation) planning meeting, Auckland, New Zealand;
- 29-30 November – SMOG coordinators meeting, Nadi, Fiji;
- 3-5 December – 3i management workshop, Nadi, Fiji;
- 6 -14 December, SMOG management workshop, Nadi, Fiji;
- 12-13 February 2013 – Eighth Governing Board meeting, Auckland, New Zealand;
- 21-22 February – Tier 1 *Fundamentals of Government Auditing* coordinators meeting, Nadi, Fiji;
- 25 Feb-8 March – Tier 1 *Fundamentals of Government Auditing* training, Nadi, Fiji.

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