



PASAI update

Pacific auditors working together

PASAI Operational Plan 2014–15

The PASAI Governing Board has approved an Operational Plan and Budget for 2014–15. This plan is needed to progress the activities in PASAI's *Strategic Plan 2014–24* and to assist in negotiating new funding agreements with development partners.

Several activities under the Operation Plan have started and others will start later in the year. The process for recruiting staff for the Secretariat is on hold until a funding agreement is signed. It is expected the appointments will be made in January 2015.

The travel and accounting services of the Secretariat have been advertised and appointment of the contracted firms is anticipated in November 2014.

Cooperative financial audits — foreign aid projects

The cooperative financial audit on foreign aid projects is ISSAI-based and follows the risk-based approach to financial audits. Twelve participants from Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Samoa, Tuvalu, and Tonga are currently in the field undertaking the audits, which should be almost completed.

The audit teams convened for a reporting meeting on 13–18 October 2014 in Nadi, Fiji where draft reports were finalised. PASAI acknowledges the continued support of IDI for this cooperative program.



PASAI's Technical Support Advisor Agnes Aruwafu and the team from the Tonga Audit Office at the workshop on a risk-based approach to financial audits

Tonga Audit Office — workshop on risk-based approach to financial audits

PASAI's Technical Support Advisor Agnes Aruwafu conducted a workshop on a risk-based approach to financial audits (RBAFA) for the staff of the Tonga Audit Office on 14–19 September 2014. Two senior audit staff from the Tonga office helped facilitate the workshop, providing them with valuable experience and allowing the workshop to be tailored for the Tonga public sector.

From the evaluation forms received, the audit staff increased their capacity and understanding of RBAFA. The senior management staff highlighted the need to improve and enhance their audit methodology to undertake a more refined, risk-based approach.

If your SAI is interested in this training, please contact Agnes Aruwafu, at agnes.aruwafu@pasai.org.

Solomon Islands completes Round 4 of SAS program

The Sub-regional Audit Support (SAS) program is progressing well in its fourth round with the continued support of the Asian Development Bank. The Solomon Islands and Kiribati phases have been completed and the Tuvalu phase will start on 10 November and be completed by 19 December 2014.

Secretariat farewells Sook Ling Vun

The PASAI Secretariat farewelled our Office Manager Sook Ling Vun on 29 September 2014 with a dinner attended by Secretary General Mrs Lyn Provost. Sook has worked with PASAI since January 2010 when the Secretariat's office opened in Auckland, with just an empty office. Sook has seen the office progress from strength to strength over the years and hopes that it will continue to grow and to meet the needs of the members. On behalf of PASAI members, Lyn thanked Sook on her contribution to PASAI and wished her the best in her future endeavors.



CALENDAR

THE NEXT SIX MONTHS

1 September – 10 October: SAS Round 4, Kiribati phase

13–17 October: CFA — Foreign Aid, reporting meeting, Nadi, Fiji

3–7 November: Tier 1 Training, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea

10 November – 19 December: SAS Round 4, Tuvalu phase

24–28 November: iCAT review workshop, Apia, Samoa

22 December 2014 – 2 January 2015: PASAI Secretariat closed for Christmas and New Year

10–11 February 2015: 12th Governing Board meeting, Auckland, New Zealand

9–13 March 2015: Tier 3 in-country workshop, Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia.

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

12–14 November: AFROSAI-E — 9th Annual Technical Update, Pretoria, South Africa

1–3 December: IDI Planning and Prioritisation meeting — Oslo, Norway (tbc).

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