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## Government auditors' management skills receive a boost

**Auckland 15 April 2013:** The management skills of participating government auditors in the Pacific region have been enhanced through a just completed Pacific Association of Supreme Audit Institutions (PASAI) training course run in Novotel Nadi, Fiji from 8 to 12 April 2013.

The week long training course on management skills in government auditing drew 20 participants from 11 Pacific island states. The course is one part of a four part training program conducted by PASAI, the association of government audit offices, intended to help provide a career path for government auditors in the Pacific region. The four training courses or tiers, as they are labelled, are aimed at providing auditors at all levels with skill-based training in line with their needs and responsibilities at work.

As PASAI Executive Director, Eroni Vatuloka, points out, 'skilled managers are vital to states' capacity to successfully conduct quality financial and performance audits of their various government operations'.

'The course covered critical aspects of successful management of government audits including strategic planning, audit portfolio management, quality assurance and risk management control plans', he added.

'Government auditing is about making certain that public money is managed correctly and so deserves widespread support', he said.

In her closing address to course participants, Ms Solstice Middleby, Regional Counsellor from Australia's development assistance agency, AusAID said 'the impact of the training course will become evident in the coming weeks and months in the clear and positive transformation of the way participants go about their roles in managing audits and audit teams'.



*Ms Middleby of AusAID with some participants from the region.*

Participants also developed a future action plan of initiatives they will undertake on return to their workplaces as part of their personal individual professional development programs.

PASAI career path training is vital to developing a strong talent pool of government auditors in the Pacific region, able to lift government auditing to ever higher standards. The success of the management training course and others like it will be demonstrated through well managed quality government audits being undertaken in future years.

Participants in the workshop were drawn from the Commonwealth of North Mariana Islands, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia (National Office and, Kosrae and Pohnpei states), Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands and Tuvalu.

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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 SAIs) 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 SAIs 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](http://www.pasai.org).