



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **STRONG GOVERNANCE NEEDS QUALITY AUDITS**

The Pacific Association of Supreme Audit Institutions (PASAI) together with the INTOSAI Development Initiative (IDI) will be holding a planning workshop on measuring performance of public audit offices in Nadi, Fiji on 6-10 May 2019 at Novotel Nadi Hotel.

Governance is strengthened through quality audits performed by competent and capable auditors. Measuring auditors' performance ensures that government audit offices are capable and well-resourced to conduct quality audits that contribute to good governance and make a difference in the lives of citizens.

The planning workshop will prepare government auditors from State Chuuk of the Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati and Vanuatu to assess the performance of government audit offices using the International Organisation of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI) SAI Performance Measurement Framework (SAI PMF), a measurement tool adopted by the INTOSAI community.

Use of the SAI PMF tool was piloted in the Pacific region and implemented in other INTOSAI regions. It has proven to be very successful in identifying SAI strengths, weaknesses and development needs in a comprehensive range of organisational areas. As part of the ongoing roll-out and practical application of this program, an assessment of each participating Office will be conducted during the year.

Sinaroseta Palamo-Iosefo, PASAI's Director - Practice Development, will lead the workshop along with IDI's SAI PMF Advisor, Irina Sprenglewski. The director, who is also heavily involved in the refinement and application of the SAI PMF tool on a global SAI basis, states: 'We are very fortunate in PASAI to have both the knowledge and experience of the SAI PMF process, and the funding provided by the European Union (EU) to bring this workshop directly to the region. The results so far have been very encouraging, and we now have a chance to embed and expand its usage to strengthen governance across the Pacific.'

The workshop is the first activity funded under the new donor partnership established between PASAI and the EU. It is supported by the United Nations Development Partner (UNDP), the Australia Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT).

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EU representative Marga Peeters and UNDP representative Jean-Raphael Guiliani at PASAI's Governing Board Meeting in Auckland, NZ, 28 Feb – 1 March 2019



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**IDI's Irina Sprenglewski interviews Naura SAI Head, Mr Manoharan Nair, during the Nauru's SAI PMF assessment (2018)**