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Engaging stakeholders key to creating audit impact

Auckland, New Zealand: The Pacific Association of Supreme Audit Institutions (PASAI) is delivering a workshop on Effective Stakeholder Engagement under its Communications Programme. Forty staff (24 female, 16 male) from public audit offices in FSM National, FSM Pohnpei, FSM Yap, Guam, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu and Vanuatu will participate in three part-day workshops from 19 to 20 and 22 July 2022.

PASAI has developed the course to strengthen organisational capability to effectively engage, communicate and improve relationships with key stakeholders including citizens, civil society organisations (CSOs), and the legislative, executive and judicial branches of government.

PASAI Consultant, Gurdip Bhambra, is leading the workshops having worked with many SAIs internationally including in the Pacific. He is formerly of the National Audit Office of the United Kingdom.

Mr Bhambra explained, "The course focuses on how to effectively engage with stakeholders to communicate audit objectives, findings and recommendations to all stakeholders.

"We will provide participants with the resources to enable their stakeholders to gain an increased understanding of the role and responsibilities of the SAI as an independent auditor of the public sector," he said.

PASAI Director Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting, Annie Subactagin-Matto, added, "This workshop aims to improve SAI PMF scores for Domain F: Communication and Stakeholder Management, and to achieve greater impact and visibility of a SAI's work and demonstrate its value to the lives of citizens in the Pacific."

The PASAI Stakeholder Engagement Toolkit will be launched during the course. It and other supplementary material containing relevant templates and processes are to guide participants in effectively communicating with different stakeholder groups.

The workshops will include guest speakers from regional audit offices and PASAI staff who will share experiences, explain best practice examples and facilitate discussion among participants.

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