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New Samoa-based director to join Secretariat

Auckland, New Zealand: The Pacific Association of Supreme Audit Institutions (PASAI) has welcomed accomplished auditing and accounting professional, Faiane Susana Laulu, to its Secretariat team.

As a Programme Director at PASAI, Ms Laulu will be focusing on having member audit offices in the Pacific deliver high-quality audits on a timely basis.

Ms Lalau has been undertaking a comprehensive induction at the Secretariat's office in Auckland since 24 April but from next week will be primarily based in her home of Samoa.

For the last nine years Ms Laulu was the Chief Executive Officer of the Development Bank of Samoa. She has been instrumental in implementing positive changes to improve and enhance the capacity and performance of the Bank to advance sustainable economic and social development for Samoa.

She has also previously worked in an international chartered accounting firm conducting audits of the private sector, international companies and public sector entities.

Ms Laulu holds a Master of Business Administration from the University of New England and a Bachelor's degree in accounting and financial management from the University of the South Pacific. She is a member of the Samoa Institute of Accountants and the Institute of Public Accountants Australia.

PASAI Chief Executive, Esther Lameko-Poutoa, is pleased to have Ms Laulu join the Secretariat staff.

"Susana brings more than 20 years of experience in auditing, financial management, governance, banking, public policy, business strategy and related disciplines to PASAI," she said.

PASAI acknowledges the support of the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) and the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT).

Susana Laulu (third from left) with the Secretariat's Auckland-based staff

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