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Twenty-one Pacific Island government audit office staff in Fiji for improved financial auditing

Suva, Fiji: The Pacific Association of Supreme Audit Institutions (PASAI) is jointly providing in-person training to Pacific Island auditors to perfect the financial audits they perform on whole of government accounts.

Twenty-one staff (15 female, six male) from supreme audit institutions (SAIs) in the Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu are participating in the five-day, face-to-face workshop from 5 to 9 June 2023.

Senior Manager from the INTOSAI Development Initiative, Karma Tenzin, and PASAI programme directors, Meresimani Vosawale-Katuba and Susana Laulu, are facilitating the programme focused on ensuring participating member SAIs can sustainably plan, execute and report on their government audits in accordance with international standards.

Following recent revisions to quality control standards for SAIs, PASAI Chief Executive, Esther Lameko-Poutoa, explained, “We expect this workshop will enable participants to design and implement bespoke systems of audit quality management with a focus on financial audits of governments.”

This training is part of a programme of capability-building support to conduct Financial Statements of Government (FSG) audits in accordance with the International Standards of Supreme Audit Institutions (ISSAIs) that started in 2020.

Programme participants have since conducted FSG audits and performed quality assurance (QA) reviews on each other’s work.

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