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Assessment of the Solomon Islands Office of the Auditor-General

Effective operation and capacity development of Pacific supreme audit institutions (SAIs) took a step forward last week for the Office of the Auditor-General of the Solomon Islands on 19-23 June 2016, with the completion of the first pilot assessment using the INTOSAI SAI Performance Measurement Framework (SAI PMF) as a new model for SAI performance management.

This is the first of many assessments that will be conducted as part of a regional project called “SAI PMF Lite”. This regional project is coordinated by the Pacific Association of Supreme Audit Institutions (PASAI) in collaboration with the INTOSAI Donor Secretariat (IDS) and the INTOSAI Development Initiative (IDI).

The SAI PMF is a global framework that enables SAIs to perform voluntary assessments of their performance against International Standards of Supreme Audit Institutions (ISSAIs) and other established international good practices for external public auditing. It is a universal tool which can be applied to all types of SAI regardless of governance structure, mandate, national context and development level. The development of the “lite” version of the SAI PMF and its use by smaller Pacific SAIs is in line with PASAI’s regional strategic priorities of helping Pacific SAIs to strengthen their independence, complete high quality audits on a timely basis and enhance their institutional capacity and capability.

The Solomon Islands’ SAI PMF assessment was conducted by an internal assessment team from the Solomon Islands Office of the Auditor-General (SIOAG) and peer reviewed by the Cook Islands Audit Office (CIAO) with support from PASAI. The SIOAG team was led by Mrs Mary Oldom while the peer review team included Mr. Robert Buchanan (PASAI consultant), Mr. Desmond Wildin (CIAO) and Ms Mere Waqanicagica (CIAO). The Auditor-General Mr. Peter Lokay and the Deputy Auditor General Mr. Robert Cohen and staff of the SAI provided great support to the assessment team during the week.

Following the completion of the assessment, the peer review team presented its preliminary findings to the staff of the SIOAG. The Auditor-General thanked everyone involved in the assessment for the great effort taken to conduct the assessment and provided assurance that the SIOAG would be ready to implement recommendations that will arise out of the exercise. The PASAI and CIAO representatives expressed confidence that the results of the pilot will be of great assistance in further developing the SAI PMF “lite” model, for use throughout the Pacific and potentially by other small SAIs globally.

The team is expected to complete and finalise its report on the assessment at a reporting workshop in November 2016 following further pilots to be completed in other countries in the South Pacific. This will be followed by another set of pilots in the northern Pacific in 2017.

The SAI PMF “lite” project is being undertaken with funding assistance from the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), INTOSAI Donor Secretariat and INTOSAI Development Initiatives

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Enclosure: Image of the workshop participants and coordinators

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