**4th Governing Board**

The 4th meeting of the PASAI Governing Board was held in Auckland, New Zealand on 2-3 February 2011. It was attended by all members, three development partners and stakeholders. The meeting discussed the progress of PRAI and its activities including its first annual report and audited financial statements. The Board also prioritized PASAI activities in view of delay of project funds.

During the meeting, NZAID announced the New Zealand government’s assistance to PRAI with an allocation of NZ$2 million over a period of 3 years. A grant agreement for this assistance is being negotiated.

**PASAI Incorporated Society - AGM**

The PASAI Incorporated Society convened for its first Annual General meeting on 2 February 2011. The meeting reviewed and approved the society’s annual report for 2010 and noted the appointment of its auditors.

**Capacity Building**

The development of the 5 manuals and training materials are progressing well. The progresses of the work that have been completed are as follows:

- the Human Resources Management Manual is ready for editing and printing;
- after an initial review by the New Zealand Office of the Auditor General, the Financial Audit Manual is being revised with an updated version of Audit New Zealand audit methodology;
- the Performance Audit Manual is being reviewed;
- the pilot training of Tier 2 Intermediate Auditing training material was conducted during the month;
- the Tier 3 Supervisory Roles training material is being finalized for pilot training on 14-25 March 2011.

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**PASAI Mandate and Objectives**

PASAI promotes transparent, accountable, effective, and efficient use of public sector resources in the Pacific.

PASAI contributes to that goal by helping its member SAIs improve the quality of public sector auditing in the Pacific to uniformly high standards.

To that objective, PASAI’s mandate is to strengthen understanding, co-operation and coordination between its members by advocating the interest in good governance and build and sustain auditing capacity while assisting its members to perform their auditing functions. It also serves as a regional working group of INTOSAI and encourage co-operation with other regional working groups.

**PRAI**

The Pacific Regional Audit initiative (PRAI) is a Pacific Plan initiative.

The PRAI’s overarching objective is to raise Pacific public auditing to uniformly-high standards.

This in turn is expected to improve transparency and accountability in managing and using public resources.
The pilot training on Tier 2 Intermediate Auditing was held at Mercure Hotel, Auckland, New Zealand on 14-25 February 2011. The 16 participants from 13 SAIs were not only trained on the material but evaluated the scope, relevance and appropriateness of the contents of the training material. The Tier 2 working group and the Capacity Building Advisor will use the evaluation as a basis for improving the training material.

Secretariat

The Secretariat has decided to close the SAI stocktake survey despite the 70% response rate as it is now more than 3 months overdue from a number of SAIs. The stocktake questionnaires are being analysed and the results of the survey will be used by PASAI for planning its future activities. For example, the results will be used as basis for discussion with professional bodies on possible certification of members of SAIs in the Pacific region.

PASAI Calendar

The dates for various activities over the next 3 months are as follows:

- 28 Feb-4 March, Reporting guidelines working group meeting, Auckland, New Zealand;
- 7-11 March, Tier 3 working group meeting, Nadi, Fiji;
- 14-25 March, Tier 3 pilot training, Nadi, Fiji;
- 28 Mar - 1 April, Quality assurance working group, mid-point meeting, Auckland, New Zealand;
- 4-8 April, Cooperative audit reporting meeting, Nadi, Fiji;
- 11-18 April, Tier 4 mid-point meeting, Auckland, New Zealand;
- 11-18 April, Commonwealth congress, Namibia;
- 28-29 April, ACAG & ACPAC meetings, Perth, Australia;
- 30 May - 3 June, SAS planning meeting, Auckland, New Zealand.

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