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Communications Training: Effective Report Writing to Increase Impact of Audit Findings

**Auckland, New Zealand:** The Pacific Association of Supreme Audit Institutions (PASAI) will be delivering online training on Communications: Report Writing on 3 – 4 December 2020. Seventy-five participants (36 female, 39 male) from the public audit offices of Chuuk, Fiji, FSM National, Guam, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands and Yap will participate in this virtual workshop. This training is part of a suite of capability development initiatives targeted at strengthening the communications function of a Supreme Audit Institution (SAI) – at an institutional and individual level. This training follows on from the Communications: Strategy and Implementation programme (27 October – 27 November 2020), which consisted of webinar-style workshops followed by SAI level coaching sessions to fully implement and embed learning.

SAIs play an important role in providing Parliament and members of the public with information on the government’s ability to manage public resources. Effective written communication is critical to achieve greater audit impact and create increased visibility and engagement with the work of a SAI. High quality report writing influences stakeholder perception of the quality of a SAI’s work and impacts its reputation. Writing clearly, concisely, and with purpose makes it easier for people to understand and act on what a SAI is telling them.

The Lima Declaration (ISSAI 12) emphasizes the positive impact SAIs have on society by instilling trust and public confidence through public sector auditing, reporting and communicating audit results. Quality reporting can be used as a vehicle to demonstrate SAI’s ongoing relevance to citizens and other key stakeholders by establishing themselves as a credible source of independent and objective insight and guidance to achieve accountability, transparency and good governance in the public sector.

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