



## **MEDIA RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **PASAI Governing Board Meets in Auckland, NZ**

The PASAI Governing Board held their 16<sup>th</sup> meeting in Auckland, NZ from 23 – 24 February, 2017 as part of their commitment to providing strategic direction, governance and leadership to the work of PASAI in the Pacific Region. Among the main issues that they deliberated on during the meeting were PASAI’s Operational Plan 2017/18 – 2012/22 and related budget, and PASAI’s funding strategy. Important discussions were held with PASAI’s two main donors the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) on continuous support for PASAI. The Board also commended the work undertaken in implementing PASAI’s strategic plan in response to SAI members needs. There was also valuable contributions to the meeting from PASAI’s developing partners, DFAT, MFAT, World Bank and the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS).

“The Board Meeting was a success with some fruitful contributions by members in ensuring that proposed programmes are in line with the objectives of PASAI, affordable, clear expected outcomes and with realistic targets,” said Mr Ihlen Joseph, Chairman of the Board and Public Auditor of Pohnpei State, Federated States of Micronesia.

Details of PASAI Board members and past Board Meetings are found on the PASAI website ([www.pasai.org](http://www.pasai.org))

The incoming Congress Chairperson, Auditor-General of Tuvalu, Mr Eli Lopati also advised the Governing Board of the theme for this year’s PASAI Congress being “Promoting Value and Benefits of SAIs through Effective Communication.” He assured the Governing Board that his office is ready to welcome everyone to his island for the 20<sup>th</sup> PASAI Congress in August, 2017.

PASAI would like to acknowledge DFAT and MFAT, World Bank, the Asian Development Bank (ADB), INTOSAI Development Initiative (IDI) and PIFS for their continued support of PASAI and its work in the region.



Photo above: The PASAI Governing Board members.



Photo above: PASAI Governing Board members with Development Partners and PASAI Secretariat staff.



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