On November 26, 2018 the Strategy, Performance Measurement and Reporting workshop commenced at the Edgewater Resort in Rarotonga. The workshop, a portion of an ongoing joint initiative by PASAI and IDI in building capacities among the Pacific SAIs, was geared to guide and support the SAIs formulate a more practical and dynamic Strategic and Operational Plan for their individual offices.

In his opening remarks, Honorable Mark Brown, Vice Prime Minister of Cook Islands, reminded the SAIs their critical roles in maintaining transparency and accountability within their respective governments. There are more participants from last April’s kick-off meeting in Tonga. Amongst the Pacific SAIs, principal Auditors and staff from Cook Islands, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Marshall Islands, Tuvalu, Kosrae, Pohnpei, Samoa, Tonga, Guam, Yap and FSM National Government were present for the workshop. Representatives from the Australian National Audit Office and New Zealand SAI were in attendance, sharing their experiences and challenges in regards to the preparation and then implementing of their respective strategic and operational plans.

Alongside the sundry of information and knowledge shared by the IDI and PASAI facilitators, individual country session and consultation with the organizers was an important part of the workshop. Overall, the workshop went well, thanks to the PASAI/IDI facilitators and the gracious hosts, Cook Island SAI. The workshop concluded on high hopes that by April of 2019 the final product, Strategic and Operational Plans, will be ready for implementation. The National Public Auditor and Chief Investigator represented the FSM National SAI at the Rarotonga SPMR workshop. We thank the IDI for the financial support to attend this important workshop.