

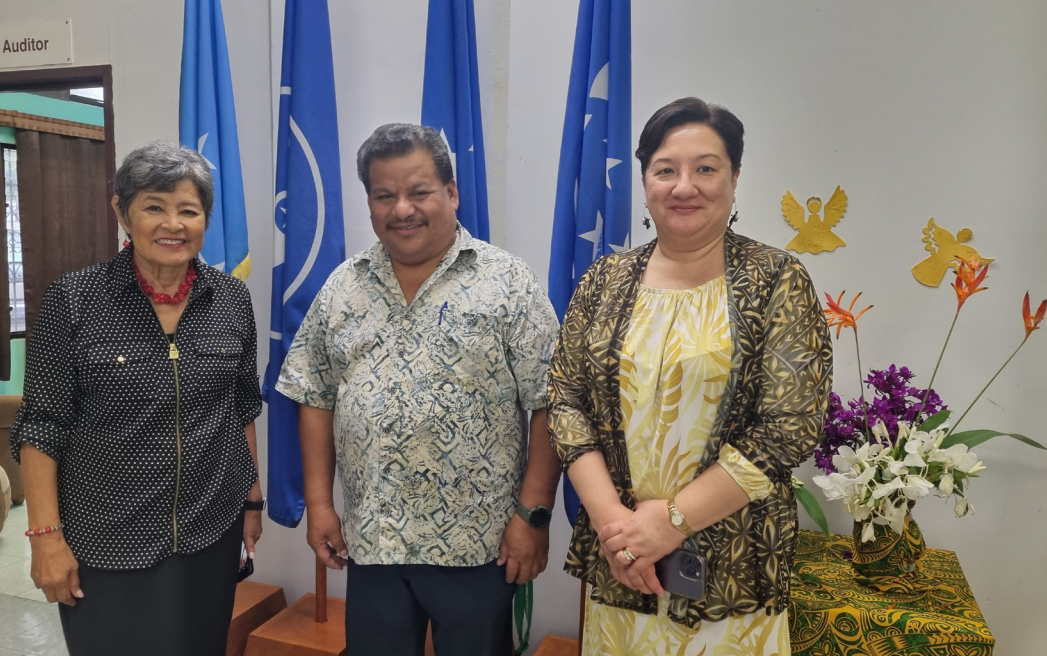
# PASAI Country Mission Visit

On December 4 to 5, the ONPA received the Country Mission visit by officials of the Pacific Association of Supreme Audit Institutions (PASAI); Esther Lameko-Poutoa, Chief Executive and Doris Flores-Brooks, Director North Pacific. As a member of PASAI, we appreciated the visit being the first time for the current Chief Executive to visit FSM and better understand our country context and our office operations.

The visit included meeting with all staff to help us understand the role of PASAI, understand the 8 pillars of SAI independence (per the Mexico Declaration) and where our office stands in the last assessment. The visitors also discussed the 7 pillars of Public Expenditure and Financial Accountability (PEFA) and the importance of Human Resource Management and SAI Performance Management Framework. Separate meetings were held with ONPA Management to discuss key matters such as the status of our efforts to achieving the model Independence structure as promoted and used internationally by other audit offices and key organization strategies and processes. The visitors, accompanied by ONPA management also made a courtesy visit to the Office of the Vice President.

We extend our appreciation to the Office of the President and the Office of the Speaker of Congress for accommodating our requests for a courtesy visit even though the visit to the Office of the Speaker did not work out based on conflicting schedules for our visitors.

We acknowledge and thank PASAI for the continued support to help us and build our capacity to improve the quality of public sector auditing by promoting transparent, accountable, effective and efficient use of public sector resources in the Pacific.



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