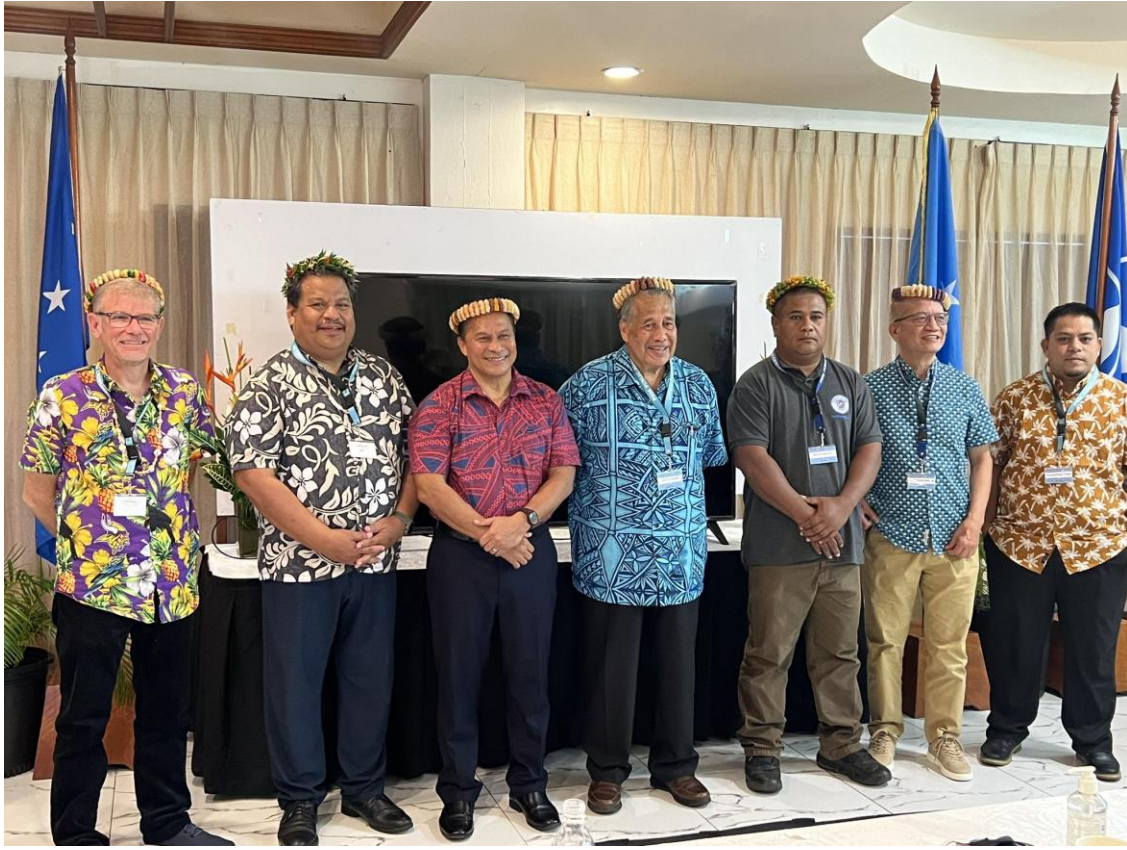


FSM Public Auditors 6th Annual Conference and Performance Audit Training



Our office (ONPA) was privileged to host the 6th Annual FSM Auditors Training and Conference held at the Pohnpei Island Palm Hotel and Restaurant from March 4 – 8, 2024. It's been over 4 years since our last conference held on Weno, Chuuk in 2019 before the covid-19 pandemic. The participants for the week-long event included staff from the FSM National and States Offices of the Public Auditor.

Day 1 began with an opening prayer, welcoming remarks and an introduction of keynote speaker by the National Public Auditor Haser Hainrick. This was followed by the delivery of the keynote speech by the Honorable Vice President, Aren B. Palik who assured the participants of the support of the Simina-Palik administration to the work of public auditors in promoting public accountability and transparency.

The 4-days training instructor was Mr. Kip R. Memmott who is the Audit Director in the U.S State of Oregon Secretary of State. The training focused on both the theory and practice of executing high impact performance audits. Memmott also examined each phase of performance auditing in line with the US Government Auditing Standards that we are mandated to use. Participants were also provided foundational information on innovative ideas and methods as references from the instructor's own office. The training involved the engagement of both familiar and fresh faces which was a fantastic opportunity to share ideas through group exercises and collaborate for process improvement. Day 5 was dedicated for the conference between the heads of the five public audit offices and selected staff to discuss common issues and strategies. We were joined by certain

members of the Kosrae legislature. The event concluded with a closing reception at the Hide Away Bar and Grill.

ONPA would like to acknowledge and thank the FSM 23rd Congress and the Office of the President for the support in funding and specifically the Honorable Vice President, Aren B. Palik as the keynote speaker. We thank the instructor Kip R. Memmott for his time and dedication. We also thank the US Graduate School PITI-VITI program for the support on logistics. Finally, we acknowledge all participants for committing to the week-long event and a special appreciation to the conference organizing committee at ONPA for all their hard work and sacrifices to ensure a successful conference.

It was a privilege to coordinate the annual conference as it will lead to the expansion and innovation of better ways to improve overall efficiency and effectiveness of performance auditing across the FSM.