



# Welcoming Our First Quality Assurance Officer

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On November 11, 2024, in Palikir, Pohnpei, the Office of the National Public Auditor (ONPA) proudly welcomed its first Quality Assurance Officer (QAO), Ms. Rosadelima Alfons. Rose holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree in Information Systems, Management, and Public Administration, which she earned in 2012 from the University of the South Pacific. Before taking on the position of QAO, Rose served as a Senior Auditor at ONPA where she has been serving as an auditor for 11 years since 2013. Her deep understanding of the auditing processes and dedication to improving compliance to standards and engagement quality make her a good fit for this new role.

The QAO will provide assurance to the Public Auditor that ONPA and its personnel a) fulfill their responsibilities in accordance with professional auditing and inspection standards, applicable laws and regulations, and b) perform and report on engagements in accordance with such standards and requirements. The QAO's certification will be required before the Public

Auditor signs off on any new report.

The establishment of the QAO within the Office is in line with the new changes in the US Government Auditing Standards, 2024 Revision, Sections 5.05 and 5.13, one of the standards which ONPA must adhere to in performing its audits.

Furthermore, this new effort is in line with one of the strategic outcomes under ONPA Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2021-2025, which is to produce quality and timely audits and inspections for its important stakeholders.

The National Public Auditor and the staff are thrilled to have Rose continuing with the ONPA as its first Quality Assurance Officer. We are confident that her contributions will lead and alert the auditors to performing audits and preparing reports that are timely and quality.

Congratulations, Rose! We wish you an enjoyable and productive journey in your new role.