



FSM PUBLIC AUDITORS AND KEY STAFF CONVENE ANNUAL CONFERENCE FOR 2026 IN CHUUK



The National Public Auditor and staff participated in the 2026 FSM Public Auditors Conference, held from January 26–29 in Chuuk. Hosted by the Chuuk State Public Auditor's Office at the Government Building auditorium, the conference brought together auditors from across the FSM to enhance collaboration and professional development.

The conference opened with Shannaleen Braiel Chuuk state staff auditor, who served as the MC and outlined the conference agenda. The opening prayer was delivered by Haser Hainrick, Public Auditor for the National OPA. Welcoming remarks were delivered by Arthur Arty Irons, Chief of Staff for the Chuuk State Government, who highlighted the conference theme, "Assessing Financial Related Activities and Controls and Compliance Auditing."



Mr. Palikkun, Kosrae State Public Auditor, thanked the Chief of Staff for his remarks and formally passed the Public Auditors Committee chairmanship to Sarah Mori, Acting Public Auditor for the Chuuk State Office of the Public Auditor, marking an important leadership transition.

As part of the conference advocacy, prior to the closing dinner at Truk Stop Hotel, Public Auditors from all FSM states, including the National Office, accompanied by US Graduate School Trainer, Drummond Khan, PASAI Chief Executive Ms. Esther Lameko Poutoa and PASAI Program Director Sophia H. Pretrick from Pohnpei State, paid a courtesy visit to Chuuk State leadership. The delegation met with Acting Governor Dr. Bosco Buliche, Speaker of the House Hon. Lester Danny Mersa and Vice President of the Senate Hon. Wisney Nakayama.



The visit aimed to foster mutual respect and show support for the appointment of the Chuuk State Public Auditor and the Chuuk State Office. PASAI's Chief Executive also shared insights on strengthening ties with the Legislature, highlighting the role of public auditors and audit independence, supporting oversight functions, and ensuring adequate backing for the Chuuk State Office of the Public Auditor.

The conference concluded with a closing ceremony at the Truk Stop Hotel, where appreciation was expressed to all participants, and special recognition was given to Drummond Kahn for his valuable training. The event reaffirmed the FSM audit community's commitment to transparency, accountability, and excellence in public service.