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### **Guam OPA Supervisor Attends Communications and Media Training** *16 Countries Participate in Regional Training*

Hagåtña, Guam – The Pacific Association of Supreme Audit Institutions (PASAI) sponsored a Communications and Media Training workshop in Nadi, Fiji from February 7-10, 2023. The workshop focused on strengthening each Supreme Audit Institutions (SAI) capability to communicate and engage effectively with the media and other key stakeholders. PASAI Directors Annie Subactagin-Matto, Meresimai Vosawale-Katuba, Luke Eaton, and Danial Sadeqi facilitated the workshops and offered their expertise to the 24 participants.

Guam OPA’s Supervising Accountability Auditor Vincent Duenas attended the in-person training along with representatives from 15 Pacific island audit offices, including the Solomon Islands, Federated States of Micronesia National, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Nauru, Samoa, Marshall Islands, Yap State, Papua New Guinea, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Kiribati, Fiji, Palau, Cook Islands, and Pohnpei State. All expenses were paid for by PASAI. This was the first in-person training PASAI has held since the global pandemic began in 2020.

*“This workshop was broken up into seven modules and focused on communications, media, interviewing, and communication and stakeholder plans,”* said Duenas. *“Being able to learn with other like-minded auditors and communications experts was truly a humbling experience. We will take what we have learned and definitely incorporate them into our communications plans moving forward,”* concluded Duenas.

*“We are appreciative of PASAI allowing our office to participate in this much needed training,”* remarked Public Auditor Benjamin J.F. Cruz. *“Their support of our office and other SAIs is a testament to their motto of ‘Pacific auditors working together’. We thank them and their experts for sharing their knowledge and making all of our audit offices better equipped to communicate all the good work we do,”* stated Cruz.

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