



# Media release

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## Performance auditor with over 30 years of experience joins PASAI

**Auckland, New Zealand:** The Pacific Association of Supreme Audit Institutions (PASAI) has welcomed an accomplished and very experienced performance audit professional, Mike Scott, to its Secretariat team.

Mr Scott was appointed to the new role of Director Performance Audit in time for him to attend the latest meeting of PASAI's Governing Board on 7 and 8 November.

Among Mr Scott's important duties is providing technical support to six of PASAI's member SAIs who are participating in a global cooperative audit of climate change adaptation actions.

He will also lead a quality assurance review programme, initially for nine of PASAI's member offices, and develop a continuing education programme to build the capacity of performance auditors in the Pacific region.

Mr Scott comes to the Secretariat from, most recently, an audit and assurance managerial role at New Zealand's Department of Internal Affairs, occasionally acting at a director level. This followed two years leading the Performance Team at New Zealand Police and coordinating performance audit training for the Australasian Council of Auditors-General (ACAG).

Prior to that Mr Scott spent nearly 12 years as the Assistant Auditor-General of Performance Audit at the Office of the Auditor-General in New Zealand. This followed three years in other senior performance audit roles there.

However, Mr Scott started his lengthy audit career back in 1987, spending 17 years in a variety of roles at the National Audit Office of the United Kingdom.

PASAI Chief Executive, Esther Lameko-Poutoa, is pleased to have Mr Scott join the Secretariat staff.

"Mike's breadth of performance audit experience in multiple audit offices and government agencies, coupled with his achievements coordinating ACAG training, make him ideally suited to this new role at PASAI," she said.

Mr Scott expressed his own enthusiasm for the role, saying, "I am excited and privileged to join PASAI and contribute to the great support that it provides to Pacific auditors."



**Mike Scott**

When not on overseas missions, Mr Scott will primarily work from his home office north of Wellington, New Zealand. This is similar to the arrangements for three other PASAI directors who are regionally based in Fiji, Guam and Samoa.

Mr Scott qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 1991 and is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (FCPFA). He is a member of the Greytown Volunteer Fire Brigade, and eagerly follows professional rugby and football competitions.

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