



## **New Chief Executive for PASAI announced**

The Pacific Association of Supreme Audit Institutions (PASAI) Governing Board announces the appointment of Esther Lameko-Poutoa as the PASAI Secretariat Chief Executive. Esther will start her new role on 1 May 2020. A short profile of Esther is provided below.

The current Chief Executive, Tiofilusi Tiueti, was appointed for a five-year period on a fixed-term contract in May 2015. The Chief Executive recruitment process involved an extensive international search, and the outcome is supported by the full membership of the Governing Board.

The Governing Board recognises the significant contribution and many achievements of the Secretariat under Tio's leadership. During this time, the activity and impact of the Secretariat has moved forward significantly. As a result, there are many outcomes over the last five years that will continue to strengthen public financial management in the region. A strong foundation for the second phase of the 2014-2024 Strategic Plan has been established.

The Governing Board thanks Tio for the depth of his commitment to PASAI's mission values and goals, and his dedication at all times. The Governing Board wishes Tio well for his future endeavours and hopes that he will continue to use his vast skills to contribute to development in the Pacific.



Esther will work with Tio to ensure a smooth transition throughout May 2020. Tio will be formally recognised during the PASAI Congress in Palau in August 2020.

### **Ms Esther Lameko-Poutoa**

Esther Lameko-Poutoa is a Chartered Accountant who has been in public practice in Samoa for three years. She worked in Samoa's public sector for 25 years at the Office of the Controller & Auditor General and more recently served nine years as CEO of the Samoa National Provident Fund. She holds a master's degree in business and technology, and an undergraduate degree in accounting and financial management. She has wide-ranging experience in auditing, financial management, governance, public policy, business strategy, and development. She has been instrumental in implementing positive change while building the performance and capacity of the entities she has served.



This announcement is made on behalf of the PASAI Governing Board by:

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