

Pacific Network of Public Accounts Committees (PaNPAC) Regional Network Meeting 2016 - Thinking Critically about PACs

7-9 November, 2016; Honiara, Solomon Islands

Meeting overview

This meeting intends to build on the initial PaNPAC meetings in New Zealand and Fiji in order to strengthen the learning partnership of PACs in the region.

Specifically, the PaNPAC Regional Network Meeting aims to:

- (i) Identify where in the region we are seeing the application of good practices
- (ii) Explore how we can learn from each other's successes and failures; and
- (iii) Build consensus as to what progress looks like – for individual jurisdictions and the region as a whole

In addition, we will take the opportunity of being in the Solomon Islands to hear from different institutions that support their PAC, such as the Auditor General, Contractor General and representatives from the media and/or a civil society organization. Where can these partnerships be strengthened? What are the opportunities? What gets in the way? What opportunities are there to engage with other regional networks and community of practice, such as the Pacific Association of Supreme Audit Institutions (PASAI)?

The core group will meet the day before to prepare for the meeting and take time after the meeting to reflect and prepare the next steps for strengthening the learning partnership in the region.

Pre-meetings (Core Group) – Monday, November 7

Time	Activity
p.m.	<p>Core group preparation meeting</p> <p><i>Learning objective:</i> This session will give the core group to review the agenda and agree on the purpose of the meeting. It will also distribute leadership roles and tasks during meeting.</p>

Post-meeting (Core Group) – Evening of day Wednesday, November 9

Time	Activity
a.m.	<p>Reflection on the meeting</p> <p><i>Learning objective:</i> The objective of this session would be for the core group to reflect on all sessions delivered in the first two days of the workshop and have an open discussion on what worked and what would we do better. Based on the feedback the core group will discuss next steps and timeline.</p>

DAY ONE: Tuesday, November 8

Time	Activity
08:00	<p>Opening session</p> <p>Speaker of the House: Minister of Finance: PAC Chair: Greetings from the CPA: Greetings from the World Bank:</p>
08:30	<p>Welcome</p> <p><i>Learning objective:</i> The opening session aims to provide Network members an overview of what is to be expected as well as provide a review of the previous meetings and outcomes. It will also give some more details on the meeting to the newcomers. This session will also set the tone for the importance of value-creation that the meeting will have.</p>
09:00	<p>Value-creation Framework</p> <p><i>Learning objective:</i> This session will look into considering the value-creation of the CarNPAC network in a systematic way.</p> <p><i>Methodology:</i> A framework for monitoring and evaluating the value-creation of the network will be introduced.</p>
09:30	<p>Getting to know the PAC landscape in the Pacific network</p> <p><i>Learning objectives:</i></p> <p>Rounds 1 – 3: These first rounds will consist of introductions to see who is attending, catching up, update on priority issues as well as to welcome newcomers.</p> <p>Round 4: This round will look into what are the key practices participants want to know about how things work in other jurisdictions. Expanding on the Fiji Core Group priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Capacity building</i> - <i>Performance audits</i> - <i>Community of Secretaries</i> - <i>Work planning</i> - <i>Regional standardization</i> - <i>PaNPAC structure</i> <p>Report back: At the end of the session delegations will agree on the key practices (up to 10) of the landscape it would be useful to find out about each other.</p> <p><i>Methodology:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Café conversations. People doodle and write key words on tablecloth with table host on each table. Rounds of about 15 minutes each. • In round 4 the group talks about the key questions they have about each other's' practices and the benchmarks they think would be useful to benchmark across jurisdictions. • Whole group agrees on key practices or benchmarks. These questions/components/benchmarks will appear in the initial column of a large matrix on the wall.

	Break: Coffee is served at convenient point during above activity
11:30	<p>Capturing the PAC landscape in the Pacific Region</p> <p><i>Learning objective:</i> This session aims to surface PAC practice in the region.</p> <p><i>Methodology:</i> Participants will write a brief note about what they do: using green paper for something they think they do well, red they don't do it at all, and blue for issues they would like some help. Each jurisdiction will complete the relevant column in the landscape matrix. Each of the delegations will have 2 minutes to report on the highlight of their column.</p>
13:00	Lunch
14:00	<p>Analyzing the landscape in the Pacific Region</p> <p><i>Learning objective:</i> Following the surfacing of good and non-satisfactory practice of PACs in the region, this session will seek to identify the places of strength within the network as well as its weaknesses. Participants will also be asked to answer what would they like to see most people in the region accomplish one year from now, three years from now.</p> <p><i>Methodology:</i> Pairs (or threes) analyze a row (across jurisdictions) and complete the final two boxes in the matrix for what they would like to see in one and three years.</p> <p><i>Discussion leads:</i> Mitchell O'Brien, Senior Governance Specialist/ Parliaments, World Bank</p>
15:30	Break
16:00	<p>Closing reflections and review of the da</p> <p>Consolidate and review the day in small groups and prepare to report out tomorrow morning on the matrixes.</p>
17:00	Close

DAY TWO: Wednesday, November 9

Time	Activity
08:30	<p>Opening</p> <p>Review of day 1 from different reflection groups</p>
09:00	<p>Independence of the SAI</p> <p><i>Learning objective:</i> The main objective of this session is to share the experience of the Solomon Islands regarding the relationship between the SAI and the PAC, especially on SAI independence. Input from AG and Contractor General, if available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How can PaNPAC contribute knowledge and practice to the PASAI submission to the upcoming Pacific Constitutions Research Network Conference in Vanuatu? <p><i>Methodology:</i> Following the presentations from the Auditor General and Contractor General, participants will be divided in small group to reflect on how the Jamaican experience compares in their own jurisdiction and what would they like to see happen. A questions and answers session will follow.</p>

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1030	Break
11:00	<p>Relationship with Media and CSO</p> <p><i>Learning objective:</i> Similarly, this session will share the experience of the Solomon Islands regarding the relationship between the media, CSOs and SAIs with input from someone from media and CSO</p> <p><i>Methodology:</i> Following the presentations from the media and CSOs, participants will be divided in small group to reflect on how the Solomon Islands experience compares in their own jurisdictions from purpose to principles, participants, and practices. Where do we go from here? What productive approaches can be adopted? A questions and answers session will follow.</p> <p><i>Discussion leads:</i> TBC</p>
12:30	Lunch
13:30	<p>Parallel sessions</p> <p><i>Learning objective:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members: The main objectives for the members will be to discuss indicators of progress. • Clerk community: The objectives for the clerks will be threefold: 1) what are our priorities, 2) how can we help each other, 3) how will we measure our success? <p><i>Methodology:</i> Parallel sessions where each group appoints a rapporteur to share key feedback with the plenary at the following session.</p> <p><i>Discussion leads:</i> TBC</p>
15:00	Break
15:30	<p>Report back</p> <p><i>Learning objective:</i> Following the parallel sessions, rapporteurs from each jurisdiction report back and commitments are captured onto a timeline. Another objective of this closing session will be for the core group to renew commitment and recruit new members. Lastly, a timeline for the following year is produced.</p> <p><i>Methodology:</i> After reporting back, participants from same jurisdiction meet and discuss next steps for the jurisdiction. Based on the feedback, the facilitator will produce a timeline on the wall.</p> <p><i>Discussion leads:</i> Rapporteurs;</p>
17:00	Close