

Auditors learn from each other

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A WORKSHOP has provided Auditor-Generals in the South Pacific the opportunity to learn from each other's experience in applying auditing standards.

The workshop, which officially ended on Thursday in Nadi, has provided the Auditor-Generals the chance to learn how to deal with common problems like fraud and corruption.

Included in the workshop's agenda of discussions were international accounting standards,

environmental management issues and strategic planning issues. The University of the South Pacific, in conjunction with the Auditor Generals Office and the South Pacific Association of Supreme Audit Institution, organised the workshop.

The workshop is the second annual regional workshop for Auditor-Generals and was funded by the European Union. Auditor-Generals of 14 countries in the South Pacific attended.

A statement from the organizers said the workshop provided advanced training on a range

of issues that were of critical relevance to the important work of Auditor-Generals.

The statement said the main focus of the five-day workshop was on international auditing standards.

Some of the topics that were debated during the workshop included the auditors' responsibility to detect fraud and error in financial statements.

Public finance and factors affecting economic development, environmental issues and the effects of poorly managed waste were other areas that were discussed.