## APIPA 2023 RETURNS TO IN PERSON CONFERENCE FOR THE FIRST TIME AFTER 3 YEARS

The Association of Pacific Islands Public Auditors (APIPA) marked its 34<sup>th</sup> annual conference held in the Marshall Islands on August 28 to September 01, 2023, bringing together audit and finance leaders and professionals from across the Pacific islands, and experts from across the region discuss learn and accountability and transparency topics within our governments.



This significant event promises

to be a platform for collaboration, sharing ideas, skills, and innovation, where ideas will transform into actions that will shape the future of the entire Pacific Islands region. The FSM Public Auditor's office has been a member of this program since it was established in 1989 and Mr. Haser H. Hainrick is one of the first participants to have attended this event in the Marshal Islands as a junior auditor then. The members and participants of APIPA have grown

over the past years ranging across the southern all the way to the northern regions.

This year's APIPA conference was a productive one for ONPA. Our office excluding the CID participated in this conference with certificates achieved to meet the required CPE hours. The ONPA would also like to



acknowledge our staff members Shelolyn Neth, Brenda Carl, Ethel Alik and Keller Phillip for presenting our two latest audits reports during the last day of the APIPA conference.

Finally, the ONPA would like to extend its heartfelt appreciation to the US Graduate School, US DOI OIA and the RMI Public Auditors Office for facilitating, hosting and funding the APIPA 20223 Conference.