

Elina Paul Serves as an Instructor at PASAI's *Communicating Effectively* Workshop in Fiji

From September 24-28, 2012, Elina Paul served as an instructor at the Communicating Effectively Workshop in Nadi, Fiji, a workshop delivered under the sponsorship of PASAI and designated to improve the auditor's skills in writing and orally presenting of audit reports.

Nineteen auditors actively participated in variety of activities to reinforce and enhance their communication skills. They examined tools and techniques to improve the readability of their written products and practiced writing and reviewing report segments. Participants also practiced oral communication skills as their report presentations were videotaped and critiqued.

Participants also developed action plans describing what they expect to do when they return to their own offices. They further acknowledged the importance of developing a strong talent pool of government auditors in the Pacific region to provide their governments with value added audits meeting uniformly high standards.

The five day training/workshop was concluded with the Executive Director Eroni Vatuloka's emphasis on the importance of effective communication saying, "*while it is important to gather and analyze data about government programs, if the message about those programs isn't communicated clearly and convincingly, the audit may not lead to necessary or desired improvement.*"

The FSM National OPA is proud to provide two of its own audit staff to serve as instructors for PASAI training/workshops with Elina in the *Communicating Effectively* and Julinda Weital (refer to the other article) in the *Supervisory Roles in Government Auditing* workshops.