

## Workshop on Advocacy Strategy for Supreme Audit Institution (SAI) Independence

(Pohnpei Office of the Public Auditor)



*Freddy Ndjemba of IDI with participants from the SPMR workshop*

**Pohnpei, FSM.** On November 18-21, 2019, a Workshop on Advocacy Strategy for Supreme Audit Institution (SAI) Independence was held in Pohnpei, FSM. The workshop was facilitated by Mr. Freddy Ndjemba, Manager of Capacity Development of International Organization of Supreme Audit Institution (INTOSAI). It was attended by participants from SAI Papua New Guinea, SAI Republic of Marshall Island, SAI Pohnpei, SAI Yap, SAI Kosrae and Office of the National Public Auditor Office.

The workshop is part of INTOSAI Development Initiative (IDI) program called Strategy, Performance Measurement and Reporting program (SPMR) which aimed at supporting SAIs to better plan, monitor and manage their performance throughout an entire strategic management cycle, through the implementation of a sound strategic and operational planning process, as well as the establishment of an effective monitoring and reporting framework.

The program's rationale is that SAIs should develop and maintain a strategic planning and management process that enables them to achieve strategic outcomes and deliver value and benefits to the citizens. The program's global objective is to have strategically managed SAIs leading to higher performance.

The highlight of the workshop is the presentation of each SAI on how they are going to frame the issue on how to develop advocacy strategy for greater independence. The Strategic and Management Operational Plan (SMOP) developed by each SAI will help support the advocacy for SAI Independence.



Overall, the workshop hosted by Pohnpei Office of the Public Auditor and Office of the National Public Auditor was a success. The workshop was full of brainstorming, inspiration from different challenges and strategies that each SAI was experiencing and most of all laughter and crazy stories from participants. When asked about their learning and experienced from the workshop, everyone shared that they learned from each other; through the workshop they were able to think new approach on how to implement their strategy and how to constantly change and update their strategy. As Mr. Freddy emphasized during workshop, “level up SAI ambition on what you can achieve based on the resources available on your organization” and always remember that “Accountability is the price we paid for Independence”.