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### GUAM OPA STAFF COMPLETE CLIMATESCANNER INITIATIVE TRAINING WORKSHOP

**Hagåtña, Guam** – Accountability Auditors Jerrick Hernandez and Selina Onedera-Salas completed the ClimateScanner Initiative training workshop in Nadi, Fiji, from June 24-28, 2024. The ClimateScanner Initiative is an innovative project focused on evaluating governments’ efforts in addressing climate change through the use of a web-based assessment tool. Completion of this project aims to conduct assessments at the national level, consolidate data at the global level, and communicate relevant information to interested actors.



The ClimateScanner focuses on three axes for assessment: governance, public policies, and climate finance; Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) will consider the strengths and weaknesses for categorical items that fall under each axis. After participating SAIs complete the assessments, the Brazil Federal Court of Accounts and the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI) will share the consolidated results at the 29<sup>th</sup> Conference of Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in November 2024.



Hernandez and Onedera-Salas joined 32 individuals from other participating members of the Pacific Association of Supreme Audit Institutions (PASAI) and the Caribbean Organisation of Supreme Audit Institutions. Travel expenses were primarily funded by PASAI and the United Nations Development Program.

“This is Guam’s opportunity to be correctly represented to the world about our local government’s actions on climate change,” says Public Auditor Benjamin J.F. Cruz. “Our participation in the ClimateScanner will also guide the Office of Public Accountability with consideration for future projects involving environmental auditing and recommendations.”

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