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5th ACAG/SPASAI Regional Working Group on Environmental Auditing

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- Melbourne, Australia, 21-23 April 2008
- Hosted by Victorian Auditor-General's Office
- 5th meeting of our group
- Representatives from:
 - WGEA Secretariat Estonia
 - 6 Australian audit offices
 - 6 Pacific Islands
 - New Zealand





■ Objectives

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- Integration – WGEA and regional WGEA – how we fit into the bigger picture
- Completed and planned environmental audits - discussion and information sharing
- Proposed regional co-operative audit





■ Presentations

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- WGEA work plan and project plans
- WGEA Tanzania meeting
- Auditing biodiversity
- WGEA coordinated climate change audit (Peter McVay)
- Fiji (Atu) – Fiji’s Environmental Management Act
- Discussion – strong themes – water, adaptation to climate change, drought/fire





■ Proposed regional cooperative audit - ideas

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- Proposed topics, grouped into:
 - **Water** (access, salinity, management)
 - Climate change (Government response, sea level rise/**adaptation**, extreme weather events)
 - Waste
 - **Natural resources** (fisheries, forests, mining)
 - Biodiversity





Proposed regional cooperative audit

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- For each topic area:
 - guidance available?
 - level of interest?
 - impact?
 - fit with WGEA work plan?
- Top three topics:
 - water
 - climate change
 - natural resources





■ Proposed regional cooperative audit

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- Interest from our region
- Parallel development - Pacific Regional Audit Initiative (PRAI)
- Capability building in Pacific SAIs
- SPASAI congress April 2008
- Implementation plan for PRAI





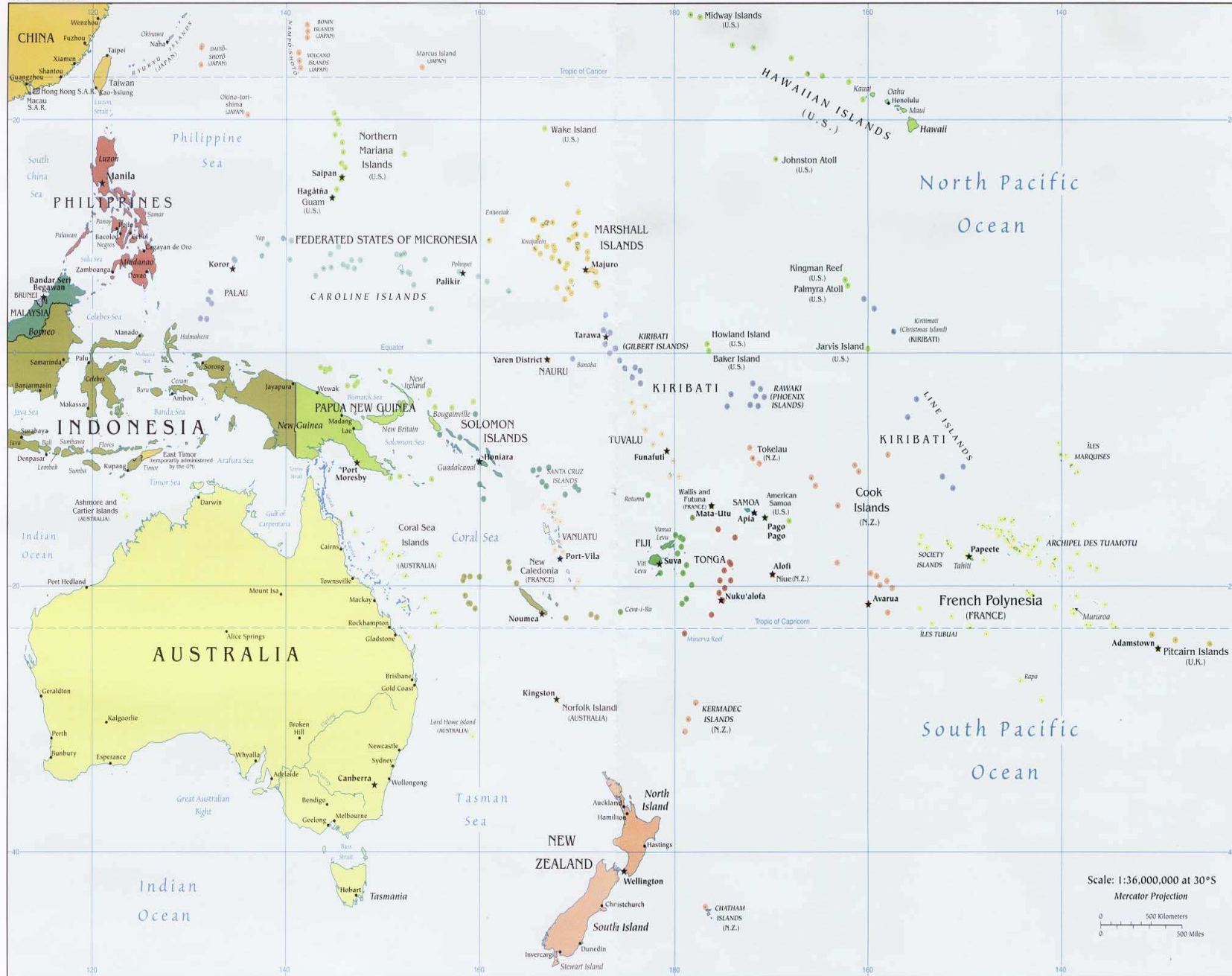
■ Proposed regional coordinated audit - Pacific

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- PRAI implementation
- Strengthened SPASAI secretariat
- Regional cooperation
- Sub-regional arrangements
- Proposed regional cooperative environmental audit!



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■ Proposed regional cooperative audit - Pacific

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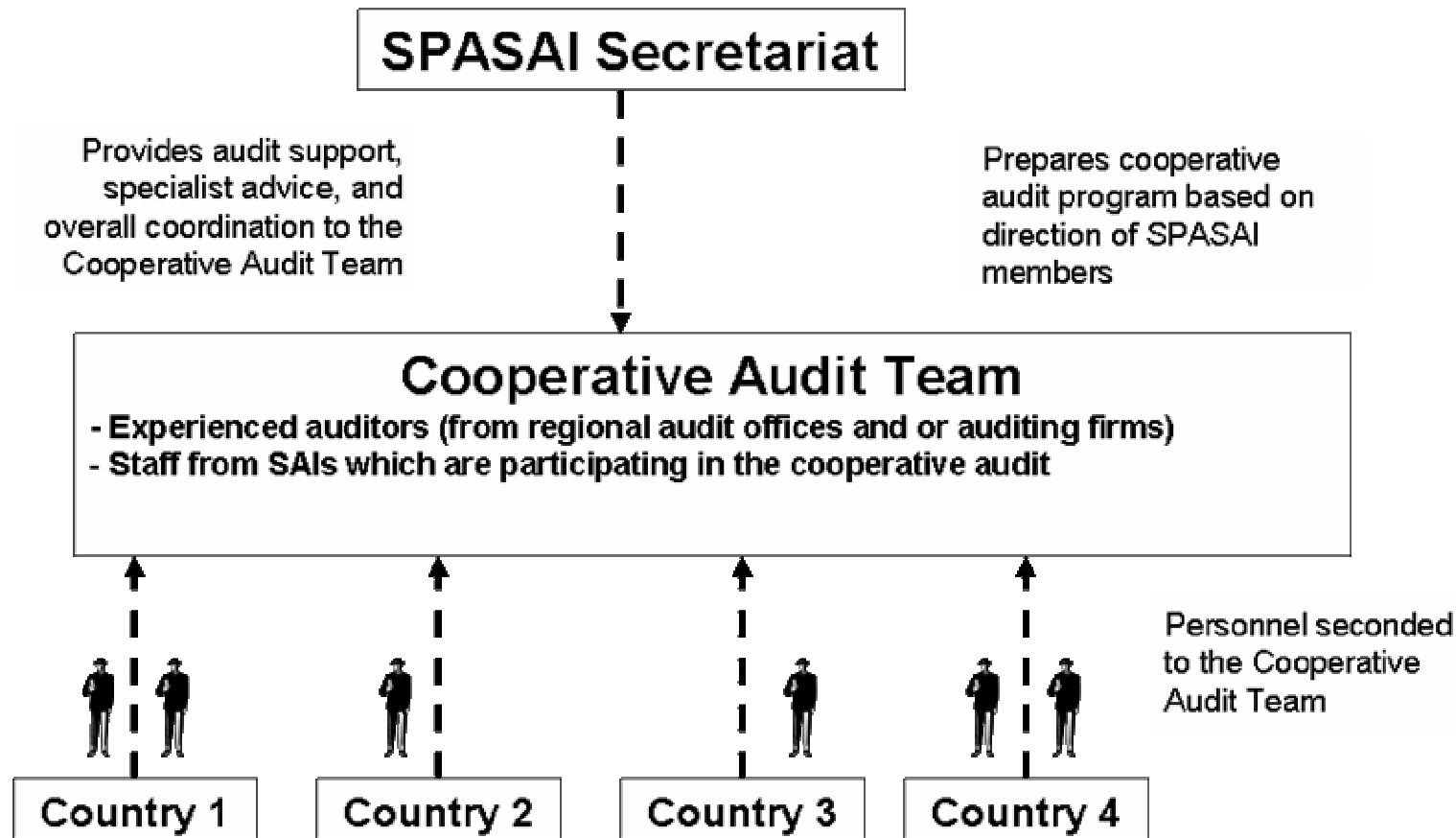
Possible topics and timing:

- Water
- Sanitation
- Waste
- Using WGEA guidance on waste, water and joint audits
- Approval – SPASAI congress 2009 Palau
- Completed 2010





Proposed regional cooperative audit - pacific



SAI = Supreme Audit Institution, SPASAI = South Pacific Association of Supreme Audit Institutions



■ Proposed regional cooperative audit – Australia/NZ

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Topics for collaboration:

- Natural resources, including water – several states have completed or doing water related audits
- Value in sharing planning processes
- Some nervousness about extent of collaboration





■ Next meeting

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- Late 2009
- Before next steering committee meeting
- In Australia
- Will invite Olavi!

