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Dear reader,

There are only two weeks to go before our 2021 Technical Conference!

The theme of the Conference is Developing Adaptive Capabilities. Thus far, the 2020s has proven to be a decade of disruptive change. The COVID-19 pandemic is the biggest disruptor in a generation, and yet it won't be the last disruption we will face in the next few years. Smart leaders need to keep ahead of these changes by anticipating them, and developing a future-focused skill set.

We invite our SAI leadership teams, partners and stakeholders to join us for the interactive sessions planned for the Technical Conference on this highly relevant theme.



Register Now for the Technical Conference - 3 to 5 November 2021

Annual Refresher Workshops

The annual Refresher Workshops offer an opportunity for us to go into much greater detail on the latest technical developments in the areas of regularity, performance and information systems audit. As is tradition, the Refresher Workshops will take place directly following the Technical Conference:

8 – 10 November: Regularity Audit Refresher

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8 – 10 November: Performance Audit Refresher

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8 – 9 November: Information Systems Audit Refresher

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The PFM Reporting Framework v2.0 – an agile tool to audit SDG implementation

Episode 2 of the PFM on the Couch @AFROSAI-E

In this episode, Edmond Shoko talks to the CEO of AFROSAI-E, Meisie Nkau, on how SAIs can use tool to perform audits on the implementation of the UN sustainable development goals (SDGs). The discussion also raises issues of SAI contributions to national anti-corruption efforts and SAI independence as a key ingredient for effective audits. The complimentary relationship of the PFM-RF as a broad diagnostic tool, similar to other tools such as PEFA, the Open Budget Survey, and the GIFT Principles of Fiscal Transparency, is also put on the spotlight. **Watch episode 2 now.**

Thank you to SAI Kenya and SAI Tanzania for contributing to this episode.

Do you want to know more about the agility of the PFM Reporting Framework v2.0 to audit the implementation of the SDGs? **Watch the brief overview video here.**



ICBF annual questionnaire and training workshop

The AFROSAI-E Institutional Capacity Building Framework (ICBF) is an invaluable tool to measure the progress of our member to close maturity gaps. The ICBF is the foundation of our capacity building approach in the region and therefore also the basis of our Theory of Change in our Strategic Plan.

We have sent the 2021 ICBF Self-Assessment Questionnaire to all our member SAs for completion by 31 December 2021.

To aid the senior SA officers who handle the coordinating to complete the annual ICBF questionnaire, we are holding training workshops on 2 and 3 December 2021. To provide opportunity for maximum engagement with a smaller number of participants, we will be holding two four-hour online sessions, targeting a different group of SAs each day.

2 December 2021

Time: 10:30 to 15:30 (Break from 12:30 to 13:30) (South African Time)

SAs: Angola, Ethiopia, Ghana, Mauritius, Mozambique, Nigeria, Seychelles, Somalia, South Sudan, Sierra Leone, South Africa, and Sudan

3 December 2021

Time: 10:30 to 15:30 (Break from 12:30 to 13:30) (South African Time)

SAs: Botswana, Eritrea, Eswatini, Gambia, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Namibia, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe

If you have any questions on the ICBF questionnaire, or if you have not received the link to the questionnaire or for the workshops, please contact Gorden Kandoro at gorden@afrosai-e.org.za.

Takeaways from the WGISAM workshop

The Working Group on Information Systems Audit and Management (WGISAM) held their annual workshop in September. Below are the key discussion points and takeaways from the workshop.

- SAs should have deliberate digitalisation strategies. Management teams need to be more aware and take into consideration the opportunities that technology presents as well as the changing and emerging threats/vulnerabilities for their SAs. WGISAM is working on a paper on SAI automation and technology adoption.
- ICT is very dynamic and there should be more knowledge sharing around this ever-evolving area. SAs should closely monitor technology trends in their governments, which may affect the way audits are conducted or the way the SAI manages information systems (IS).
- SAs should not view funding of IS as a "cost" but as investments and business enablers. WGISAM will continue to supply a platform for collaboration and grow the pool of regional experts that can be called on to help SAs.
- SAs should have a range of critical information systems that they audit frequently. There is need for the ICBF results to show progress on this area.
- There is lack of proper application of IT Security best practices in SAs/countries. SAs should play key role to ensure security compliance, advocating compliance to / or development of relevant legislation/ guidelines / framework / policies.
- The SAI teams need to work in a more integrated way. The SAI should ensure they communicate the results of information systems audits to other teams.

If you need any further information on the workshop outcomes, please contact Fredrick Bobo at fredrickb@afrosai-e.org.za

Annual HR Workshop

Mombasa, Kenya, 8 - 12 November 2021

The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in many human resource management challenges for SAls, especially in terms of managing the mental and physical health of staff. To address this key concern, our HR workshop will focus primarily on staff wellness. At the end of this workshop, participants will leave with templates and information to develop and implement strategies and policies on gender, staff recognition and training and professional development.

SAls will gain the most value from this workshop by nominating HR practitioners / HR officers / HR managers / corporate services directors or managers who are responsible for strategy development and professionalisation in the SAl.

To register for the workshop, click here <https://afrosai-e.org.za/event/annual-hr-workshop/>. Please send queries about the workshop to Marianna van Niekerk at marianna@afrosai-e.org.za

Annual Communications Workshop

Virtual Workshop, 16 - 18 November 2021

The annual Communication Workshop will take place as a virtual event this year from 16 to 18 November 2021. During the workshop we will be sharing with participants the latest updates on the new AFROSAI-E Communication and Stakeholder Relations guidance that we are currently developing. We will also have two full days of training on digital communication and social media.

SAls will benefit most by nominating participants who responsible for managing or supporting the SAl communication and stakeholder engagement function.

To register for the workshop, click here: <https://afrosai-e.org.za/event/regional-workshop-communication-stakeholder-relations-virtual/>
Please send queries about the workshop to Annerie Pretorius at annerie@afrosai-e.org.za

CAAF seeks input from performance auditors on auditee engagement

The Canadian Audit and Accountability Foundation (CAAF) is developing training and guidance on how best to engage auditees and are looking to learn from the experiences and insights from performance auditors. To contribute to this project, please complete their 15-20-minute survey. These insights will help determine the content for a new CAAF course under development titled "Engaging the Auditee" and related guidance material.

This new course and guidance material will help auditors acquire knowledge and skills to strengthen engagement processes and relationships with auditees. To complete the survey, click here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/92MSG35>

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