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## **Performance Auditing in the Public Sector (PAPS) Conference**

**Venue: Sun 1 Hotel, Durban, South Africa**

**Dates: 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2019**

**Cost: US\$1,950- 00**

**Discount Offer: A 10 percent discount is offered to organisations which send 5 or more participants**

Government institutions usually face a barrage of criticism from the public for failing to provide effective and efficient services. Disgruntled consumers claim that they are short-changed and Governments do not get value for money as a result of poor performance from its human capital and failure to measure and audit performance. Increased public sector programmes, activities & decentralisation of operations as well as the desire of management to monitor the overall operations of the organisation has increased the number of internal auditors finding themselves involved in performance audits (also known as operational or value-for-money auditing). Such a shift has enabled internal audit – with the objectives of its perspective and the rigor of its processes to become an independent advisor and value creator to management. Performance auditing therefore requires flexibility, imagination and analytical skills to provide organisations with innovative solutions and new ideas. This is a must attend conference for public sector professionals work in performance auditing and related fields.

### **Target Audience**

- Financial Managers
- Finance Officers
- Auditors
- Accountants
- Procurement Personnel

- Monitoring & Evaluation
- Human Resource Managers
- Human Resource Officers
- Treasury Management Personnel

### **How this conference will benefit participants**

Delegates will be able to:

- Identify situations in which performance audit will add value
- Gain knowledge of the legislative framework for performance auditing
- Gain the required skills to perform the planning, execution and reporting phases of a performance audit.

### **Conference Objectives**

- To facilitate understanding of the objectives of performance audit and the value that performance auditing adds (outcome: to be able to identify situations in which performance audit will add value)
- To transfer knowledge with regard to the legislative framework for performance auditing in the public service environment (outcome: knowledge of the legislative framework for performance auditing)
- To transfer knowledge with regard to the theory of the performance audit methodology and performance audit process and to practice conducting a performance audit (outcome: trainees who are skilled to perform the planning, execution and reporting phases of a performance audit).

### **Course Content**

- Definition and why performance auditing is necessary
- What outside consultants are auditing at the moment
- Value creation versus value preservation
- How does risk and opportunity link to performance audits?
- Scope and objectives of a performance audit and how does it link to the control objectives
- Strategic planning and key performance indicators – a prerequisite for performance audits
- Economic use of resources, the objectives, criteria, risks, tools to manage and measure
- Efficient use of resources, the objectives, criteria, risks, tools to manage and measure

- Effective use of resources, the objectives, criteria, risks, tool to manage and measure
- The other three E's – equity, environment and ethics
- Pre-engagement and planning phase
- Developing audit objectives and criteria
- Execution phase – practical case study – application of theory
- Audit working papers and evidence
- Reporting phase – the layout of a performance audit report
- Studying performance audit reports that have been published as a best practice example
- Government service delivery
- Fraud in public sector
- Cyber security incidents
- Asset utilization
- Managing risk and risk culture within public sector institutions

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