



CIGFARO

Chartered Institute of
Government Finance, Audit & Risk Officers

ANNUAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM
06-09 OCTOBER 2025
DURBAN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE

Reviewing the Fundamentals of Public Finance in a changing world!

MONDAY 06 OCTOBER 2025 PRE – MASTER CLASSES

| Time | Activity | Venue: Durban ICC |
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| 12:00 – 17:00 | Registration & Late Registrations | |
| 14:00 – 17:00 | <i>Concurrent Master Classes</i> | |
| | Essential Policies and policy provisions for excellence for public sector finance | |
| | Setting Cost-reflective tariffs – a practical workshop - NT | |
| | Understanding mSCOA Core Business Process Requirements for Budgeting | |

TUESDAY 07 OCTOBER 2025 Program Director:

| TIME | TOPIC |
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| 07:30 – 08:30 | Late Registration outside the Conference Hall |
| 08:30 -09:00 | Entertainment |
| 08:30 – 08:40 | National Anthem |
| 08:40 – 08:45 | Safety Officer Presentation |
| 08:45 – 09:15 | Conference Introduction |
| 09:15 – 09:30 | Host City Welcoming Address |
| 09:30 – 10:00 | CIGFARO Presidential Address & Opening of the Conference |
| 10:00 – 10:15 | The launch of the Global Federation Association |
| 10:15 -10:30 | Words of support Government Finance Officers Association |
| 10:30 -11:00 | The Role of Ethical Leadership, Cultural Heritage, and Traditional Institutions in Strengthening Governance and Community Development |
| 11:00 – 12:00 | Keynote Address: Reviewing the Fundamentals of Public Finance in a Changing World <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The strategic vision for public financial management as a catalyst for national development. • The importance of ethical, capable, and innovative finance professionals in achieving government priorities. • Key reforms and leadership imperatives to strengthen public trust and service delivery. |
| 12:00 – 13:00 | LUNCH BREAK AND VIEWING OF EXHIBITION STANDS Program Director: |
| 13:00 -14:00 | The White Paper on Local Government: Implications for Public Finance, Governance, and Service Delivery Transformation |
| 14:00 -15:00 | Innovative Municipal Finance and Governance: Lessons from Mbabane Municipality. |
| 15:00 – 15:15 | Words of Support by Platinum sponsor |
| 15:15 – 16:00 | Embedding Ethical Excellence Across All Spheres of Government |
| 16:00 -16:15 | Conference Closure |
| 16:30 – 17:30 | CIGFARO AGM – All |
| 16:00 – 18:00 | Viewing of the Exhibitors stands |
| 19:00 – 22:00 | Mayoral Welcoming Function sponsored |

| WEDNESDAY 08 OCTOBER 2025 PROGRAM DIRECTOR: | | | | |
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| 07:30 - 08:30 | VIEWING OF THE EXHIBITION STANDS | | EXHIBITION HALL | |
| TIME | TOPIC | | | |
| 08:30 – 09:00 | Recap of the previous day and set the tone for the day | | | |
| 09:00 – 09:30 | Leading in Times of Crisis: Resilience and Responsibility | | | |
| 09:30 – 10:45 | Panel Discussion: Disaster management in a world affected by climate change | | | |
| 10:45 -11:00 | Sponsors lucky-draw winners | | | |
| 11:00 – 11:30 | REFRESHMENTS | | | |
| BREAKAWAY SESSIONS CONCURRENT | | | | |
| FOCUS AREA | Political/Oversight | MFMA | PFMA | Audit, Risk & Performance |
| 11:30 – 13:30 | Driving Transformation: Exploring mSCOA Through the Lens of Business Reform; | Revenue Management Excellence achieves results – Strategies to ensure collection rates are in the 90% range | Cost containment – management of own costs and Oversight of Local Government Expenditure | Embedding a Culture of Combined Assurance Excellence |
| 13:30 – 14:30 | LUNCH AND VIEWING OF EXHIBITION STANDS | | | |
| 14:30 – 16:30 | Reviewing Policy Provisions and Enhancing Implementation Accountability | mSCOA in Action: Bridging Strategy, Systems, and Service Delivery | Cost-reflective tariffs | The Role of Effective Assurance Provision by Internal Audit based on the new Auditing Standards |

| THURSDAY 09 OCTOBER 2025 | | | |
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| PROGRAM DIRECTOR: | | | |
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| 08:00 – 09:00 | FINAL INTERACTIONS WITH EXHIBITORS AND REFRESHMENTS | | |
| 09:00 – 09:15 | Recap of the previous day and set the tone for the day | | |
| 09:15 – 10:00 | Progress on the implementation of the Professionalization framework and next steps | | |
| 10:00 – 10:30 | Sponsors lucky-draw winners | | |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Artificial Intelligence – is there place at the level of excellence to include AI in public finance and what policies and checks and balances must be in place to protect the integrity of the organizations | | |
| 11:00 – 12:00 | CLOSING OF THE CONFERENCE <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Handover | | |
| 12:00– 13:00 | Motivational Speaker | | |
| LUNCH PACKS AFTER MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER | | | |