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AUDIT, RISK AND PERFORMANCE INDABA



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Indaba Overview



Audit, Risk and Performance Indaba – Day 1 Recap

Date: 21 April 2026

Venue: East London International Convention Centre

- Platform for strengthening **governance, accountability, and performance**
- Focus on **integrated assurance, oversight, and leadership**
- Brought together practitioners from audit, risk, performance, and governance disciplines.
- Political leadership

Opening Session & Welcome



- Proceedings commenced with the **National Anthem**.
- **Welcome remarks and official opening** set the tone for collaboration and ethical leadership.
- Emphasis on the evolving role of audit, risk, and performance in rebuilding **public trust**.
- Call for shared responsibility across all assurance providers



Strengthening the Profession



How CIGFARO Membership Drives Excellence

Importance of professional bodies in:

- Standard-setting
- Capacity building
- Ethical conduct

Membership positioned as a lever for improving audit quality, risk maturity, and performance outcomes



Reflection on 2025 Indaba

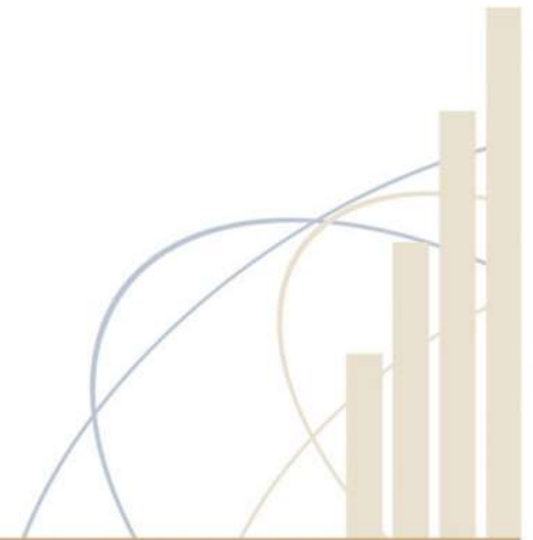
Resolutions

Progress report on prior resolutions highlighted:

- Areas of improvement in integrated planning and oversight
- Persistent gaps in implementation consistency

Reinforced the need for:

- Clear accountability
- Measurable actions
- Strong follow-through mechanisms



Keynote – Integrated Assurance

Reimagining Governance Through Integrated Assurance:

Integrated assurance presented as a **strategic governance tool**

Alignment of:

- Internal audit
- Risk management
- Performance monitoring
- External assurance

Focus on coordinated assurance to reduce duplication and enhance decision-making



Partnerships & Stakeholder Support

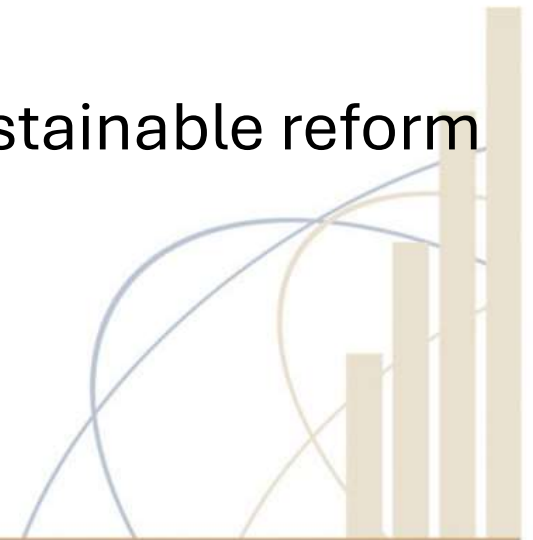


Signing of the MOU reinforced collaboration and shared objectives

Word of support from the **Platinum Sponsor** emphasized:

- Investment in governance capability
- Innovation in assurance practices

Recognition of partnerships as enablers of sustainable reform



Panel Discussions – Oversight in Practice

Disaster Management & Oversight

- Weak preparedness linked to fragmented assurance and oversight gaps
- Call for proactive risk assessments and integrated response planning.

Combined Assurance Model

- Practical challenges in implementation discussed
- Need for leadership support, role clarity, and strong coordination structures
- Combined assurance seen as critical for credible reporting and accountability

Leadership, Accountability & Closure

From Ballot to Accountability

- Leadership accountability is viewed as central to governance credibility
- Integrated assurance enhances transparency between leadership and citizens

Closing Remarks

Reaffirmed commitment to:

- Ethical leadership
- Integrated assurance
- Continuous improvement

Indaba concluded with a **Gala Dinner** celebrating professional excellence

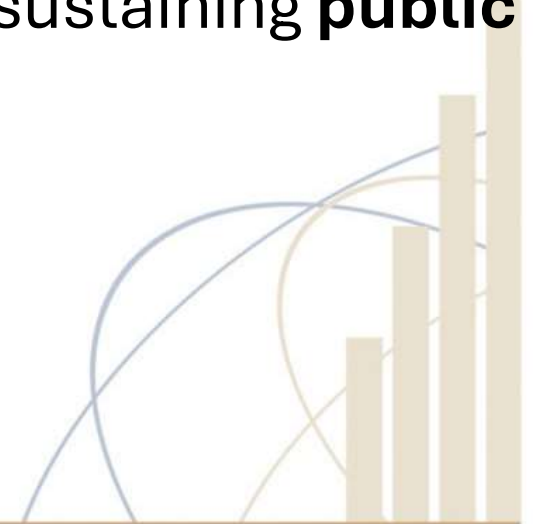


Outcomes & Recommendations

- Commitment to **embed Integrated and Combined Assurance Models** as standard governance practice to strengthen coordination between audit, risk, performance, and oversight functions.
- Agreement on the need to **move from resolutions to implementation**, supported by clear institutional action plans, timelines, and accountability mechanisms.
- Reinforced **leadership accountability** in driving assurance outcomes, with emphasis on ethical leadership, consequence management, and performance-based oversight.
- Call for improved **capacity and capability building** of assurance practitioners through continuous professional development and support from professional bodies.

Outcomes & Recommendations

- Strengthened emphasis on **risk-informed governance**, particularly in high-impact areas such as disaster management, service delivery, and financial sustainability.
- Recognition of **collaboration and partnerships** (MOUs, stakeholders, and sponsors) as critical enablers for credible assurance and governance reform.
- Consensus that **transparent reporting and credible assurance** remain central to restoring and sustaining **public trust**.





Thank You!



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