

Public Sector Internal Audit CONFERENCE 2026

Internal Audit 360°:
*Driving Trust, Innovation and Strategic
Impact in Public Sector Governance*

30 April 2026 (Thursday), 9.00am – 5.00pm
Connexion Conference & Event Centre @ Nexus, Bangsar South, Kuala Lumpur

Amid rapid public sector reform, internal auditors and senior leadership must be equipped with the strategic insight and practical capabilities required to enhance accountability, integrity, and public value delivery. Structured to bridge policy intent and operational execution, the Conference combines insightful sessions, interactive engagements, and purposeful networking to strengthen governance capabilities.

Priority reform themes include the ethical and responsible use of artificial intelligence, cybersecurity resilience in digital government, ESG and sustainability assurance, procurement and financial governance transformation, fraud risk management and advanced analytics, and the expanding strategic advisory role of internal audit.

Collectively, these sessions strengthen the audit function as a key enabler of reform, supporting leadership in achieving transparent, resilient and high-performing public sector institutions in Malaysia.

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

- Equip internal auditors with practical tools and frameworks to enhance strategic advisory capability, performance assurance, and reform delivery oversight
- Deliver actionable and future-focused insights through interactive sessions
- Highlight emerging and systemic risks relating to AI ethics, cybersecurity resilience, and sustainability reporting within the public sector
- Foster cross-agency collaboration and innovation to strengthen fraud prevention, integrity systems, and governance practices

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Public Sector Internal Auditors/ Compliance Officers of:
 - » Federal Government agencies
 - » State Government agencies
 - » Government Linked Companies (GLCs)
 - » Statutory Bodies
 - » Regulatory Bodies
- Accountants
- Other Professionals who carry out internal audits

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CONFERENCE OUTLINE

8.30 am REGISTRATION AND WELCOME REFRESHMENTS

9.00 am **OPENING CEREMONY & WELCOME REMARKS**

9.15 am **KEYNOTE ADDRESS:**

PUBLIC SECTOR GOVERNANCE IN TIMES OF FISCAL PRESSURE AND DIGITAL DISRUPTION

As Malaysia navigates fiscal pressures alongside accelerating digital transformation, public sector governance must adapt to become more effective and responsive. This keynote explores how fiscal constraints and digitalisation are reshaping oversight while balancing reform momentum with accountability and institutional integrity.

Within the context of RMK13, the keynote will highlight emerging governance risks and opportunities arising from cost pressures, digitalisation, and rising service delivery demands. The keynote will also examine the evolving expectations and role of internal auditors—shifting from compliance-focused reviews to performance and value-for-money audits that strengthen assurance and provide leadership with insights on resource prioritisation, cost optimisation, and fiscal risk management.

9.30 am **PANEL SESSION**

THE STRATEGIC ADVISORY ROLE OF INTERNAL AUDIT: INFLUENCING POLICY AND REFORM OUTCOMES

As governance expectations evolve, internal audit is increasingly called upon to move beyond assurance and provide strategic, value-adding advisory support to leadership. This plenary examines how internal audit can influence policy implementation, reform initiatives and organisational performance, strengthening its contribution to institutional effectiveness and governance outcomes.

The session also identifies opportunities to enhance communication and engagement with senior management and oversight bodies, positioning internal audit as a trusted advisor in shaping policy execution.

PANELLIST

DR FARIDA VEERANKUTTY *Head of Internal Audit, Ministry of Housing and Local Government*

10.45 am MORNING REFRESHMENTS AND NETWORKING

11.15 am **IPSAS 51: TANGIBLE NATURAL RESOURCES AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR ASSURANCE IN SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING**

IPSAS 51 expands the scope of assurance in the public sector, particularly in providing assurance over the recognition and reporting of tangible natural resources in response to increasing expectations for governmental transparency and stewardship. Within this context, the session will examine the evolving role of internal auditors in delivering robust assurance to enhance governance oversight, inform policy decisions, and promote responsible management of public assets for long-term sustainability.

Participants will also gain insights into practical challenges in implementing assurance mechanisms within reliable, governance-aligned reporting frameworks.

SPEAKER

HARUN KANNAN RAJAGOPAL *Partner, Financial Accounting Advisory Services, Ernst & Young Consulting Sdn Bhd*

12.00 pm **ADOPTING AI IN PUBLIC SECTOR AUDITING**

As digitalisation reshapes public sector systems and governance processes, it is imperative for internal auditors to understand the key ethical, governance, and control risks associated with AI and intelligent systems.

This session guides participants in identifying audit considerations for data privacy, algorithmic transparency, bias and accountability, and equips them with practical approaches to assessing AI governance frameworks and controls.

SPEAKER

TS DR MUHAMMAD IMRAN SARWAR *Chief AI Officer, Datalytica Sdn Bhd*

12.45 pm LUNCH AND NETWORKING



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- 1.45 pm **PROCUREMENT TRANSFORMATION: GOVERNANCE LESSONS FROM BLOCKCHAIN AND E-TENDERING**
New technologies are reshaping procurement, while raising both unprecedented risks and opportunities for enhanced governance. This session explores how digital procurement initiatives can strengthen transparency, efficiency and value-for-money.
Participants will be guided on identifying the governance, control, and integrity risks arising from blockchain and e-tendering implementations, and equipped with practical audit focus strategies to navigate technology-enabled procurement reforms.
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- 2.30 pm **FRAUD ANALYTICS IN ACTION: HANDS-ON WITH PREDICTIVE TOOLS**
This hands-on session demonstrates how data analytics and predictive tools can enhance fraud detection and prevention in the public sector. Participants will build anomaly rules, train simple models, and work with sample datasets to surface red flags and identify high-risk fraud indicators across financial and operational data.
The session also enables auditors to apply analytics-driven approaches to support proactive, risk-based fraud management.
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- 3.15 pm **PANEL SESSION**
CYBERSECURITY BEYOND COMPLIANCE: BUILDING DIGITAL TRUST IN GOVERNMENT SERVICES
Moving beyond checklist compliance is imperative to strengthening internal audit's role in providing assurance over cyber resilience, incident readiness, and governance oversight.
This session examines common cyber risk exposures in digital government platforms and shared services, enabling internal auditors to recognise cybersecurity as a core element of public trust, service continuity, and governance.
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- 4.30 pm AFTERNOON REFRESHMENTS AND NETWORKING
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- 5.00 pm END OF CONFERENCE





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CONFERENCE SPEAKERS



DR FARIDA VEERANKUTTY

Dr Farida is the Head of Internal Audit at the Ministry of Housing and Local Government (KPKT) and is an audit practitioner with nearly 30 years of experience in the private sector as well as the Malaysian civil service which included a strategic tenure at the Ministry of Finance focused on internal audit policy-making and nearly two decades at the National Audit Department of Malaysia conducting audit for Federal Government and Government Linked Companies. Her work is driven by a long-standing commitment to strengthening governance and operational excellence within the public sector auditing. She is actively involved in knowledge sharing on public sector auditing among internal auditors. She has shared her expertise through several national publications, including the Performance Audit Guidelines for Internal Audit (2024) and the Quality Assurance Review Guidelines (2012). Dr Farida holds a PhD in IT Auditing and a Bachelor of Accountancy from Universiti Putra Malaysia, alongside an MBA in Internal Auditing from the University of Malaya.



HARUN KANNAN RAJAGOPAL

Harun is a Partner at Ernst & Young PLT and Leader of the Financial Accounting Advisory Services practice within Assurance. With over 20 years of experience, he specialises in the insurance and takaful sectors, spearheading MFRS 17 and MFRS 18 implementation projects across ASEAN and advising on finance function optimisation, automation, and accounting standard conversions. He works closely with regulators and industry bodies and is frequently invited as a speaker and panelist for his deep technical expertise on financial reporting and regulatory developments.

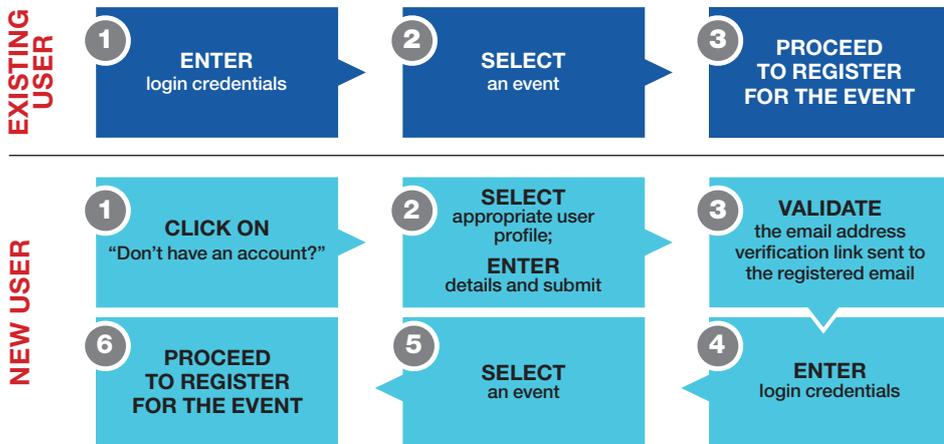


TS DR MUHAMMAD IMRAN SARWAR

TS Dr Muhammad Imran is the Chief AI Officer of Datalytica Sdn Bhd and Group CEO of Datalytic.ai where leads the operations in Malaysia, Thailand, and the UAE. He has over 21 years of global industrial experience with expertise spanning readiness assessments, transformation roadmaps, R&D, workforce upskilling, solution architecture, application development, and deployment strategies—driving innovation in manufacturing, automotive, smart cities, supply chain, banking, construction, and fintech. He also serves as Adjunct Associate Professor, Technical Advisor, and Industrial Advisory Panel member to universities and government agencies. He is a sought-after speaker at global conferences, symposiums, and technical workshops, sharing insights on Industry 4.0 advancements, AI adoption, and sustainable innovation. His research has been published in international conferences and peer-reviewed journals indexed in Scopus and ISI.54.

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