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27 & 28 July 2021 (Tuesday & Wednesday), 9.00am - 1.20pm

With their core competencies and ethical codes, Public Sector Internal Auditors are ideally placed to lead as agents of change in the volatile and uncertain new normal of post-COVID-19. Public Sector Internal Auditors are not just critically needed to support the transformation of state agencies to become more agile and innovative while maintaining trust, but they should model the ethical, innovative and agile behaviour and practices which their public service colleagues can emulate.

For credibility as change agents, Internal Audit must itself transform to keep pace with stakeholders and align with the strategies, objectives, and risks of the organisation as well as the government's digital agenda. To innovate, Internal Audit must embrace big data and analytics to deliver valuable data driven insights, while adopting technologies to enhance internal processes and service delivery to citizens and businesses. This Conference focusses on the journey of innovation that all Public Sector Internal Audit functions and practitioners must embark on to elevate organisational and government change, towards enhancing public trust.

OBJECTIVES

- Identify the key areas for improvement and propose the push factors and changes needed for public sector internal audit to emulate best practices of the corporate world
- Identify how local counterparts can adapt to a digitalised environment and the tools and strategies that can be emulated to transform them into adept data-driven practitioners
- Identify the diverse types of fraud risk arising from the pandemic and focus on solutions for management and mitigation
- Understand how to integrate design thinking into daily work processes for better management of risks and outcomes
- Understand how auditors can be futureready and highlight the tools and skills they need to be agile and adaptable in all situations

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 PROGRAMME

DAY 1

8.30 am REGISTRATION & WELCOMING PARTICIPANTS

9.00 am WELCOME REMARKS

9.10 am **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

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YBHG DATUK NIK AZMAN NIK ABDUL MAJID Auditor General, Jabatan Audit Negara

9.40 am PANEL SESSION

CREATING A CULTURE OF ETHICAL TRANSFORMATION IN THE NEW NORMAL

Internal audit is a cornerstone of effective governance that in turn improves organisational effectiveness. A properly functioning internal audit system is therefore central to improving the effectiveness and accountability of public sector organisations and the quality of public sector services. This session discusses the current state of public sector internal audit, identifies key areas for improvement and proposes the push factors and changes needed for public sector internal audit to emulate the best practices of the corporate world.

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NOR'AFIZA SAIM Chief Executive Officer, The Malaysian Institute of Integrity

10.40 am BREAK

11.00 am BREAKING THE MOULD: NURTURING DIGITAL AND DATA-DRIVEN PRACTITIONERS

The government's vision of a digitalised nation can only be executed if public servants are equipped with the appropriate mindset and digital competencies, such as artificial intelligence (AI) and analytics skills while being mindful of data privacy and third party risks. Packed with global examples of public sector internal audit practices that have successfully embraced technology, this session looks at how local counterparts can adapt to a digitalised environment and the tools and strategies that can be emulated to transform them into adept data-driven practitioners.

11.45 am PANEL SESSION

MITIGATING CYBERSECURITY RISKS IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR

Data breaches and online frauds are becoming more ubiquitous in both the private and public sectors as remote work accelerates technology adoption and more processes and transactions are shifted online. Like their private sector counterparts, public sector organisations face similar cyber risks and require a robust strategy for fraud prevention and cybersecurity. This session charts the current cybersecurity landscape of the public sector, identifies the common threats and proposes solutions for reducing risk and improving cyber protection.

12.45 pm UPSKILLING AND DEVELOPING COMPETENT AND AGILE IAS IN THE POST-COVID ECONOMY

2021 will see the emergence of the post-Covid economy, where mergers and acquisitions will be back on the rise along with increased investment in technologies like intelligent automation, Robotic Process Automation (RPA), data analytics and blockchain. This session will zoom in on the upskilling and new competencies that IAs must develop in order to manage and succeed in a hyper-digitalised environment of accelerated and profound change.

1.20 pm END OF DAY 1

DAY 2

8.30 am REGISTRATION & WELCOMING PARTICIPANTS

9.00 am WELCOME REMARKS

9.10 am MANAGING FRAUD RISK DURING PANDEMIC

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a tremendous impact on risk profiles and fraud risk. One, the control framework and monitoring of potential criminal activity may have weakened due to reduced headcounts and remote working, leaving gaps in fraud detection that can be exploited by malicious customers and staff. Two, short-term liquidity risk arising from cost cutting in the control environment could also increase fraud risk by reducing monitoring activities. This session identifies the diverse types of fraud risk arising from the pandemic and focusses on solutions for management and mitigation.

9.55 am **DESIGN THINKING FOR PUBLIC SECTOR INTERNAL AUDITORS**

Design thinking has been adopted by many organisations in various industries and sectors to promote an innovative approach to problem solving. This session guides public sector internal auditors on how to integrate design thinking into their daily work processes for better management of risks and outcomes.

10.40 am BREAK

11.00 am AUDITING IN REMOTE FINANCIAL CLOSE: TWEAKING THE AUDIT PROCESS/PROCEDURES

Remote work looks likely to become a permanent fixture in workplaces and will require talent and technology transformation to optimise productivity and processes. According to a June 2020 PwC survey, 54% of CFOs plan to make remote work a permanent option. For effective auditing in the remote financial close, firms must use the appropriate technology tools and inculcate teamwork and cross-functional collaboration to overcome the challenge of lack of in-person contact that can hinder employee engagement and productivity. Find out more about how to manage the critical areas of people, process, technology, risks and controls, and sector-specific risks in this enlightening session on remote audit work.

12.10 pm PANEL SESSION

AUDIT LANDSCAPE FOR PUBLIC SECTOR: 2021 AND BEYOND

Get expert insights into the evolving role of internal auditors in the public sector as they grapple with emerging trends and disruptions as well as the unprecedented impacts, uncertainty and volatility arising from the pandemic. How can auditors be future-ready and what are the tools and skills they need to be agile and adaptable in all situations?

1.20 pm END OF CONFERENCE

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DATUK NIK AZMAN NIK ABDUL MAJID

Datuk Nik Azman was appointed Auditor General of Malaysia on 23 February 2019. He started his career as an Administrative and Diplomatic Officer in 1983 with the Ministry of Finance where he handled economic analysis, debt management and budgeting. He served as Special Officer to Secretary General of Treasury and was seconded to the World Bank in Washington D.C. for 2 years where he served as an Assistant to the Executive Director. He later served as Senior Private Secretary to the Minister of Special Functions, Prime Minister's Department, who was the Executive Director of National Economic Action Council. He subsequently served the Economic Planning Unit (EPU) specialising in economic analysis and forecasting, public finance management and budgeting, as well as economic development. Over the years he served the EPU as Director of Regional

Development, Director of Development Budget, Director of Macroeconomics, Head of Economic Council Secretariat, Deputy Director General and as Director General. He also served as the first Secretary General of the Ministry of Economic Affairs before his mandatory retirement in 2018. He has sat on the Boards of statutory bodies including the Board of KEJORA and served as Chairman KEJORA Board Audit Committee; the Council of MARA and a member of MARA Council Audit Committee Board; the Board of UDA Holdings Berhad; and Interim Chairman and a member of Board of Trustees of TERAJU. He had also served on the Malaysia Aviation Commission and Malaysia Competition Commission. Datuk Nik Azman holds a Bachelor's Degree (Honours) in Economics from University Malaya, a Master of Arts in Economics from University of Nebraska-Lincoln, a Diploma in Public Management from National Institute of Public Administration, and attended the Advanced Management Programme at Harvard Business School.



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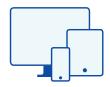
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Bachelor's and Master's degree in Chemistry from Memphis State University, USA and possesses a teaching license from the Ministry of Higher Education on Risk Management, Enterprise Risk Management, Occupational Safety and Health Management System, Environmental Management System and Quality Management System qualifying her to teach at higher learning institutions. She has also been approached by many agencies as a resource person due to her expertise in management systems whereby she has spoken about the subject in various platforms.

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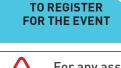
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