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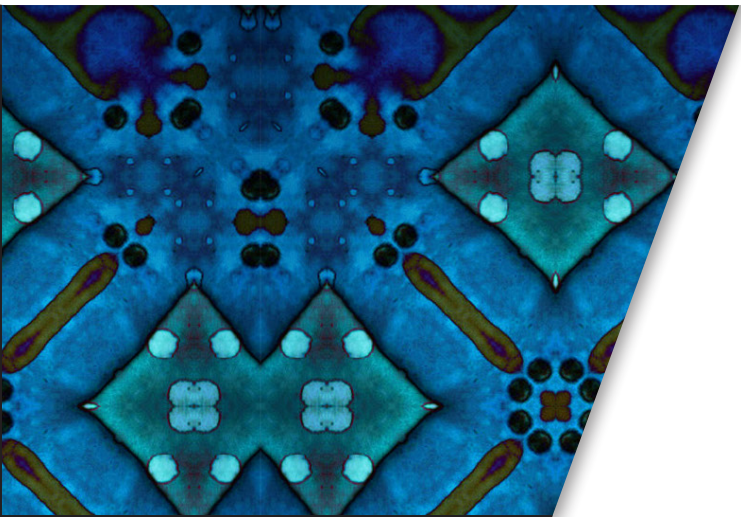


ACIIA CONFERENCE 2025

9 & 10 September 2025
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OVERVIEW

The 2025 ACIIA Conference brings together industry leaders, governance professionals, and internal audit experts from all over Asia Pacific Region to address the challenges of auditing in a polycrisis era – a world shaped by climate risks, geopolitical instability, economic volatility, and rapid technological advancements. With the theme “Internal Audit in a Polycrisis Era: Adapting, Assuring, and Advancing,” the conference aims to equip professionals with the insights, strategies, and tools needed to navigate this complex landscape while reinforcing governance, resilience, and transparency. The event is expected to congregate more than 1200 delegates from 17 countries which will offer a diversified networking and learning experience to all delegates.

Day 1 sets the foundation with a keynote address on national resilience and sustainable governance, followed by thought-provoking discussions on the evolving audit landscape, governance frameworks, and the role of internal audit in driving business agility and ethical leadership. The day also explores the intersection of internal audit and mental resilience, ensuring auditors are prepared to perform under high-pressure conditions.

Day 2 expands the conversation through 16 concurrent sessions across four key tracks:

- Governance & Leadership – Strengthening board communication, governance in volatile geopolitical environments, and leadership development in internal audit.
- Sustainability & Resilience – ESG reporting, supply chain resilience, and sustainable investment strategies.
- Risk & Crisis Management – Navigating financial risks, crisis management in high-profile incidents, and ethical decision-making in uncertain times.
- Technology & Innovation – Leveraging AI, big data, and cybersecurity advancements to enhance internal audit functions.

Through keynote speeches, expert panels, and practical case studies, attendees will gain actionable insights to future-proof their audit functions and strengthen their roles as strategic enablers in their organizations. Join us as we explore the future of internal audit and governance in an ever-evolving world.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

- Internal auditors
- Risk & compliance professionals
- Business resilience leaders
- Business executives & board members
- ESG & sustainability officers
- Financial & IT auditors

KEY TAKEAWAYS & BENEFITS

- Strategic insights into internal audit’s role in an era of uncertainty
- Practical tools for enhancing governance, resilience, and sustainability assurance
- Networking opportunities with industry experts and peers
- Skills enhancement in data analytics, ESG assurance, leadership, and crisis management



PROGRAMME OUTLINE

Day 1 Opening Presentations, Panel and Individual Sessions

8.00 AM Registration, Welcome Coffee & Exhibition Viewing

9.00 AM **Welcome Address:**

President, IIA Malaysia

President, ACIIA

Keynote Address:

Championing Resilience and Transparency: A National Vision for Sustainable Governance

- Showcasing Malaysia's strategic efforts to foster resilience in the face of global challenges.
- Highlighting the role of transparency and good governance in nation-building.
- Outlining future priorities to support organisational and public sector integrity.

YAB Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim, Prime Minister of Malaysia

9.30 AM Opening Gambit

9.45 AM Sponsorship Appreciation

10.00 AM **Special Address** **Evolving the Audit Landscape: Ensuring Accountability in a Changing World**

- Examining shifts in the internal audit landscape amidst emerging risks and opportunities.
 - Discussing the critical role of audits in ensuring transparency and accountability.
 - Sharing insights on strengthening public confidence through innovative audit practices.
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10.15 AM Coffee Break, Networking & Exhibition Viewing

10.45 AM **Individual Presentation** **Vision 2035**

11.15 AM Fireside Chat



PROGRAMME OUTLINE

Day 1 Opening Presentations, Panel and Individual Sessions

12.00 PM

Panel Session Adapting Governance Frameworks for a Polycrisis World

- Addressing the intersection of climate risks, geopolitical challenges, and economic volatility.
- Developing adaptive governance strategies to navigate complex, overlapping crises.
- Expert insights on aligning governance with resilience and sustainability goals.

Moderator:

TBA

Panellist:

Dr Kalanithi Nesaretnam Independent Non-Executive Director (INED), IOI Corporation Berhad

1.00 PM

Lunch Break, Networking and Exhibition Viewing

2.00 PM

Panel Session/Individual Presentation Bridging the Gap: Strengthening Internal Audit Awareness for Organizational Resilience

- Positioning Internal Audit as a Strategic Enabler
 - Demonstrating how internal audit drives governance, risk management, and strategic decision-making, reinforcing its role in building business resilience beyond compliance.
 - Fostering Cross-Functional Collaboration for Impactful Auditing
 - Exploring strategies to enhance communication between internal audit and key stakeholders, ensuring alignment with organizational objectives and fostering a culture of trust.
 - Elevating Stakeholder Engagement Through Transparency and Education
 - Implementing initiatives to enhance awareness of internal audit's methodologies and contributions, strengthening its credibility and value within the organization.
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3.00 PM

GIAS Unpacked: 8 Months of Global Impact and Key Learnings

- Understanding the Latest Updates and Adoption Trends: A deep dive into the key changes and how industries are adopting GIAS.
 - Challenges and Success Stories from Early Adopters: Insights on overcoming obstacles and sharing effective strategies.
 - Boosting Global Audit Effectiveness: Strengthening audit functions through the power of standardized practices worldwide.
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3.30 PM

Coffee Break, Networking and Exhibition Viewing

4.00 PM

Individual Presentation Thinking & Acting Like an Entrepreneur: Why It Matters in an Uncertain World

5.00 PM

End of Day 1



PROGRAMME OUTLINE

Day 2 16 Concurrent Sessions Will Delve into Key Focus Areas

8.00 AM Registration, Welcome Coffee & Exhibition Viewing

	GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP	SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCE	RISK AND CRISIS MANAGEMENT	TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION
9.00 AM	<p>TRACK A1 Enhancing Board Communication for Strategic Governance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Streamlining reporting processes to improve board engagement and oversight. Communicating complex audit findings in a concise and actionable manner. Strengthening board relationships through transparent governance practices. 	<p>TRACK B1 ESG Reporting: Opportunities, Challenges, and Reasonable Assurance in the Asia-Pacific Region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Navigating the Evolving ESG Landscape. Ensuring Reasonable Assurance in ESG Reporting. Overcoming ESG Reporting Challenges. 	<p>TRACK C1 Operational Resilience and Crisis Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifying vulnerabilities in critical operations and developing response plans. Leveraging technology to enhance crisis preparedness and management. Case studies on maintaining operational continuity during global crises. 	<p>TRACK D1 The Role of Generative AI in Transforming Internal Audit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exploring how generative AI can automate routine audit processes. Addressing challenges related to data quality, bias, and AI transparency. Using AI to enhance fraud detection and improve decision-making accuracy.

10.15 AM Coffee Break, Networking and Exhibition Viewing

10.45 AM	<p>TRACK A2 Governance in a Fragmented Geopolitical Landscape</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addressing the impact of geopolitical shifts on governance structures. Aligning corporate governance with international regulatory frameworks. Strategies for cross-border collaboration and risk management. 	<p>TRACK B2 Effective Risk Management in ESG Investments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessing the long-term risks and opportunities of ESG-aligned investments. Auditing governance frameworks for responsible investment practices. Integrating ESG considerations into enterprise risk management strategies. 	<p>TRACK C2 Decision-Making in Uncertain Times</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Balancing ethical considerations with practical decision-making in crises. Developing frameworks to support ethical leadership during disruptions. Examining case studies on ethical dilemmas faced during global challenges. 	<p>TRACK D2 Leveraging Big Data for Predictive Audits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using big data analytics to uncover trends and predict future risks. Enhancing audit efficiency through real-time data monitoring. Developing predictive models to support risk-based audit planning.
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2.00 PM	<p>TRACK A3 Strengthening Internal Audit and Management Collaboration for Effective Governance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthening the relationship between auditors and business leaders to improve governance and organizational performance. Ensuring internal audit functions are aligned with corporate goals to support risk management and strategic decision-making. Improving communication between internal audit and management to drive continuous improvements in governance practices and leadership effectiveness. 	<p>TRACK B3 Supply Chain Resilience Amid Geopolitical Shifts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluating supply chain vulnerabilities and diversifying sourcing strategies. Leveraging audits to enhance transparency and ethical sourcing. Ensuring supply chain adaptability to geopolitical and economic challenges 	<p>TRACK C3 Navigating Inflation and Financial Liquidity Risks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessing the impact of inflation on financial planning and control. Developing liquidity management strategies to sustain organisational health. Best practices for auditing inflation-sensitive business operations. 	<p>TRACK D3 Enhancing Cybersecurity Strategies for Digital Enterprises</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluating emerging cyber threats and their impact on organisational security. Developing proactive approaches to cybersecurity risk management. Enhancing audit processes to address complex digital infrastructures.



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3.45 PM

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<p>TRACK A4 Developing the Future Skills of Internal Auditors for Leadership in Governance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internal auditors must develop proficiency in AI, data analytics, and emerging technologies to support informed decision-making and strengthen governance. Developing knowledge of cybersecurity and ESG issues to address evolving risks and help guide organizational leadership in responsible governance. Cultivating skills in adaptive leadership and stakeholder management to effectively navigate governance challenges and lead positive organizational change. 	<p>TRACK B4 Addressing Human Capital Risks through Robust Audit Practices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Auditing workforce management strategies to ensure sustainability. Addressing risks related to talent retention and organisational culture. Integrating diversity, equity, and inclusion metrics into audit assessments. 	<p>TRACK C4 Case Studies on Crisis Management in High-Profile Incidents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Examining real-world crisis response strategies. Learning from key failures and successes. Proactive crisis management planning. 	<p>TRACK D4 Fraud Detection and Prevention in a Digital Age</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leveraging advanced technologies to detect and prevent fraudulent activities. Strengthening internal controls to address emerging fraud risks. Auditing digital payment systems and ensuring transactional integrity. <p>Speaker: Raymon Ram Managing Principal, Graymater Forensic Advisory Sdn Bhd</p>

5.00 PM Conclusion of Conference



SPEAKER'S PROFILE



Dr Kalanithi Nesaretnam

Independent Non-Executive Director (INED), IOI Corporation Berhad

Dr Kalanithi Nesaretnam is currently an Independent Non-Executive Director (INED) at IOI Corporation Berhad and Tan Chong Motor Holdings Berhad. At IOI Corp she is Chairperson of the Board Sustainability Committee. She is co-founder of Climate Governance Malaysia (CGM) which is the country chapter of the World Economic Forum's Climate Governance Initiative. She is also on the Steering Committee of the CEO's Action Network (CAN), a coalition of leaders for sustainability action. She is an ESG advocate and recently completed The Oxford University's Leading Sustainable Corporations Programme at the Said Business School. She has been sharing her ESG experience with newly appointed directors on Bursa's Mandatory Accreditation Programme (MAP) since 2022. In June 2022 she was appointed advisor to Barbados Investment and Development Corporation (BIDC).

She holds a PhD in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology from the University of Reading, UK. She held the position of Director, Product Development and Advisory Services at the Malaysian Palm Oil Board and subsequently as Minister in the Embassy of Malaysia to Belgium and Mission to the European Union. She is a mentor at LeadWomen and 30%Club, international organisations that are dedicated to empowering women and getting women Board ready.



Raymon Ram

Managing Principal, Graymater Forensic Advisory Sdn Bhd

Raymon is a leading advocate against economic crime, serving as Managing Principal of Graymatter Forensic Advisory Sdn. Bhd., President of Transparency International Malaysia (TI-M) and Anti-Corruption Expert (Research) with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

He specializes in Financial Forensics, Fraud Risk Management, and AML/CFT Compliance. Raymon has led numerous corporate fraud investigations, developed national audit and anti-corruption guidelines, and facilitated anti-fraud courses for law enforcement and private sector entities.

As a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE), Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist (CAMS), and ISO 37001 ABMS Lead Auditor, he is regularly involved in consultancy engagements and training programs pertaining to his areas of expertise. Raymon is currently pursuing his Doctorate in Business Administration (DBA) in Malaysia.

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