

WELCOMING THE GLOBAL INTERNAL AUDIT COMMUNITY TO SINGAPORE

As we move into June, the countdown to the 2026 International Conference has truly begun. In just a few weeks, from 22 to 24 June, Singapore will welcome the global internal audit community for what will be a significant moment not just for IIA Singapore, but for the profession across our region. Alongside the conference broader schedule, participants can also look forward to dedicated networking opportunities focused on financial services, the public sector, and benchmarking and best practices. I encourage you to take advantage of the special registration rates available and visit our website for more details.

As a profession, we continue to navigate rapid transformation shaped by AI, digital disruption and evolving stakeholder expectations. This comes at a time when Singapore is placing growing emphasis on AI adoption, digital capability building and future-ready skills across professions, including finance and accountancy. The recent refresh of the [Skills Framework for Accountancy](#) by ACRA, which now incorporates AI, sustainability and analytics, reflects how quickly expectations are evolving. IIA Singapore was pleased to contribute to these broader industry efforts alongside stakeholders, helping ensure governance, risk and assurance capabilities remain relevant in a changing environment.

At the same time, conversations across the financial services sector are increasingly focused not simply on AI adoption, but on how organisations can implement AI responsibly while continuing to build trust, strengthen governance and prepare their workforce for change. Internal audit has an important role to play in this journey helping organisations navigate emerging risks, challenge blind spots and support greater organisational readiness. Hence it was timely that IIA Singapore and KPMG jointly launched the [playbook](#), *The Agentic Opportunity: Governing AI for Trust, Integrity and Impact*, on 12 May 2026. The playbook provides practical guidance for organisations across different stages of AI maturity and draws on insights from the 2026 IIA Risk in Focus Singapore survey, practitioner perspectives and real-world case studies. Complementing this, IIA Singapore also held two roundtables on AI governance and implementation, bringing together practitioners and leaders for practical discussions on emerging risks, culture and organisational readiness.

I was also heartened to see the enthusiasm and calibre of students who took part in the second edition of the Inter-University Internal Audit Case Study Competition. The level of thought, professionalism and perspectives demonstrated throughout the competition was genuinely impressive and a strong reminder of the opportunities ahead for the profession. Congratulations once again to the six finalist teams who were recognised this year. Platforms like these play an important role in helping students better understand the profession and the opportunities within governance, risk and assurance.

To our valued members, thank you for being part of the IIA Singapore community. We look forward to your continued support and participation, and a timely reminder that it is membership renewal period.

Finally, I hope to see many of you at the International Conference 2026 here in Singapore, do come by, say hello, and be part of what promises to be an exciting week for the profession.

Yours sincerely

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