

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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TRANSFORMATION IS STRENGTH

IIA International Conference in Singapore, June 2026

Mark your calendars and prepare for an inspiring experience of learning and networking – right here in Singapore! I am delighted to share that Singapore will be hosting the IIA 2026 International Conference from 22 to 24 June, under the powerful theme "Transform Internal Audit". This is a proud moment for Singapore and the internal audit community, as we welcome professionals from around the world to our city. **Transformation** is no longer optional. It is the cornerstone of relevance, strength, and resilience for internal auditors. You may watch the official announcement <u>video</u>.

This sentiment resonates strongly with Vision 2035 and is a topic I discussed before. Internal auditors are evolving into strategic advisors through shaping decision-making, driving organisational value, and building trust in a future shaped by technological innovation and global challenges. We must embrace transformation not as a disruption, but as an opportunity to lead with renewed purpose.

News from IIA Global

IIA Global has released a draft Topical Requirement (TR) on <u>Organisational Behaviour</u>, now open for public consultation from 10 July to 22 August 2025. The TR aims to reframe culture risk as the risk of behaviour misaligned with strategic objectives and to enable a clearer and more practical basis for evaluation. I encourage you to review and share your feedback through the consultation <u>survey</u>.

Further, the Internal Auditing Competency <u>Framework</u> has been refreshed. This new Global Practice Guide offers tools and a practical framework for internal auditors and CAEs to define, assess, and develop the essential competencies needed in today's fast-evolving audit landscape.

IIA Singapore Annual Conference 2025

Closer to home, our <u>Annual Conference</u> will take place on 9 October 2025 with the theme of "Shaping Change. Elevating Insight.". This theme captures the profound changes reshaping our profession such as rapid technological innovation, shifting stakeholder expectations, geopolitical uncertainty, and the rise of new risks. Expect dynamic presentations, fireside chats, and expert panels featuring thought leaders and peers from different countries and across diverse industries. Secure your spot today <u>here</u>.

I am also proud to share that IIA Singapore has been recognised by IIA Global for our contributions in advancing member value through global collaboration, serving as host for the translation review, and promoting excellence in diversity, equity and inclusion. These acknowledgements are a testament to the dedication of our staff, members, and stakeholders in Singapore, and the strong support of the global IIA community.

As Singapore celebrates its 60th year of independence in 2025, the theme "Majulah Singapura" serves as both a tribute to our journey and a rallying call for progress. It reminds us that our strength lies in unity, trust, and shared values. Let us continue to lead with courage, curiosity, and conviction, because in today's ever evolving landscape, transformation is not a challenge, but our strength.

Yours sincerely

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