

IIA Singapore Annual Conference Advances Discussions on Role of Internal Audit in Corporate Governance and ESG

First in-person event for the profession since the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic

SINGAPORE (2 November 2021) – The Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) Singapore is bringing together over 150 participants comprising practitioners and thought leaders across public, commercial and regulatory sectors to share their perspectives on how to transform the internal audit function into a more agile, proactive and future-ready unit that is sustainable and relevant in their organisations to support the stakeholders.

Organised as an in-person event on 2 November 2021 at the Marina Bay Sands, this year’s event is set to offer stimulating views focusing on the theme “Leading A Sustainable And Agile Internal Audit Function”. The Guest-of-Honour is Ms Grace Fu, Minister for Sustainability and the Environment who will deliver the opening address.

The Annual Conference has a stellar line-up of 15 industry leaders and subject matter experts who will provide their deep knowledge, wide experience and insights to the internal audit profession in navigating through the disruptions brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic, economic volatility, technological advances and climate change. The thought leaders will exchange fresh perspectives on where the internal audit profession is heading, the tools for getting there, and how internal audit leaders can leverage the opportunities brought about by these disruptions to take charge of their future.

The conference’s opening keynote will be delivered by Ms June Sim, Head, Listing Compliance from the Singapore Exchange Regulation. Her speech, “*What SGX RegCo Expects of Issuers’ Internal Audit Function*” will focus on the importance of an effective internal audit function in providing an independent check and assurance on the company’s governance, risk management and control processes. Another highlight of the conference includes the speech, “*Roadmap to Mandatory Climate Reporting*” from Mr Michael Tang, Head, Listing Policy and Product Admission, Singapore Exchange Regulation. He will speak on the proposed roadmap to mandatory climate reporting as well as the important role the internal audit function plays in providing assurance for sustainability reports.

Mr Koh Chin Beng, President of IIA Singapore, said, “With business uncertainty from Covid-19 coupled with environmental, social, and governance (ESG) issues taking on a strategic priority, there are opportunities for internal audit to play a pivotal role in driving organisational value by serving as the compass to help a company stay on course through the period of disruption. Through this conference, we aim to give internal auditors the opportunity to discuss how their work is evolving, and how to turn challenges into opportunities.”

Over 150 delegates, including speakers who are attending the physical event have been fully vaccinated and will follow a controlled itinerary.

For more information about the IIA Singapore Annual Conference 2021, visit the event page [here](#).

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