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Advanced Internal Audit and Review Conference

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Introduction

The Advanced Internal Audit and Review conference deepens professional understanding of modern internal auditing practices within complex organizational environments. This conference provides a comprehensive theoretical framework that addresses governance, risk management, internal controls, and assurance methodologies. It focuses on enhancing analytical judgment and structured review approaches aligned with international auditing expectations. Participants will explore advanced audit planning, execution, and reporting concepts through a strategic and systematic lens. The conference also emphasizes the evolving role of internal audit in supporting organizational performance and regulatory compliance. Through structured content, it equips professionals to evaluate internal audit functions and critically add sustainable value.

Targeted Groups

This Advanced Internal Audit and Review conference targets professionals seeking specialised knowledge and skills:

- Internal auditors work in public or private organizations.
- Senior audit executives and internal audit managers.
- Risk management and compliance professionals.
- Financial controllers and governance officers.
- Quality assurance and internal control specialists.
- External auditors transitioning to internal audit roles.
- Professionals involved in corporate governance oversight.
- Finance managers supporting audit and review activities.

Conference Objectives

Participants will achieve the following objectives by completing the Advanced Internal Audit and Review conference:

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- Understand advanced internal audit frameworks and professional standards.
- Analyze the strategic role of internal audit within governance structures.
- Evaluate organizational risk environments using structured methodologies.
- Apply systematic audit planning aligned with risk-based approaches.
- Interpret internal control systems and assess their effectiveness.
- Strengthen analytical thinking for evaluating audit evidence.
- Develop structured approaches to audit findings and conclusions.
- Enhance understanding of audit quality assurance and improvement programs.
- Examine ethical challenges and professional judgment in auditing.
- Assess compliance requirements and regulatory expectations.
- Understand integrated assurance and coordination with other functions.
- Improve reporting clarity and communication of audit results.
- Strengthen oversight of internal audit independence and objectivity.
- Support management and audit committee decision-making processes.

Targeted Competencies

Participants will gain the following competencies during the program:

- Advanced understanding of internal audit standards and principles.
- Strategic risk assessment and evaluation skills.
- Analytical review and critical thinking capabilities.
- Audit planning and scoping proficiency.
- Internal control evaluation and testing competence.
- Professional judgment and ethical reasoning skills.
- Audit reporting and documentation discipline.
- Governance and compliance awareness.
- Quality assurance and performance evaluation skills.
- Communication skills for audit discussions and reviews.

Studying Scenarios

In this training, participants will develop their skills through the analysis of the following scenarios:

- Reviewing internal audit alignment with corporate governance frameworks.
- Evaluating risk-based audit plans in complex organizations.
- Assessing internal control weaknesses across business processes.
- Analyzing audit findings related to compliance and regulatory gaps.
- Reviewing audit independence challenges and management influence.
- Interpreting audit reports presented to senior management.
- Examining quality assurance reviews of internal audit functions.

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Conference Content

Unit 1: Foundations of Advanced Internal Auditing

- Evolution of internal audit from compliance to value creation.
- Core principles of internal auditing and assurance services.
- Role of internal audit within corporate governance structures.
- Concepts of independence, objectivity, and professional responsibility.
- International internal audit standards and ethical requirements.
- Relationship between internal audit, management, and audit committees.

Unit 2: Risk-Based Internal Audit Planning

- Understanding enterprise risk management frameworks.
- Identifying and categorizing strategic, operational, and financial risks.
- Risk assessment techniques for internal audit planning.
- Developing risk-based audit plans and annual programs.
- Prioritization of audit engagements using risk ratings.
- Aligning audit objectives with organizational strategies.
- Integrating emerging risks into audit planning processes.

Unit 3: Internal Control Systems and Evaluation

- Components of effective internal control frameworks.
- Control environment and organizational culture assessment.
- Risk assessment and control activity design analysis.
- Information systems and technology control considerations.
- Monitoring activities and continuous control improvement.
- Evaluating control effectiveness and identifying deficiencies.
- Linking internal controls to risk mitigation strategies.

Unit 4: Audit Execution, Evidence, and Review

- Audit engagement planning and fieldwork methodologies.
- Techniques for collecting reliable audit evidence.
- Analytical procedures and substantive testing concepts.
- Sampling approaches and professional judgment application.
- Documentation standards and working paper quality.
- Review processes and supervisory responsibilities.
- Managing audit issues, findings, and root cause analysis.

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Unit 5: Audit Reporting, Quality, and Strategic Value

- Principles of effective internal audit reporting.
- Structuring clear, concise, and actionable audit reports.
- Communicating audit results to management and stakeholders.
- Follow-up procedures and monitoring corrective actions.
- Quality assurance and improvement programs for internal audit.
- Measuring internal audit performance and value contribution.
- Future trends in internal audit and continuous improvement.

Final Insights & Key Takeaways

The Advanced Internal Audit and Review Conference strengthens professional capability to analyze, evaluate, and enhance internal audit functions within complex organizations. Participants leave with a structured theoretical foundation that supports effective governance, risk management, and internal control oversight.