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Kato has acted as consultant and presented various accounting, auditing and ethics courses locally and abroad on behalf of Enterprises at UP, the previous UP Centre for Business and Professional Ethics, the Southern African Institute of Government Auditors and The Ethics Institute of South Africa. She also has a high standing in the audit profession, has acted as guest speaker at several national conferences and is currently serving on the examinations committee at the IIA South Africa. She is also involved in the CA2025 research team tasked with developing the new competency frameworks for the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA) and the Independent Regulatory Board of Auditors (IRBA) in South Africa.

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In 2016, she received the IIA's Educator of the Year award for her significant contribution to internal audit education. Her research focus is on professional competence as well as ethics and she has published in local and international journals.