

NEWSLETTER

The Southern African Institute of Government Auditors



SAIGA UPDATES

The SAIGA newsletter is a regularly distributed publication designed to keep you informed about our latest activities and updates.

Stay tuned for exciting SAIGA news!



ABOUT SAIGA

The Southern African Institute of Government Auditors (SAIGA) is a non-profit professional body dedicated to serving the public interest. Since its inception in 1988, the role and function of SAIGA have been to serve the public sector and society by advancing public accountability and auditing in its broadest sense.

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CEO'S NOTE

As we approach the celebration of our 36th anniversary, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the journey the Southern African Institute of Government Auditors (SAIGA) has undertaken.

Over the past three and a half decades, SAIGA has grown and developed rapidly, cementing its place as a cornerstone in the field of public sector auditing and accountability.

Our success story is a collective one, written by each member, partner and stakeholder, who has believed in our mission and contributed to our vision of excellence.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who has been a part of this incredible journey. Your support and dedication have been instrumental in driving our growth and success.

A special thanks goes to the SAIGA committee members, who have served their three-year term with distinction and dedication. Their work has been incredibly remarkable and is deeply recognised and appreciated.

As we bid farewell to our current committee members, whose term concludes at the end of this month (June), we also look forward to the fresh perspectives and insights that our new committee members will bring.

We are excited to welcome four new council members who have been appointed and elected to join us in steering SAIGA towards even greater heights.

Reflecting on our journey, it's inspiring to see how far we've come. From our humble beginnings to becoming one of the recognised professional bodies.

In the coming months, we have several exciting initiatives planned. These include the launch of new training programs, partnerships with consulting firms, aimed at inspiring the next generation of public sector auditors and accountants.

Our goal is to ensure that SAIGA remains a beacon of excellence and a source of invaluable resources and support for all our members.

As we celebrate our 36th anniversary, let us reaffirm our commitment to the values that have brought us this far: integrity, excellence and a relentless pursuit of accountability in the public sector.



STOFILE TO HEADLINE THE INAUGURAL SAIGA SUMMIT

By Sinazo Mondo

President of the South African Local Government Association, Bheki Stofile, will deliver the keynote address at the much-anticipated SAIGA Local Government Summit.

Stofile will be among the decision-makers, thought leaders and experts from government, business, and standard-setting bodies gathering for the inaugural event at the East London IDZ on July 5.



SAIGA LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUMMIT

Hybrid Event

Join Us at the SAIGA Local Government Summit

Details : 05 July 2024
Time : 8am - 5pm
Venue : East London IDZ Conference Center, Siyakha, East London
CPD Points : 6 points
Theme : Local government that meets evolving societal needs.

SPEAKERS

 Boitumelo Lekoko Managing Director Lekoko Advisory Services	 Phillip Rakgwale Group Chief Audit Executive, City of Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality	 Cllr Bheke Stofile President of South African Local Government Association (SALGA)	 Vatiswa Matanda Senior Manager at AGSA - Eastern Cape
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The half-day Summit will also feature an impressive lineup of speakers and panelists, including Daluhlanga Majeke, Head of Department at the Eastern Cape Provincial Treasury and Sonwabo Gqegqo, SALGA Provincial Director of Operations among others.

Presented in partnership with the Eastern Cape Provincial Treasury and supported by gold sponsors, Pholela Business Advisory and JT29 Management Services, the inaugural summit offers a platform for senior officials and experts to share insights and collaborate on shaping the future of local governance.

Local government remains one of South Africa's greatest challenges, with difficulties in delivering sustainable, quality, and evident services. While there are successes, they need to be maintained and built upon to ensure continuous improvement in governance and service delivery.

SAIGA's commitment to advancing auditing and accountability in the public sector highlights the importance of this summit. It aims to foster dialogue, generate actionable solutions and enhance the effectiveness of local governance, ultimately benefiting communities across the province.

Join us at the SAIGA Local Government Summit for an opportunity to contribute to meaningful change and be part of a collective effort to tackle the complexities of local government in South Africa.



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SAIGA EXPANDS CONTINENTAL FOOTPRINT WITH PARTNERSHIPS

By Sinazo Mondo



SAIGA is making significant strides toward enhancing professional standards and building capacity within the public sector.

SAIGA President Phillip Rakgwale and SAIGA Chief Executive Officer Russel Morena recently travelled to Rwanda to engage in high-level discussions with key organisations and expand SAIGA's influence and foster global cooperation.

The primary goal of these meetings was to explore collaborative efforts that would not only benefit SAIGA but also elevate the standards of public sector auditing and accounting across the region.

During their visit, the duo held successful talks with the African Professionalisation Initiative (API) and the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA), a renowned UK-based international accountancy membership and setting body.

These discussions have been crucial in laying the groundwork for future partnerships that promise to bring significant advancements in professional standards within the public sector.

"We came back with great news," said a beaming Morena, referring to promising partnerships on the horizon.

These collaborations aim to elevate the professional standards within the public sector, ensuring auditors and accountants are well-equipped with the latest knowledge and skills.

As SAIGA moves forward with these exciting initiatives, the organisation remains committed to its mission of advancing auditing and accountability in the public sector. The potential partnerships with East African countries and the United Kingdom represent a significant step toward achieving this goal, promising to bring about meaningful change and development.

SAIGA EMPOWERS NEXT GENERATION OF ACCOUNTANTS

By Sinazo Mondo

SAIGA is collaborating with the Local Government Sector Education and Training Authority (LGSETA) for a transformative mission to address unemployment.

This initiative is focused on placing graduates in accounting firms where they will train as accounting trainees for a comprehensive three-year period.

Now in its third intake since its inception in June 2023, the programme has already bore fruits.

To date, over 200 graduates have been successfully placed in several training offices, including Pholela Business Advisory, JT29 Management Services, Kep Consulting and MGI Ras, with a 100 successfully placed in the Transport Education Training Authority (TETA).

These placements are providing essential on-the-job training, equipping graduates with the practical experience necessary to thrive in their careers.

With South Africa facing a severe unemployment crisis, particularly among young graduates, SAIGA and LGSETA's efforts are more crucial than ever.

This initiative is not just about providing jobs, it's about giving graduates the skills, knowledge and experience they need to succeed in the competitive field of accounting. By keeping graduates employed and engaged, the programme aims to spark a ripple effect that benefits the broader economy.

SAIGA plays a pivotal role in this initiative by sourcing qualified graduates and connecting them with relevant training offices. The process involves reviewing and forwarding curriculum vitae (CVs) to relevant training offices, ensuring that each candidate is matched with the right firm.

The impact of this initiative can be seen in the success stories emerging from the graduates who have been placed. Many have expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to gain hands-on experience and develop their skills in real-world settings.

Looking ahead SAIGA and LGSETA have plans to expand the program further, reaching even more graduates and firms.



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SAIGA WEBINAR ON FRAUD AND FORENSICS A RESONDING SUCCESS

April – June 2024

By Sinazo Mondo

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This event was facilitated by Makhafola Letshela, a senior manager in forensic accounting at the Special Investigations Unit and a renowned expert in fraud and forensics auditing, drew well over 200 attendees.

The webinar proved to be a resounding success, with participants actively engaging, retaining vital information, and enthusiastically participating in discussions. Attendees eagerly asked questions, showcasing their keen interest in the subject matter.



Makhafola delivered an insightful presentation on ethics, sparking engaging discussions on real-life scenarios and examples of both ethical and unethical behaviour. Quoting the former Public Protector, Adv Thuli Madonsela, he emphasised, “Ethical conduct is about doing the right thing the right way.”

Given the frequent ethical lapses in South Africa’s accounting and auditing fields, the informative webinar also shed light into the intricacies of fraud and forensic in accounting and auditing practices.

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As SAIGA continues to offer such valuable learning opportunities, it remains dedicated to advancing the standards of auditing and accountability across the profession.

Stay tuned for more upcoming events and webinars from SAIGA, as we continue to foster excellence and integrity in the field of public sector auditing.

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MEET THE NEW EDUCATION, DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING MEMBERS

By Sinazo Mondo



As SAIGA continues to grow, the Institute welcomes new members to our Education Development and Training (EDT) department.

These additions, Setsoali Rantidi and Lucas Maponya, bring fresh energy and dynamism to the team.

Rantidi joins as SAIGA's new EDT Officer. An HR professional with over nine years of experience in learning and development, Rantidi holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Human Resource Management and Psychology from the University of the Witwatersrand.



She also recently graduated from the Wits Business School with a Management Advancement Program (MAP) certification, equipping her with skills in leadership, strategic management, digital technology, people management, economics, accounting and financial management. Describing herself as an organised and dedicated individual, she said, "I am a happy person who is committed to doing great work."

Maponya, the new EDT administrator, faced a baptism of fire as he arrived at the time when the department was being restructured amid new recruits. It was overwhelming and exciting at the same time," said Lucas.

Maponya, however, thrived under pressure and enjoyed developing question papers for the Academy's RGA designations. "I found question paper development fascinating and enjoyed being part of the task team," he said.

Maponya holds an honours degree in Public Administration from the University of Johannesburg and is currently pursuing his master's in public administration at Unisa.

With professionals like Rantidi and Maponya on board, SAIGA is undoubtedly on a progressive path towards advancing auditing and accountability in the public sector.

HEALTH IS TRULY WEALTH FOR SAIGA & PSAAA

By Sinazo Mondo



As Bryant McGill advocates, health is priceless wealth. Invest while you can! SAIGA and PSAAA heeded the call from the American thought-leader and author as they hosted a Wellness Day in May.

The Day, packed with activities and knowledge from renowned institutions, proved to be an enriching event dedicated to promoting physical, mental and financial well-being among employees.

Momentum kicked off the event with an invaluable financial well-being talk, offering employees practical advice on managing their finances effectively. Torga Optical and Osmans Optical provided essential eye care services and tests, ensuring everyone had access to good optical health.

Health talks and screenings were conducted by Rooihuiskraal Clinic, offering insights into maintaining overall health. The clinic's nurses were on hand to provide screenings, helping employees stay informed about their health status.

To wrap up the day on an energetic note, Virgin Active led a physical training session, encouraging participants to embrace fitness in their daily lives. This lively session was a perfect conclusion to a day focused on holistic wellness.

The SAIGA & PSAAA Wellness Day was not just about learning and health checks, it was about creating a fun, supportive environment where employees could engage, relax, and rejuvenate. By addressing various aspects of well-being, the event highlighted the importance of a balanced, healthy lifestyle for all.

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