



2017 AFIIA CONFERENCE RESOLUTION

**PRESENTED TO THE CLOSING SESSION OF AFIIA 2017 BY
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*Hon. Senior Minister, Mr. Yaw Osafo-Maafa
Angela Witzany, IIA Global Chair, and past chairs Anton Van Wyk and Phil Tarling
Mr. Richard Chambers, IIA Global CEO and the entire IIA Global Team
Mr. Parity Twinomujuni, Chairman of AFIIA
Members of AFIIA Governing Council
Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen*

All too soon, The 2017 AFIIA conference with the theme: **“Insight to foresight : The New imperative for Internal Audit and Governance”** is coming to an end.

During the three-day period, we had 33 speakers who are subject matter experts in their respective fields.

We also had:

- 11 General sessions including Plenary and Panel discussions
- 6 concurrent sessions with 18 tracks
- There was simultaneous translation (English & French) for the General Sessions and Tracks in the Main Hall. There were also sessions in French and English only for tracks in the Committee Rooms.

The sessions covered Leadership, Governance and operational areas including but not limited to Information Technology, Risk Management and Control. The topics among others, ranged from:

- *Audit never sleeps*
- *The state of the internal audit profession*
- *Protecting the public and corporate purse – required interventions by CEOs & their internal auditors*
- *Enhancing your Risk Assessment and Audit Planning*
- *Guarding against the dark side of leadership*
- *Cyber security – safeguarding your IT environment*
- *Continuous auditing and continuous monitoring using data analytics*
- *Combating corruption in Africa*
- *Growing the profession in Africa – The imperatives for an intelligent auditor*
- *Ethics and confidentiality – an imperative for internal auditors*
- *Relying on Audit reports to enhance oversight responsibility*
- *Changing dynamics of the Global economy and its impact on Africa*
- *The Internal Auditor’s Impact on Public Financial Management*
- *Quality Assurance*
- *Performance Auditing: A measurement approach*

The conference was graced by Professor Aaron Michael Oquaye, Rt. Hon. Speaker of the Parliament of Ghana. He was accompanied by Hon. James Klutse Avedzi, the Deputy Minority Leader of Parliament and Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee. In

attendance was the Minister for National Security, Mr. Albert Kan Dapaah.

The Global Institute sent a nine-member delegation comprising the current Global Chair, Angela Witzany and two past chairs, Anton Van Wyk and Phil Tarling, the Global CEO & President, Mr. Richard Chambers and senior management staff from the Global Institute.

AFIIA was represented by the full governing council led by Chairman of AFIIA Mr. Parity Twinomujini from Uganda.

Discussions on selected topics for the conference were very animated and key issues of concern were highlighted, and in many areas certain recommendations were made.

Hon. Senior Minister, Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen, I am pleased to present the following outcomes and resolutions at the end of the deliberations at this 4th AFIIA Conference:

1. The Internal auditor cannot succeed if he is not accepted as a trusted advisor to the institution. He must however earn the trust through the quality of his work , depth of coverage, timely, relevant and insightful and practical recommendations.
2. The Internal Auditor must remain resolute, cool and level-headed even in turbulent times in order to have the presence of mind to sift out the real risks facing the institution and make the right recommendations towards mitigation.
3. The internal auditor's role in fiscal management, especially public financial management, should not be taken for granted by both the internal auditor and management. To this end, it was recommended that internal auditors must be properly embedded in the processes leading to the development and enactment of internal control frameworks.
4. The fast pace of change in information technology in the global marketplace makes it imperative for the internal audit function to step up to develop its own capability to use technology as well as its competency to review the technology space in the institution.
5. From Insight to Foresight cannot be sustained if there is no Quality Assurance Framework to assist the Internal Audit to deliver the much-expected value to the Institution

IIA GHANA is particularly pleased to have hosted this conference and trust that all delegates and distinguished guests had a fulfilling experience.

Hon. Senior Minister, Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen, we know we could not have given you a perfect conference. We therefore trust that in the spirit of African tradition, you would understand if there were any areas we could have done better, you would not fail to point them out as internal auditors with your insightful recommendations, after all, it is the new imperative for internal audit and governance.

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