



The Institute of
Internal Auditors
Washington (DC)



ANNUAL TOP RISK SUMMIT

“NAVIGATING RISK IN A CHANGING WORLD:
INSIGHTS, INNOVATION & RESILIENCE”

October 28, 2026 | 4 CPE Hours
The World Bank HQ
Washington DC





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What to expect

An engaging and insightful program is planned, featuring distinguished speakers from leading professional service firms, global organizations, and technology experts. Sessions will explore critical topics such as cybersecurity, access management, and artificial intelligence - all shaping the future of internal audit and risk management. Participants will gain practical tools and strategies to strengthen their organizations' internal controls and assurance functions while networking with peers across the audit profession.

Learning Objectives

At the end of the Risk Summit, participants will be able to identify key trends and challenges shaping the Internal Audit profession; explain approaches for strengthening risk management, internal controls, governance, and oversight; recognize emerging cybersecurity risks and related audit priorities; and describe how organizations can build trust, readiness, and resilience in an AI-enabled workforce.

Discussion Topics

- The State of the Internal Audit Profession
- Risk Management and Internal Controls in a Changing Risk Environment: Governance, Implementation, and Oversight
- Cybersecurity Risks and Audit Priorities for 2026-2027
- The Human Side of AI: Building Trust, Readiness, and Resilience in an AI-Enabled Workforce



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AGENDA

PROGRAM

* 10:00 am- 10:15 am

Welcome & Opening Remarks

- Anton Leontyev, Senior Vice President IIA DC Chapter
 - Yuko Keicho, Auditor General the World Bank Group
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* 10:15 am- 11:05 am

The State of the Internal Audit Profession

Speaker: Elizabeth Sullivan, Past Chair IIA North America Board

* 11:05 am- 12:00 pm

Risk Management and Internal Controls in a Changing Risk Environment: Governance, Implementation, and Oversight

Speakers: Atisha Burks, AnchorPoint Rising LLC, Molly McCabe, AGA Professional Ethics Board, Graeme Peddle, The World Bank Group, Susan Verghese, IIA

* 12:00 pm- 12:30 pm

Lunch

* 12:30 pm- 1:20 pm

Cybersecurity Risks and Audit Priorities for 2026-2027

Speakers: Melissa Musser and Darren Hulem, GRF CPAs & Advisors

* 1:20 pm- 2:20 pm

The Human Side of AI: Building Trust, Readiness, and Resilience in an AI-Enabled Workforce

Speakers: Sherola Davis and Jennifer Rome, EY; Quiana Dawson, Daelon Advisory; Elizabeth Sullivan, WMATA; Dashaun Dorsey, US Capitol Police; and Sree Mitra, Q-Studio

* 2:20pm- 2:30 pm

Closing Remarks

- Yukari Komuro, President of IIA DC Chapter
- Carol-Ann Boothe, IIA DC VP Programs
- Thomas Brown, IIA DC Assistant VP Programs





DETAILS

Location

The WorldBank HQ
1818 H Street, NW Washington DC 20433

Advance Preparation

None

Delivery Method

Group Live

Who Should Attend

- Senior-Level Managers and Executives
- Enterprise Risk Leaders
- Auditors
- Accountants
- CIAs, CPAs, CGFMs, ACCAs, CISAs

Prerequisites

- None

Pricing

- IIA Members: \$30
- Non-IIA Members: \$55
- Students: Free

Meeting Policy

Refund Policy: IIA DC Chapter cannot offer refunds and all transactions are final.

Attendance Policy: To receive 4 CPE hours, you must attend the presentations from 10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

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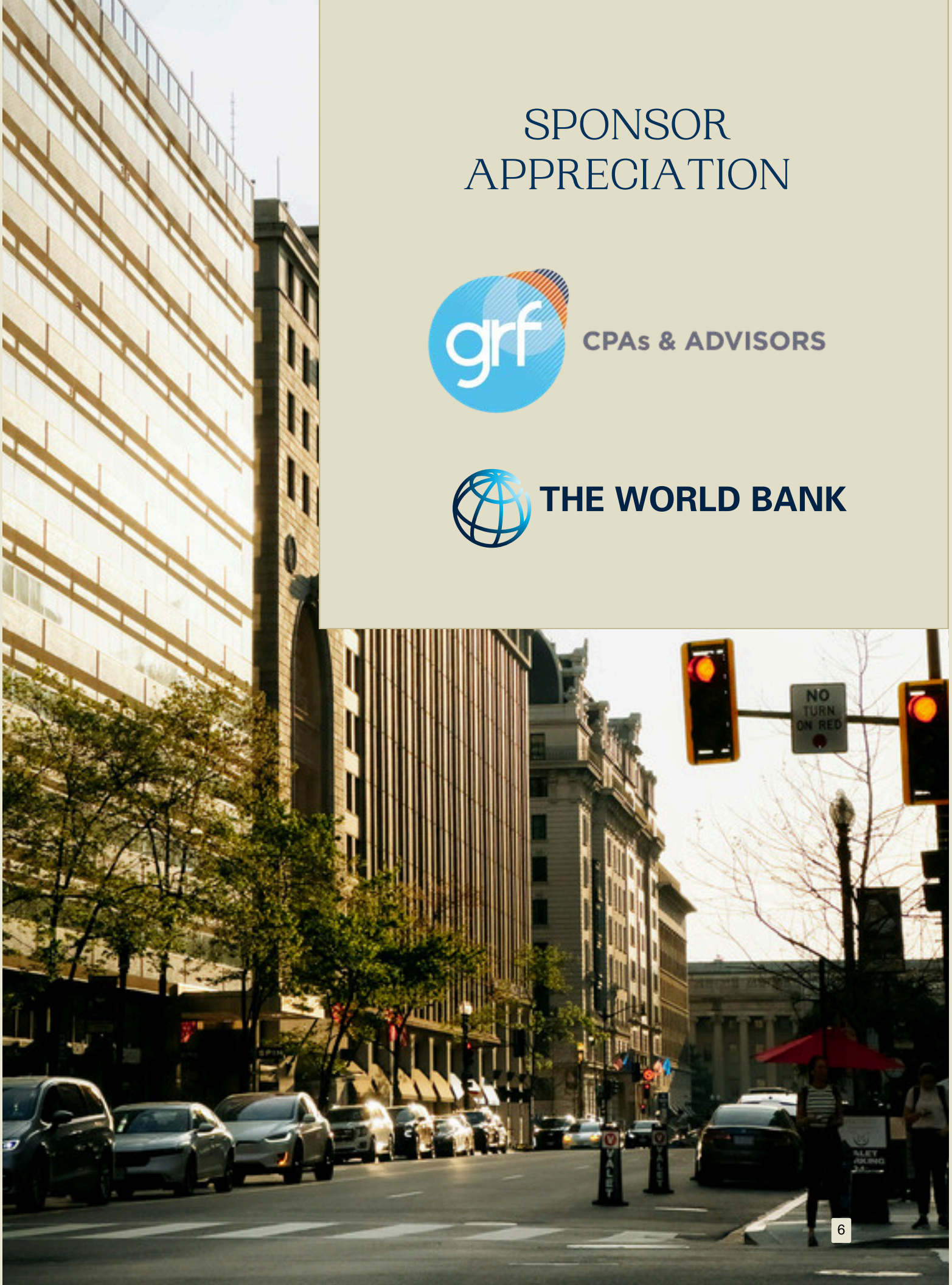
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SPEAKER BIOS



Elizabeth Sullivan

The Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) North America Board of Directors & Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)

Elizabeth Sullivan serves as Immediate Past Chair after leading the Board as Chair from 2025 to 2026 and a 2025-26 Director of the Global Board of Directors of the IIA. Elizabeth is the Senior Vice President, Chief Risk and Audit Officer at WMATA and heads its Audit and Compliance department. With over 28 years of audit, risk management, financial industry, and public sector experience, she leads the internal audit function in providing assurance and advisory services that enable change for strong organizational governance and effective risk management and internal control systems.

At WMATA, in addition to the internal audit function, Elizabeth oversees external assurance and regulatory compliance, risk and business advisory services, and integrated risk management systems. Her department facilitates WMATA's enterprise risk management (ERM) program, which is designed to enable proactive management of risks to help achieve strategic, operational, financial, and compliance objectives. Prior to joining WMATA, Elizabeth spent 18 years in the financial industry, providing progressive leadership in corporate risk management and internal audit. Elizabeth began her service to The IIA at the chapter level, and continued through to the Global Member Competency and Learning faculty and the North American Board. She is the current Chair of the American Public Transportation Association's Committee of Audit Professionals and is committed to establishing and promoting standards of performance and conduct for audit organizations within the transit industry.

Elizabeth is a Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) and holds a Certification in Risk Management Assurance (CRMA) and a Certification in Control Self Assessment (CCSA).

Atisha Burks

AnchorPoint Rising LLC

Ms. Atisha Burks is the founder of AnchorPoint Rising LLC, which provides fractional Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and Chief Operating Officer (COO) services to nonprofits and organizations collaborating with government entities. Through her firm, she advises organizations on financial strategy, operational effectiveness, and governance to strengthen mission-driven impact. Ms. Burks brings more than 20 years of senior federal executive leadership experience in financial management, reporting, and policy. Most recently, she served as Chief Financial Officer for the Federal Protective Service (FPS), where she oversaw financial management, acquisitions, and risk management operations.

Prior to her role at FPS, Ms. Burks held several senior leadership positions across the federal government, including Senior Leader for Financial Operations with the Department of the Navy, Chief of Financial Reporting, Policy, and Property with the U.S. Coast Guard, and Director of Financial Reporting and Policy at the U.S. Department of Commerce. In these roles, she led initiatives to strengthen financial reporting, internal controls, and policy development across large and complex organizations.





Molly McCabe
AGA Professional Ethics Board

Mrs. Molly McCabe has been a member of AGA's Professional Ethics Board since 2021 and served as Chair for 2025–2026. Now retired, she brings more than 40 years of financial management, risk management, reporting, internal control, and audit experience across the federal, commercial, and nonprofit sectors.

Her career includes 12 years of federal service, including serving as a member of the Senior Executive Service in two Cabinet-level departments. She held key leadership positions as Acting Deputy Chief Financial Officer at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and Chief Risk Management Officer at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). She also completed a detail supporting the Controller at the Office of Management and Budget, where she helped develop federal financial management guidance and directives for government-wide implementation.

Throughout her career, Mrs. McCabe has led and supported improvements in financial reporting, enterprise risk management, internal controls, and accountability reporting. Her accomplishments include AGA Certificate of Excellence in Accountability Reporting recognition for two agencies and special recognition from the OMB Controller for her work supporting CFO Act agencies with their Financial Management “Getting to Green” initiatives. Prior to her federal service, Mrs. McCabe spent more than 20 years in the private sector in financial and business leadership roles. She has also served as a consultant to federal agencies, advising senior leadership and supporting financial and risk management improvements and critical financial audits

Graeme Peddle
The World Bank Group

Graeme Peddle is a Program Manager at the World Bank Group's Internal Audit Vice Presidency (GIA). He has over 30 years of experience in audit and risk management, spanning external audit, information security, and internal audit. Graeme joined the World Bank Group in 2018 as an Audit Supervisor and later assumed leadership of GIA's Quality Assurance and Improvement Program, where he champions internal audit as a catalyst for positive business change. In his current role, he focuses on internal audit quality assurance, learning and development, and process innovation.

Before joining the World Bank Group, Graeme was the Chief Audit Executive and Head of Risk at an Africa-focused gold mining company headquartered in London. Graeme holds a Master's degree in Computer Auditing from the University of Johannesburg and is a Chartered Accountant (South Africa).

Graeme is also a Certified Internal Auditor (CIA), a Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA), and holds a Certification in Risk Management Assurance (CRMA).





Susan Verghese
Institute of Internal Auditors

Susan Verghese has been working with the IIA as an independent consultant since 2002, participating and leading External Quality Assessments. She has reviewed Internal Audit functions for about 100 organizations around the world in the financial, manufacturing, healthcare, and technology sectors. She also conducts training on behalf of the IIA in the areas of Ethics, Quality Assessments, etc. Susan has worked at The World Bank Group for about 20 years in multiple roles including coordinating the annual risk assessment; reporting to the Audit Committee, President, and senior management of the World Bank Group; coordinating with the UN and other Multilateral Financial Institutions as well as Industry bodies like IIA, ISACA, etc.

She serves as the Vice Chair of the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee of UNIDO, Vienna as well as on the Governing Council of Indus Business Academy, a leading Business School in Bangalore, India.

Prior to joining the World Bank, Susan worked in software services organizations, such as IBM, Citibank group, and the Tata Group (TCS and Tata IBM) in India. She has experience in industries such as Retail and Distribution, Manufacturing, Insurance and Banking & Financial Institutions.

She also has experience in ISO 9000 standards as well as the SEI CMM Standards of Quality. She has been involved with quality, training, as well as diversity and inclusion, throughout her career.

Melissa Musser
GRF CPAs & Advisors

Melissa Musser is a recognized authority in risk advisory services and leads GRF's Risk & Advisory Services practice, providing clients with strategic guidance to identify opportunities and manage risks effectively. Her expertise spans internal audit, enterprise risk management (ERM), cybersecurity, compliance, internal control optimization, and strategic planning. With experience in both public accounting and internal audit leadership roles for global SEC companies and academic institutions, Melissa has helped numerous organizations strengthen their governance, risk, and control frameworks.

A sought-after speaker and thought leader, Melissa frequently presents on ERM, internal audit, cybersecurity, and governance at national conferences. She is a recipient of the AICPA IMTA Standing Ovation Award (2018) and was honored for Excellence in Innovation in Consulting® Magazine's 2022 Women Leaders in Technology Awards. Melissa has served as President of the IIA Washington, DC Chapter and is a founding partner of NC State's ERM Initiative for Nonprofit Organizations. A proud CODA (Child of Deaf Adults), she is deeply committed to serving the nonprofit community. Melissa holds a B.S. in Accounting from the University of Akron and is a CPA, CIA, CITP, and CISA.





Darren Hulem
GRF CPAs & Advisors

Darren Hulem has over 10 years of experience in Information Technology and cybersecurity, supporting clients across diverse sectors including small and medium-sized businesses, international NGOs, nonprofits, and associations. For the past seven years, he has been a key member of GRF's Risk and Advisory Services team, helping organizations identify, assess, and manage cybersecurity risks. As a Senior Manager, Darren oversees engagement planning, fieldwork, reporting, and client communications—bringing a comprehensive and practical approach to every project.

Darren leverages his expertise to deliver a wide range of cybersecurity services, including risk assessments, vulnerability analysis, IT and co-sourced internal audits, SOC 2 examinations, ISO 27001:2022 compliance audits, penetration testing, and third-party risk reviews. He holds multiple professional certifications and continually advances his knowledge to stay ahead of emerging technologies and threats. Recently, he passed the CMMC Certified Professional (CCP) exam and is pursuing CMMC Certified Assessor (CCA) training, reinforcing his commitment to helping clients strengthen their cybersecurity posture.

Sherola Davis
EY

Sherola is a Partner in the Ernst & Young's (EY) Business Consulting Practice. She has 20 years of experience in delivering risk-based compliance, financial and technology-enabled solutions across a multitude of clients and industries to solve complex challenges and support the acceleration and achievement of their business outcomes. Sherola's expertise include integrated risk management; establishing internal audit functions; internal audit/controls transformations; pre-IPO readiness assessments; ERP-based process design and control implementations; functional diagnostics for internal audit transformations; quality assessment reviews; future state internal audit/internal control design; system-based process optimization efforts and program management.

She has worked across 25+ clients in the private sector, including technology, automotive, health, media and entertainment, power and utilities, and aerospace and defense. Sherola currently supports clients within the Government and Public Sector where she assists agencies with establishing their internal audit offices, leading GAGAS performance audits/internal audits, and leading various OMB Circular A-123 services relating to internal control, enterprise risk management, and payment integrity.

Sherola holds a Bachelors in Accounting from Central Connecticut State University. She is a licensed Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and Certified Internal Auditor (CIA).





Jennifer Rome
EY

Jennifer Rome is a senior leader in EY's People Consulting practice with more than 20 years of experience helping organizations navigate workforce, organizational, and technology-driven transformation. She advises senior executives on workforce strategy, organizational design, talent management, employee experience, change leadership, and the adoption of new technologies and operating models.

Her work includes helping organizations address the workforce and organizational implications of AI and other emerging technologies. She collaborates with HR, operational, and technology leaders to identify opportunities to improve business processes and employee experiences while preparing workforces for new ways of working. Her experience includes helping organizations evaluate the impact of AI on organizational structures, job roles, future skill requirements, workforce planning, training strategies, and business adoption. Jennifer brings a workforce-centered perspective to conversations about how organizations can embrace innovation while building trust, readiness, and sustainable change.

Quiana Dawson
Daelon Advisory

Quiana E. Dawson is the Founder and CEO of Daelon Advisory, a firm that helps organizations sharpen their strategy, improve operational efficiency and deliver complex programs. She's also an Adjunct Professor at the University of Maryland's Robert H. Smith School of Business, where she prepares undergraduate business students to enter the workforce. The classroom gives her a front-row view of how the next generation of professionals are learning, working and using AI, and what that means for the organizations that will hire them and the auditors who will oversee them.



Quiana brings 20 years of experience leading complex, high-stakes programs for federal defense and civilian agencies at EY, Deloitte and Booz Allen Hamilton. She has built program management offices from the ground up and led large, geographically dispersed teams through audit support and audit readiness work. She has also designed the governance, risk tracking and financial reporting structures that keep multi-year programs on course. Her technical background covers federal financial management, independent verification and validation, and executive reporting. She's known for spotting the patterns others miss, aligning people and resources around a clear mission, and turning dense financial and operational data into clear direction for senior leaders.

Quiana served as a grant maker for EY Foundation's inaugural Community Engagement Fund. She holds a B.S. in Finance from Morgan State University, completed executive education at the Yale School of Management, and is a certified Project Management Professional (PMP) and Certified ScrumMaster.



Dashaun Dorsey **US Capitol Police**

Mr. Dorsey is a highly accomplished financial management executive with over 20 years of experience, specializing in transforming finance and operations to achieve strategic and mission-oriented outcomes across all three branches of government. He is a Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM), actively serving as the Chief Financial Officer for the United States Capitol Police, where he leads the Office of Financial Management in providing essential financial services across the department.

He was recently named the United States Capitol Police 2025 Professional Staff Executive of the Year for his role in strengthening the Department's fiscal governance processes while maintaining responsiveness to operational demands. Prior to this role he worked for the 'Big Four' advisory firms to support federal agencies with their financial management challenges.

Sree Mitra **Q-Studio**

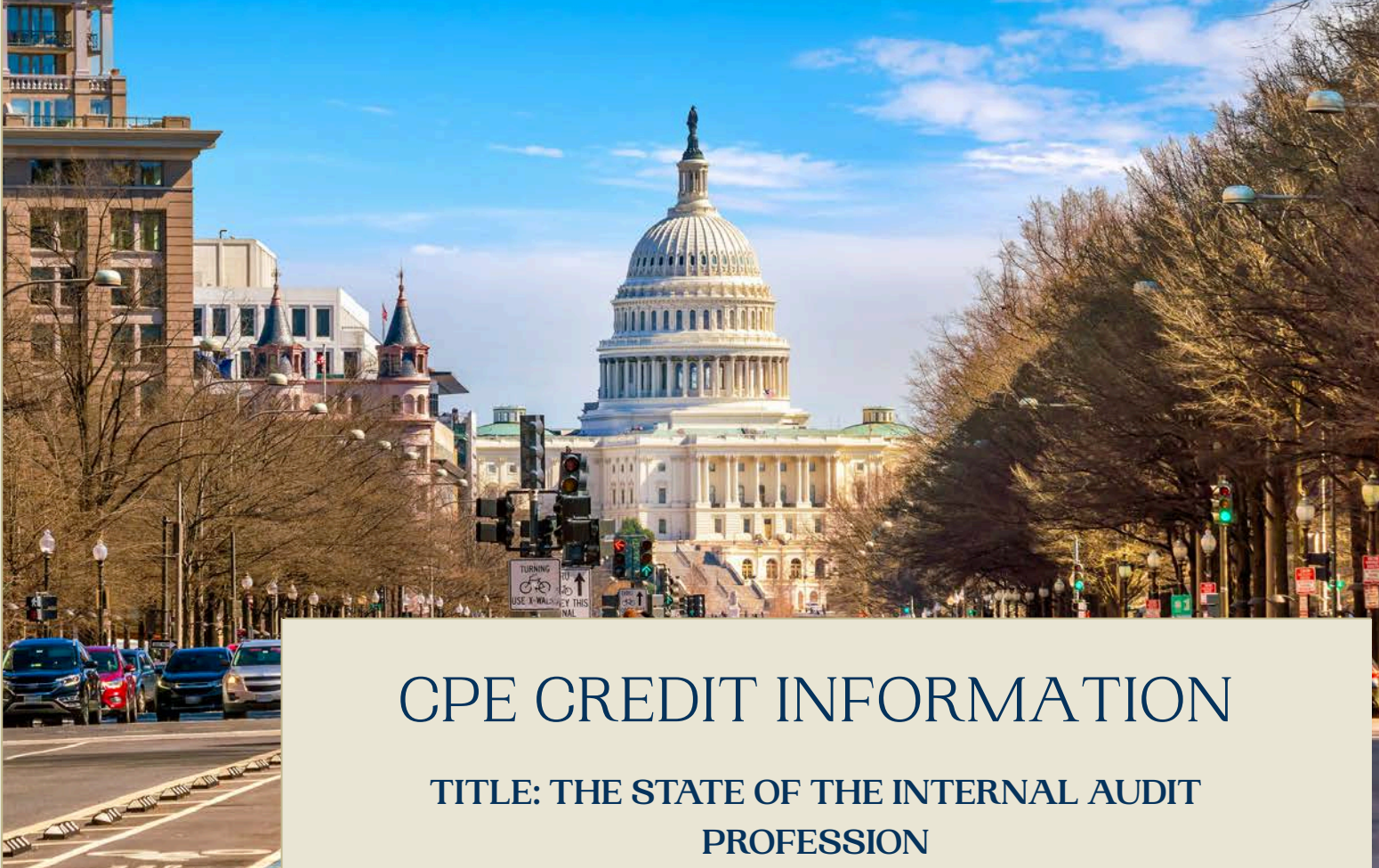
Sree Mitra is redefining what workforce performance means in the age of AI. As Founder and CEO of Q Studio, she leads her company with one conviction: the mind is our greatest asset and the one true competitive advantage. Q Studio's cutting-edge programs systematically upskill the workforce on Mind Skills — the cognitive and emotional capabilities behind sharper engagement, better decision-making and smarter human-AI collaboration.

Prior to founding Q Studio, Sree spent over 25 years with EY and Deloitte, and consulted many notable global organizations on their business strategies, operational and financial processes, and risk management. One of her key responsibilities as a Partner at EY involved frequent interactions with Board of Directors, Audit Committees, and CXOs on matters related to strategic transformations and operational efficiency.

In her various leadership roles, Sree has led teams in multiple countries bringing them together with a shared vision and purpose. She is consistently sought as a role model and mentor by women professionals.

Sree is passionate about contributing to the entrepreneurship ecosystem. Through her various sponsorship and advisory roles, she brings her deep business expertise and access to a wide network of resources, helping innovative programs and startups become scalable and sustainable.





CPE CREDIT INFORMATION

TITLE: THE STATE OF THE INTERNAL AUDIT PROFESSION

Description

This opening keynote session will provide an overview of the strategic role of internal audit in a world of interconnected threats, highlighting global risk trends, challenges, and opportunities that are shaping the future of assurance, risk, and governance. The session will reflect on emerging technologies, talent demands, regulatory expectations, and the evolving role of internal auditors in delivering organizational value.

Learning Objectives

After completing this session, participants will be able to:

- Identify key risks Globally and in North America and major trends impacting the internal audit profession now and into the future.
- Describe how internal auditors are adapting to emerging risks and stakeholder expectations.
- Recognize the impact of technology, regulation, and talent dynamics on audit functions.
- Gain strategic insights to help shape audit priorities and long-term value delivery.

NASBA Field of Study

Auditing

Duration

50 minutes (1.0 CPE hour)

Advanced Preparation

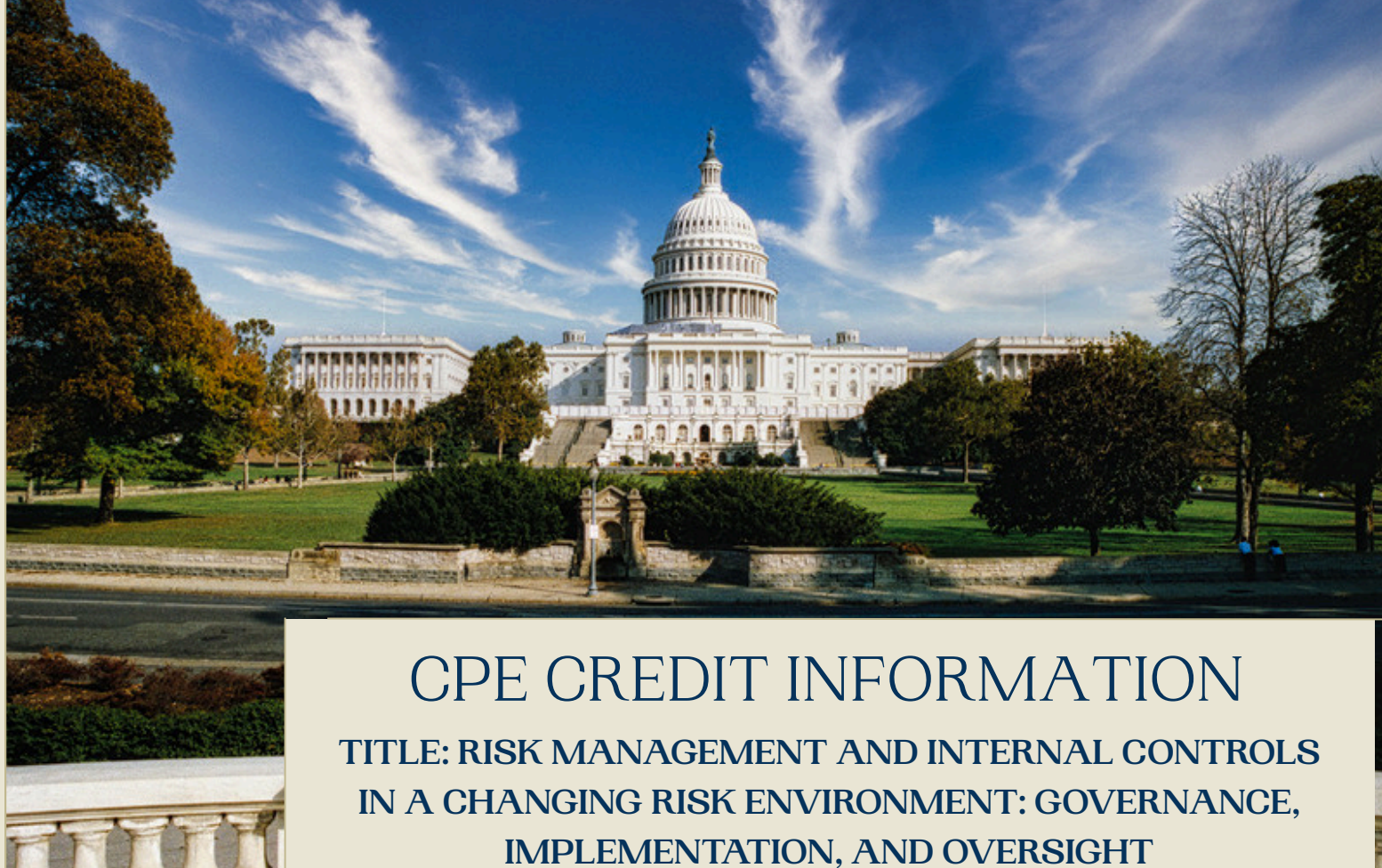
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Program Level

Overview

Prerequisites

None



CPE CREDIT INFORMATION

TITLE: RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL CONTROLS IN A CHANGING RISK ENVIRONMENT: GOVERNANCE, IMPLEMENTATION, AND OVERSIGHT

Description

Organizations are operating in an increasingly complex and rapidly changing risk environment, requiring risk management and internal control programs to continually evolve. This panel discussion will explore practical approaches to developing, implementing, and overseeing effective risk management and internal control frameworks. Panelists will share perspectives on governance, accountability, emerging risks, integration of risk and controls into organizational processes, and the role of internal audit and other assurance functions in evaluating effectiveness and supporting continuous improvement.

Learning Objectives

After completing this session, participants will be able to:

- Identify key considerations for developing and implementing effective risk management and internal control programs in a changing risk environment.
- Describe governance roles and responsibilities for overseeing risk management and internal controls and promoting accountability across the organization.
- Assess how emerging and evolving risks may require changes to existing risk management strategies and internal control activities.
- Recognize the role of internal audit and other assurance functions in evaluating risk management and internal control effectiveness and identifying opportunities for improvement.

NASBA Field of Study

Auditing

Advanced Preparation

None

Duration

50 minutes (1.0 CPE hours)

Program Level

Overview

Prerequisites

None



CPE CREDIT INFORMATION

TITLE: CYBERSECURITY AND AUDIT PRIORITIES FOR 2026-2027

Description

As cyber threats, technologies, and regulatory expectations evolve, organizations must reassess whether their cybersecurity controls and audit plans address the most significant areas of risk. In this presentation, we will examine the cybersecurity risks expected to shape 2026–2027, the controls organizations should prioritize, and how internal audit and leadership can provide meaningful oversight of cybersecurity preparedness and resilience.

Learning Objectives

After completing this session, participants will be able to:

- Identify key cybersecurity risks and trends for 2026–2027.
- Understand audit priorities for access management, data protection, artificial intelligence, cloud security, and third-party risk.
- Recognize the importance of incident response, business continuity, and cybersecurity resilience.
- Evaluate cybersecurity governance and controls using a risk-based approach.
- Identify opportunities for internal audit and leadership to strengthen cybersecurity oversight.

NASBA Field of Study

Auditing

Duration

50 minutes (1.0 CPE hours)

Program Level

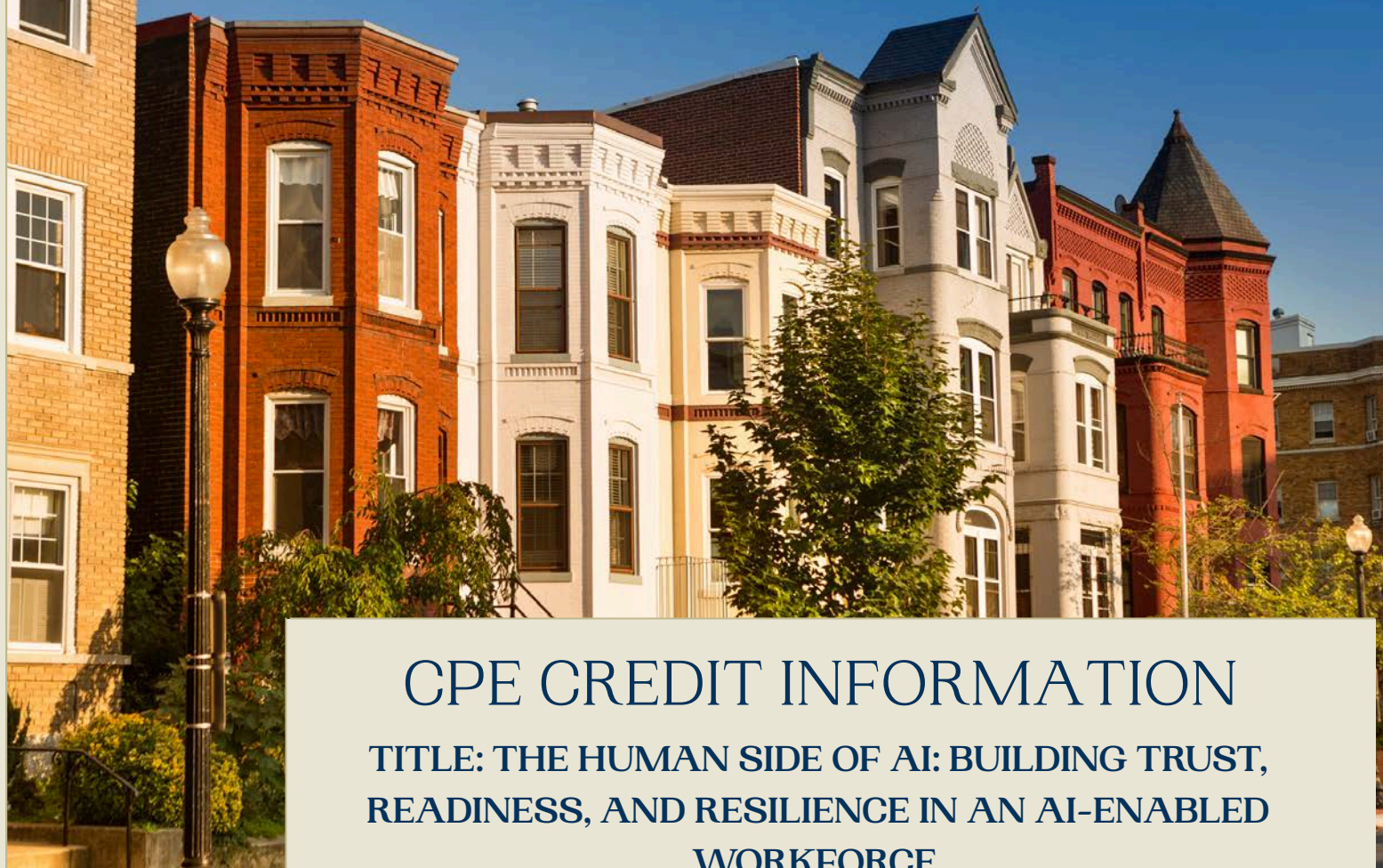
Overview

Prerequisites

None

Advanced Preparation

None



CPE CREDIT INFORMATION

TITLE: THE HUMAN SIDE OF AI: BUILDING TRUST, READINESS, AND RESILIENCE IN AN AI-ENABLED WORKFORCE

Description

This session explores the five most critical risks facing the Internal Audit Function today: the ones most likely to undermine its credibility and long-term effectiveness if not addressed. Participants will examine real-world examples across sectors such as banking, healthcare, and corporate governance to understand how these risks emerge and impact internal audit credibility. The session emphasizes practical strategies and lessons learned to safeguard Internal Audit's effectiveness and long-term value to stakeholders. Attendees will leave with actionable insights to strengthen their function's resilience and alignment with professional standards.

Learning Objectives

After completing this session, participants will be able to:

- Describe how AI is reshaping workforce roles, responsibilities, and ways of working.
- Identify key factors that influence successful AI adoption, including culture, trust, and change readiness.
- Recognize emerging risks related to AI adoption, including overreliance on AI, accountability gaps, workforce readiness, and shadow AI usage.
- Understand how internal audit and risk functions can support responsible, human-centered AI transformation.
- Apply practical considerations for balancing innovation, governance, and human oversight in an AI-enabled environment.

NASBA Field of Study

Personnel/Human Resources

Advanced Preparation

None

Duration

60 minutes (1.0 CPE hour)

Program Level

Overview

Prerequisites

None



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