

"An overview of International Standards" – 24 October 2019

Overview and aim of short training

This short training course aims at giving Internal Auditors and related business professionals, an overview of the up-to-date International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing (*Standards*), and of the related framework of the Institute of Internal Auditors. It will also provide participants the opportunity to learn and evaluate some of the latest developments relating to the International Professional Practices Framework.

Objectives of the short training

The objectives of this short training include the following:

- To gain an overview of the up-to-date International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing (*Standards*).
- To understand the purpose, nature and types of the *Standards*.
- To appreciate the importance of conformance with the *Standards* in improving performance.
- To understand the role of the *Standards* within the overall International Professional Practices Framework (IPPF).
- To analyse the latest developments in the IPPF and the impact on businesses and professionals.

Target Audience

The short training is targeted to all new and experienced internal auditors from all organisations, regardless their nature, size or industry in which they operate. It is also targeted to external auditors, business consultants, risk, compliance and control professionals, as well as managers and members of Audit Committees who wish to gain an overview of the International *Standards*.

Methodology and tools

PowerPoint presentation and discussions.

Short C.V. of Instructor

Mr. Onisiforos A. Onisiforou, *BA, MBA, FCA, CIA, CCSA, CGAP, CFSA, CRMA*, has over 25 years of experience in national and international organizations in the private and public sectors, in the fields of treasury, financial control, business advisory, external and internal auditing. He qualified as a Chartered Accountant (ICAEW) whilst working for one of the largest international auditing firms (big 4) in the U.K.

Onisiforos is a founding member of IIA Cyprus and served as its elected President for two consecutive terms (2008-2012). He also served as the Chairperson of its *Institutions, Standards & Ethics Committee*, as well as its *Research & Training Committee*. He is also a member of the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Cyprus (ICPAC). Under this capacity, he has served the profession through participation in a number of committees in the capacity as Chairperson, Secretary or member.

Onisiforos has held numerous leadership positions in local and pan-European committees. He has participated in numerous training courses, seminars and conferences in Cyprus and abroad, including in world famous universities and management schools in the USA and Europe. Finally, Onisiforos has delivered numerous speeches and presentations in conferences in Cyprus and in many other countries abroad in the areas of his expertise. He is a certified trainer (by the Cyprus Human Resources Development Authority).

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