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Program Title	Navigating Risks and Challenges: Insights from Leaders in Oversight and Accountability
Location	International Monetary Fund 700 19th Street, NW Washington, DC 20431 HQ2; Conference Hall 2
Date	January 16, 2025
Start Time	11:30 am
End Time	2:00 pm
Program Description	Throughout this session, attendees will explore a variety of risk management strategies and compliance solutions employed across different sectors. Our expert panelists will share their experiences and insights, highlighting how they address unique sector-specific challenges and enforce rigorous standards of accountability and transparency.
Learning Objectives	<ol> <li>At the end of this meeting, participants will learn about:</li> <li>Identify key risk management strategies employed by oversight bodies.</li> <li>Understand the compliance challenges specific to different sectors and how they are addressed by leaders in the field.</li> <li>Apply insights from the discussion to enhance their organization's risk management and accountability frameworks.</li> <li>Discuss and evaluate the latest trends and developments in oversight and accountability.</li> </ol>
Discussion Topics	<ol> <li>Current Trends in Oversight and Accountability: An exploration of the latest trends affecting regulatory compliance and oversight, including technological advancements and regulatory changes.</li> <li>Challenges in Risk Management: Discussion on major risks currently faced by organizations, including financial, operational, and cyber risks, and the strategies to manage them effectively.</li> <li>The Role of Internal Audits in Enhancing Transparency: How internal audits contribute to organizational transparency and accountability, including case studies from recent audit challenges.</li> <li>Navigating Compliance Across Sectors: Insights from Inspector Generals and audit leaders on sector-specific compliance issues, including government, healthcare, and finance.</li> <li>Future of Oversight: Predictions on the evolution of oversight roles and methods, including the impact of artificial intelligence and data analytics on audits and compliance.</li> </ol>
Delivery Options	Group Live
CPE Credit	2 CPE in Management Services.
Program Level	Overview
Prerequisites	None





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Advanced Preparation	None
Who should attend	All-level managers and executives, senior-level managers, entry-level staff, auditors, accountants, ACCAs, CMA, CPAs, CPEs, and CIA
Pricing	<ul> <li>AGA, IIA, &amp; ACCA Members - \$25</li> <li>Non-Members - \$45</li> <li>Full Time Students - FREE</li> </ul>
Course Registration Link	https://form.jotform.com/243473961290158
Attendance Policy	To receive 2.0 CPE credit, you must attend the entire course.
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# **Speakers**



# Michael Vierheller, Moderator, Principal BDO

Michael is a Principal at BDO with 30 years of experience in providing risk and advisory services through both roles in public accounting and in industry. Michael in the Leader of BDO's RAS Greater Washington practice. Prior to joining BDO, Michael held multiple internal audit executive positions in industry and was also a Partner for a Big 4 Accounting Firm.

Michael, and his team focus primarily on the delivery of Internal Audit, Sarbanes-Oxley Compliance and process and control services to clients. His clients have been in a wide range of industries including Government Contracting, Higher Education, Not-for-Profit, Hospitality, Manufacturing and Retail. Michael has also supported several clients with the selection and implementation of technological solutions to achieve business objectives.

Throughout his career, Michael has worked with clients as large as the Fortune 100 to as small as start-ups still in the research and development stages and not yet producing revenue. This range of experience has proven to be extremely valuable in knowing that one-size fit all solutions do not exist and that the most effective solutions are those that are tailored to each client's individual needs.

Michael holds a B.S., Accounting, Pennsylvania State University and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Institute of Internal Auditors, Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants, and the Association of College and University Auditors (ACUA).







#### Honorable Larry D. Turner, Inspector General Department of Labor

The Honorable Larry D. Turner was sworn in as the Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) on December 7, 2021, following his nomination by the President and confirmation by the U.S. Senate. As head of the Office of Inspector General (OIG), Mr. Turner leads a nationwide, independent oversight organization with an annual budget of \$97 million and more than 300 criminal investigators, auditors, attorneys, subject-matter experts, and management professionals whose mission is to detect and deter waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement in DOL programs, and to promote economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in DOL operations.

As Inspector General, Mr. Turner oversees essential programs, such as unemployment insurance, worker safety and health, training and reemployment services, pension and health care benefits, wage and hour standards, and economic statistics. He also directs criminal investigations into organized crime influence and labor racketeering corruption in employee benefit plans, internal union affairs, and labor-management relations. In addition, the OIG works with other law enforcement partners on human trafficking matters.

Mr. Turner holds a BS Degree in Business from Morgan State University, an MBA in Business Management from Golden Gate University, and an MS Degree in Resource Management from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces (ICAF). He is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College; the Harvard University Senior Executive Fellow Program; the Defense Leadership and Management Program (DLAMP); and the Federal Executive Institute. Mr. Turner holds a Certificate in Financial Planning from Georgetown University.

Mr. Turner has received numerous civilian and military awards to include DoD and Army Civilian Meritorious Service Awards, Civilian Superior Service Award, Civilian Commander's Award, Legion of Merit, and Meritorious Service Medal with Five Oak Leaf Clusters, multiple Southwest Asia Medals, and the Army Parachutist Badge.



#### Honorable Jon T. Rymer, Inspector General WSSC

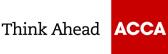
The Honorable Jon T. Rymer served as an Inspector General for over 12 years. Mr. Rymer served as the Inspector General at the US Department of Defense, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Mr. Rymer is currently serving as the Inspector General of WSSCWater in Laurel Maryland. He was appointed to this position in April 2022.

Mr. Rymer also served as the Chair of the Audit Committee for the Council of Inspectors General, Chair of the Comptroller General's Advisory Council on Standards of Internal Control in the Federal Government (the Green Book) and as a member of GAO's Advisory Council on Government Auditing Standards.

Prior to his service as an Inspector General, Mr. Rymer was a director at the accounting firm of KPMG.







### Elizabeth Sullivan, Vice President, Chief Risk and Audit Officer WMATA

Elizabeth is the Vice President, Chief Risk and Audit Officer at the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) and heads its Audit and Compliance department. With over 27 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, she oversees the internal audit function, the external audit liaison, the risk and business advisory department, and regulatory compliance oversight. Her department facilitates the 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 the areas of corporate risk management and internal audit.

Elizabeth Sullivan is a 2024–25 Director of the Global Board of Directors of The Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA), a member of The IIA's North American Board and its current Sinor Vice Chair.

Elizabeth began her service to The IIA at the local IIA 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).



#### Packiaraj Murugan, Assistant Director Office of Internal Audit IMF

Pack Murugan is currently Assistant Director in the Office of Internal Audit (OIA) at the IMF and is the deputy to the Chief Audit Executive of the IMF.

Pack's internal audit experience spans over twenty-five years, including various internal audit leadership roles in international financial institutions (World Bank and IMF) over the last two decades.

Pack is also the Chair of the Supervisory Committee (equivalent of the Audit Committee) of the Bank-Fund Staff Federal Credit Union.

Pack is a Chartered Accountant (India) and Chartered Financial Analyst.



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