

INTERNAL AUDIT LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

4TH EDITION • GHANA • 2026

AUDIT REIMAGINED: From Compliance to Consequence

Bold Leadership. Foresight. Strategic Impact.

3-Day Conference Programme

“Audit Reimagined: From Compliance to Consequence”

Subtheme: Bold Leadership. Foresight. Strategic Impact.

Internal audit has crossed a threshold. Boards no longer want a watchdog — they want a trusted advisor with the courage to lead, the intelligence to foresee risk, and the authority to drive change. The 4th Edition of the Internal Audit Leadership Summit places Ghana and Africa at the centre of that conversation.

This theme fuses three powerful ideas: the reimagining of what audit can be, the strategic foresight required to navigate a volatile world, and the real-world consequences that bold audit leadership can deliver. It is a call to action — not just for the profession, but for every organisation that depends on governance, accountability, and trust.

DAY 1**See the Future***The Digital Frontier: AI, Technology & the Evolving Mandate of Audit*

Day 1 sets the intellectual and strategic tone for the entire summit. Delegates are immersed in the forces reshaping the audit profession — from artificial intelligence to emerging African risks — and challenged to rethink their mandate from the ground up.

#	Time	Session / Topic	Format
01	8:00 – 8:30	Registration & Welcome Coffee	<i>Arrival</i>
02	8:30 – 9:00	Official Opening & Welcome Remarks <i>Reflections on the summit journey, the 4th edition significance, and the road ahead for audit in Ghana and Africa</i>	<i>Plenary</i>
03	9:00 – 9:50	Opening Keynote: The CAE of the Future <i>What bold, consequence-driven leadership looks like in 2026 and beyond</i>	<i>Keynote</i>
	9:50 – 10:10	Morning Tea & Coffee Break	<i>Break</i>
04	10:10 – 11:00	AI in Internal Audit: Hype vs. Reality <i>Practical applications of AI, automation, and data analytics in audit planning, testing, and reporting</i>	<i>Panel</i>
05	11:00 – 11:50	Emerging Risk Horizons: What Keeps Boards Awake <i>Geopolitical risk, climate finance, cyber threats, third-party risk, and institutional resilience in the African context</i>	<i>Panel</i>
06	11:50 – 12:30	Continuous Auditing & Real-Time Assurance <i>Moving from periodic to perpetual audit cycles — tools, pilots, and lessons from the field</i>	<i>Masterclass</i>
	12:30 – 1:00	Lunch Break	<i>Break</i>
07	1:00 – 1:50	Cybersecurity Auditing for Audit Leaders <i>What every CAE must understand about cyber risk — even without a technical background</i>	<i>Workshop</i>
08	1:50 – 2:40	Audit Technology Showcase <i>Tools and platforms reshaping audit workflows — GRC tools, AI assistants, and automation in practice</i>	<i>Demo / Exhibition</i>
09	2:40 – 3:20	Delegate Open Forum: Day 1 Reflections <i>Open Q&A and key takeaways from the day — moderated discussion</i>	<i>Plenary</i>
10	3:20 – 4:00	Networking & Wrap-Up <i>Informal networking, exhibition browsing, and close of Day 1</i>	<i>Networking</i>

EV	From 6:30	Networking Dinner & Recognition of Audit Leaders <i>Hosted evening dinner at Volta Serene — celebrate outstanding audit functions and the next generation of the profession</i>	<i>Evening Event</i>
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Day 1 Outcome: *Delegates leave with a sharper understanding of the forces redefining audit — and the urgency to respond.*

DAY 2
Strengthen the Function
Governance, People & the CAE as Trusted Advisor and Change Agent

Day 2 focuses on the human and governance dimensions of audit leadership. From the CAE’s relationship with the board to ESG assurance, fraud in the digital age, and building high-performance teams — this is where strategy becomes skill.

#	Time	Session / Topic	Format
11	8:00 – 8:20	Day 2 Opening & Recap <i>Brief recap of Day 1 key insights and framing the day ahead</i>	<i>Plenary</i>
12	8:20 – 9:10	Keynote: The CAE–Board Relationship: Speaking Truth to Power <i>Independence, courage, and how to communicate difficult findings to boards and audit committees</i>	<i>Keynote</i>
13	9:10 – 10:00	The Three Lines Model in Practice <i>Strengthening the audit-risk-board relationship in Ghanaian and African institutions</i>	<i>Panel</i>
	10:00 – 10:20	Morning Tea & Coffee Break	<i>Break</i>
14	10:20 – 11:10	ESG Assurance: The Role Internal Audit Must Own <i>Sustainability reporting, ESG governance, assurance readiness, and GRI/ISSB/TCFD frameworks for African organisations</i>	<i>Masterclass</i>
15	11:10 – 12:00	Fraud in the Age of AI: Deepfakes, Cyber Fraud & Forensic Readiness <i>How generative AI enables new fraud vectors — and how audit must detect, respond, and lead</i>	<i>Case Study</i>

16	12:00 – 12:30	Auditing Culture & Conduct Risk <i>Moving beyond financials to the intangibles that drive organisational failure</i>	Masterclass
	12:30 – 1:00	Lunch Break	Break
WA	1:00 – 2:00	Workshop A: Building a High-Performance Audit Team <i>Recruiting, retaining, upskilling, and building succession pipelines for the future</i>	Workshop
WB	2:00 – 3:00	Workshop B: Audit Communication Masterclass <i>Transforming findings into clear, persuasive, board-ready reports — with live exercises</i>	Workshop
17	3:00 – 3:30	Young Audit Leaders Spotlight <i>A dedicated segment celebrating the next generation of audit leaders — inspiring the room and strengthening succession</i>	Special Segment
18	3:30 – 4:00	Networking & Close of Day 2 <i>Informal networking and exhibition browsing</i>	Networking

Day 2 Outcome: *Delegates leave equipped to lead their teams, influence their boards, and deliver audit that changes how organisations are governed.*



DAY 3

Lead the Change

Standards, Public Sector Excellence & the Summit Declaration

Day 3 is action-oriented and legacy-driven. Delegates focus on the new Global Internal Audit Standards, public sector realities, and peer learning — before the summit reaches its emotional peak with the Hot Seat and Case Study Showcase, where real West African audit stories are told. The day closes with the Summit Declaration, a shared commitment to the future of audit leadership in Ghana and Africa.

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19	8:00 – 8:20	Day 3 Opening & Summit Momentum <i>Brief recap of Days 1 & 2 and framing the final day of action</i>	Plenary
20	8:20 – 9:10	Keynote: The New IIA Global Internal Audit Standards	Keynote

		<i>What has changed, what audit functions must do differently, and how CAEs lead successful implementation</i>	
21	9:10 – 10:00	Public Sector Audit Excellence: Accountability, Transparency & Impact <i>Internal audit in government, SOEs, DFIs, and public interest entities in Ghana and West Africa</i>	Panel
	10:00 – 10:20	Morning Tea & Coffee Break	Break
22	10:20 – 11:10	Regulatory Trends in Ghana & West Africa <i>What is changing in financial services, public sector, and beyond — and how audit must respond</i>	Roundtable
23	11:10 – 12:00	Wellbeing & Resilience in Audit Leadership <i>Managing pressure, burnout, and leading with emotional intelligence in high-stakes environments</i>	Interactive
RT	12:00 – 12:30	CAE Peer Roundtable: Lessons from the Field <i>A closed-door session where Ghana and Africa's CAEs share real challenges, successes, and strategies — no vendors present</i>	Closed Roundtable
	12:30 – 1:00	Lunch Break	Break
HS	1:00 – 2:30	The Hot Seat & Case Study Showcase <i>Real-world audit wins, near-misses, and hard lessons from West African institutions — a CAE answers tough questions live, followed by case presentations that capture the room</i>	Interactive / Showcase
24	2:30 – 3:00	Audit Leadership Commitments <i>Delegates articulate their personal leadership pledges for the year ahead — setting the stage for the Declaration</i>	Plenary
25	3:00 – 4:00	Summit Declaration & Awards Ceremony <i>Adoption of the 2026 communiqué, recognition of outstanding audit leaders, and official closing of the 4th Edition</i>	Plenary / Awards

Day 3 Outcome: Delegates leave with raw, real inspiration from peers — personal leadership commitments, a signed declaration, and the collective resolve to reimagine audit across Ghana and Africa.

Summit Special Features

Beyond the formal programme, the following signature elements are recommended to amplify the summit's impact and distinctiveness:

Pre-Summit CPD Masterclass	A focused evening session on Day 0 covering the new IIA Standards, AI for auditors, or ESG assurance readiness. Extra CPD value for early arrivals.
Ghana Audit Excellence Awards	Recognising outstanding audit functions, exceptional CAEs, and rising stars at the Day 3 closing ceremony — a defining moment for the summit's legacy.
Young Audit Leaders Spotlight	A dedicated segment celebrating the next generation of audit leaders. Builds succession, inspires the room, and signals the profession's long-term commitment.
Case Study Competition	Emerging audit leaders present real solutions to current challenges — fraud detection, cyber risk, ESG assurance, or public sector controls. Judged by a senior panel.
Summit Declaration	The summit closes with a signed communiqué — the 2026 Declaration on Internal Audit Leadership in Africa — outlining the collective commitments of delegates to advance the profession.
Sponsor Exhibition	Running across all three days, the exhibition creates visibility for technology providers, GRC firms, training bodies, and consulting partners — integrated into the summit experience.

Summit Journey: See. Strengthen. Lead.

DAY 1 SEE THE FUTURE Understand the forces reshaping internal audit and the risks that will define the profession in the coming years.	DAY 2 STRENGTHEN THE FUNCTION Build stronger teams, sharpen board influence, and respond to fraud, ESG, and governance expectations.	DAY 3 LEAD THE CHANGE Drive standards implementation, peer learning, and a legacy declaration that shapes the profession's future.
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