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Ensuring transparency and accountability in
Public Finance Management



The role of internal audit in improving fiscal integrity

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The relevance of internal audit in the public sector

- In South Africa this is legislated by the PFMA and MFMA
- Is this enough or is separate legislation required (like we have for the Auditor General)

Evaluating systems of internal control for public entities

- Essential for controls to be in place to prevent fraud and corruption and to safeguard assets
- Is enough being done for inter-entity transactions? Should the Internal Auditors of various entities not be allowed to share information? One government – not separate entities

Contribute to the improvement governance processes and practices

- Must be up to date with best practices – therefore need to share information
- Profession must change to be forward looking rather than backward – what is new technological advances vs what deviations happened from current processes
- Therefore need more emphasis on IT audit, Value for money Audit, etc

Provide assurance on the ethical conduct of management

- Oversee their actions, but then require complete independence
- Who oversee the conduct of IA? A person is not ethical because he/she works in a specific unit, it is a way of life

Assist in combating fraud and corruption

- IA always claim it is not their job to detect fraud and corruption. Should it not be their responsibility?

Thank you

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