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# ACCA International Public Sector Conference 2019

A sustainable public sector

28 FEBRUARY AND 1 MARCH  
PRAGUE MARRIOTT HOTEL



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# Introduction

**Welcome to our ninth ACCA global public sector conference hosted for the first time in Prague, Czech Republic. ACCA is one of the largest global professional bodies for the public sector, with over 64,000 members and students working in the sector. We are pleased to be co-organising this conference in partnership with the Czech Chamber of Auditors.**

This annual flagship event for the public sector brings together senior public sector finance professionals from around the world. This year we are delighted to welcome the President of CA ANZ, six auditor generals or deputy auditor generals, two deputy ministers of finance, and representatives of the World Bank, Transparency International and European Commission – to name but a few. This line-up promises to deliver an outstanding conference.

Our theme this year is **A Sustainable Public Sector**. Over the next two days we'll explore together a wide range of issues and topics about how the profession in the public sector can evolve to offer a sustainable future. In light of this theme, we are sharing the results of our new flagship report at the conference: *How Accountants can Bridge the Global infrastructure Gap – Improving outcomes across the entire project life cycle*. This report was produced in partnership with CPA Canada and shows that closing the infrastructure gap can only be achieved by bringing the perspectives and skills of accountants to the centre of professional team that leads on selecting, financing, building and operating infrastructure.

Alongside the launch of our infrastructure research, the conference's programme will cover a number of relevant themes:

- Public sector innovation in the digital age.
- The role of supreme audit institutions in delivering a sustainable public sector.
- A feature on fraud, corruption and serious organized crime.
- Financial reporting, public financial management and the implementation of international standards.

There is no doubt that building a sustainable public sector is one of the key challenges for governments in the 21st century. We all know that public services are struggling to do more with less, we are facing a global ageing population, the challenges of climate change, and a new wave of trade protectionism. These challenges cannot be faced by isolated institutions, but in many cases will require an international response; demonstrating the need for a global forum like this conference.

But together we can meet these challenges. We wish you all an inspiring conference, where new ideas and connections will inspire your work in 2019. Please use the conference app to actively participate in the conference sessions and share your views on social media through our **#ACCAIPSC2019**.

**Lucia Real-Martin**

Director – ACCA Emerging Markets



#### VENUE

##### **Prague Marriott Hotel**

V Celnici 8, 110 00 Nové Město, Czech Republic

#### FACILITIES

The Prague Marriott Hotel is an elegant 5-star hotel with an unparalleled service. Their beautifully designed rooms and suites provide a home away from home, with newly renovated decor, deluxe pillow top mattresses, high-speed Wi-Fi and flat-screen TVs. Enjoy a coffee at Espressamente Illy, hotel's on-site coffee house, or treat yourself to a perfectly prepared steak at Midtown Grill. Stay energized during your Prague visit with a workout in their gym as well. Those looking to explore Old Town Prague city centre will find the hotel ideally situated near Old Town Square, the Charles Bridge and other legendary attractions.

#### WIFI PASSWORD

The attendees at the Conference will have access to the Marriott Hotel's WiFi, the details are below.

Account: Marriott Conference

Password: Marriott2019

Those staying at the hotel will also have a guest WiFi password available to use in the rooms and on the premises (this will be provided on request by reception or available in the room).

#### SOCIAL MEDIA

Conference delegates will be able to contribute to the conversation throughout the two days by sharing their views on social media platforms using the #ACCAIPSC2019.



#### FOOD AND DRINK

Meals and refreshments will be provided for delegates during the course of the conference.

Please note that the dinner has not been arranged for the evening of 28 February, apart from the networking reception from 17:30 to 19:30 that includes drinks and nibbles.

Room service is also available at Prague Marriott Hotel. If you take up this option, you will need to cover any costs yourself.

#### DRESS CODE

The daytime dress code across both days of the conference is business wear.

#### TRANSFERS

You will be required to arrange your own transfers.

#### DEPARTURE

The International Public Sector Conference closes at 2pm on 1 March.

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# Conference programme

## DAY ONE: 28 FEBRUARY 2019

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08:30 Coffee and registration

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09:00 **Welcome address from ACCA**  
Mark Millar – Vice President, ACCA

09:10 **Keynote speech: A sustainable public sector**  
Tomáš Vyhnánek – Deputy Minister, Ministry of Finance, Czech Republic

09:30 **Bridging the infrastructure gap**  
Alex Metcalfe – Head of Public Sector Policy, ACCA  
Davinder Valeri – Director of Strategy, Risk and Performance, CPA Canada

The launch of a flagship new report that quantifies and categorises the infrastructure gap whilst considering how accountants can play a role in supporting project selection, financing, build and operation.

10:00 **Infrastructure panel discussion**  
Chairman: Alex Metcalfe – Head of Public Sector Policy, ACCA  
  
Panel:  
World Bank representative  
Anne Stafford – Professor of Accounting and Finance, Alliance Manchester Business School  
Davinder Valeri – Director of Strategy, Risk and Performance, CPA Canada

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10:45 Break

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11:15 **Auditor Generals in dialogue**  
Chairman: Stephen Walker – President, Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand

Panel:  
Mussa Juma Assad – Auditor General, Tanzania  
Anthony Mkpè Ayine – Auditor General, Nigeria  
Zamir Ahmad – Deputy Auditor General, Pakistan  
Pamela Monroe Ellis – Auditor General, Jamaica

Auditor Generals from around the world discuss the principal challenges and developments facing supreme audit institutions globally.

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12:30 Networking lunch

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- 13:30     **Break-out sessions (1)**  
Updates in accountancy – Biljana Bogovac, Partner in Assurance Services Department, PwC Belgrade  
EPSAS update – Alexandre Macaronidis, Former Head of EPSAS Unit, European Commission
- 14:00     **Break-out sessions (2)**  
Effectiveness and efficiency in health care – Martin Turner, Management Consultant, Martin Turner Associates  
Understandable reporting and data visualisation – Vincent Tophoff, General Manager Eska, formerly lead of IFAC's Accountability. Now. initiative, Eska
- 14:30     **Digital showcase**  
Gary Kent – Commissioner of Corporate Services and CFO, City of Mississauga, Canada  
Sandra Särav – Global Affairs Director, Government CIO Office, Estonia, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications  
Case studies on how digital developments can transform finance and accountancy.
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- 15:15     Break
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- 15:45     **Creating a 21st century public finance function**  
Mike Driver, Chief Financial Officer, Ministry of Justice; and head of the UK Government finance function, HM Treasury
- 16:15     **Building the global profession**  
Chairman: Steve Heathcote – Executive Director, ACCA  
  
Panel:  
Thomas Müller-Marqués Berger – Global Leader International Public Sector Accounting, Partner, Ernst & Young GmbH, Germany  
Vincent Tophoff – General manager Eska, formerly lead of IFAC's Accountability. Now. initiative, Eska  
Bonnie Ann Sirois – Senior Financial Management Specialist, The World Bank Group  
  
Senior leaders discuss the future of accounting and recent developments in building the accountancy profession the world needs.
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- 17:30     Networking drinks reception
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**DAY TWO: 1 MARCH 2019**

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08:30 Coffee

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09:00 **Welcome and introduction to day 2**  
Helen Brand – Chief Executive, ACCA

09:10 **Accountants on the front line: Tackling serious organised crime, corruption and money laundering**  
Chairman: Anthony Harbinson – Director, Department of Justice Northern Ireland

Panel:

Max Heywood – Head of Policy and Advocacy, Transparency International

Claire Jenkins – Forensic Accountant, Companies House UK

Maame Yaa Tiwaa Addo-Danquah – Deputy Commissioner of Police, Ghana

Global experts from a broad range of backgrounds consider how accountants can play a pivotal role in tackling these issues.

10:30 **Global economic conditions survey: Implications for the public sector**

Alex Metcalfe – Head of Public Sector Policy, ACCA

Brian McEnergy – Partner and Head of Healthcare, Partner & Head of Healthcare, International Liaison Partner, BDO Ireland

Essential messages for the public sector from ACCA's quarterly *Global economic conditions survey*.

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11:00 Break

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11:30 **Regulating the accountancy profession**

Keynote introduction: Do Hoang Anh Tuan, Vice Minister, Ministry of Finance of Vietnam

Jarett Decker – Head, Centre for Financial Reporting Reform, The World Bank Group

Yuri Dolidze – Head of Service for Accounting, Reporting and Auditing Supervision, Georgia

Maheshwar Kaphle – Assistant Auditor General, Office of the Auditor General, Nepal

Challenges and successes in developing a sustainable regulatory system for the accountancy profession.

12:45 **Closing remarks**

Iain Mansfield – Head of Public Sector, ACCA

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13:00 Networking lunch

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## Speakers' biographies



**Alex Metcalfe**

Alexander Metcalfe is the head of public sector policy in the Professional Insights team at ACCA. He leads on developing thought leadership for the public sector and represents ACCA at a range of events and senior forums.

Alex has previous experience in the UK and Canadian civil service, including working as a senior economist – specialising in tax policy – at the Ontario Ministry of Finance in Canada. He has frequently given evidence to committees and ministerial roundtables, and was a member of the Home Office Employers' Representative Group on EU exit. His published research includes work on the talent management in the public sector, immigration and skills, social mobility and government policy, as well as economic analysis on the cumulative cost of government policy on small firms.

Alex is a fellow of the Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce (RSA). He studied at Oxford, Cambridge and Queen's universities.



**Alexandre Macaronidis**

Until his retirement in December 2018, Alexandre Makaronidis was head of the task force for European Public Sector Accounting Standards (EPSAS), DG Eurostat at the European Commission (EC), in charge of the EPSAS project, leading the EC's work on European Public Sector Accounting Standards.

Among other managerial positions with the EC/Eurostat and prior to that one, Mr Makaronidis had been head of unit, government finance statistics, quality management and government accounting, DG Eurostat at the EC, a unit that was in charge of risk and quality management for government finance statistics, government accounting and the verification of primary government finance data.

Mr Makaronidis is a graduate of the School of Management at the Ludwig-Maximilian University of Munich and holds a Dr.oec.publ. in econometrics from the same University.



**Anne Stafford**

Professor Anne Stafford, BA PhD FCCA, is professor of accounting and finance at Alliance Manchester Business School, University of Manchester, UK. Her experience includes five years working as a management accountant in industry and commerce and over 25 years lecturing in financial reporting, financial statement analysis and corporate governance to a wide range of undergraduate, postgraduate, professional and executive students.

She is a member of the ACCA's Global Forum for the Public Sector and a committee member of the CIGAR (Comparative International Governmental Accounting Research) network and the BAFA (British Accounting and Finance Association) Special Interest Group for Public Services and Charities. Her research interests include financial analysis of public policy, particularly in relation to the UK's Private Finance Initiative (PFI) and Public Private Partnerships (PPPs), public sector corporate governance and accountability.

Together with her fellow authors her research has created a body of evidence used to influence national and international public debate about the costs, affordability and value for money of PPPs. Her work has been cited in submissions to governments, the OECD and the World Bank and features in a recent publication from the British Academy of Social Sciences: *Making the Case for Accounting and Finance*.



## Speakers' biographies



**Anthony Harbinson**

Anthony is responsible for the resourcing, policy and legislative framework for policing and community safety within Northern Ireland and for leading on security within the Northern Ireland Executive. He also has oversight responsibility for the Forensic Service Agency, the State Pathologist Department and the Probation Service.

Before taking up his current role Anthony spent three years as the director of justice delivery within the Department of Justice and prior to that he spent three years as director of resources for the Northern Ireland Office. He also worked for just over five years as a senior assistant director of public prosecutions. Before joining the civil service he worked within the Northern Ireland Health and Personal Social Services for 15 years in a range of director posts.

He is a board member of a number of voluntary and community based organisations including Threshold (NI), a local mental health charity for young people, and was a board member of the NI Health Promotion Agency for 10 years. He is a qualified accountant and has been heavily involved in the work of his professional body, ACCA, the world's largest international accountancy body, and was their president in 2014–15.



**Anthony Mkpe Ayine**

Anthony Mkpe Ayine, FCA, Auditor General for the Federation (Nigeria), was born on 25 October, 1960 in Bokalum Village, Boki LGA, Cross River State, to James Ayine Ubua and Martina Ebe Ayine Ubua, both of blessed memory. He completed his primary education at St. Francis Primary School, Abia, Etung LGA, Cross River State, Nigeria.

Mr Ayine attended Cross River State School of Basic Studies, Akamkpa, where he was one of the pioneer students in the department of business studies and won a prize as the overall best graduating student. He equally had the overall best result in I.J.M.B A-levels in the school, in the 1982–83 academic year.

He holds a BSc (Hons) degree in accounting from Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria and MBA degree from the University of Calabar. He is a fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria and the Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria. He is also an associate member of Nigerian Institute of Management and a forensic accountant. He has also attended several courses and trainings both locally and internationally, which have expanded his professional horizon and enriched his competencies.

Mr Ayine has wide experiences in both private and public sectors of the economy, having worked in the financial industry and public service.

He was Auditor General for local governments, Cross River State, from 1 September 2001 to 11 January 2017, when he was appointed Auditor General for the federation, by President Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR. A thoroughbred professional, Mr Ayine has also served in several special and strategic assignments.

Mr Ayine is a champion of accountability, transparency, probity and good governance. Since assumption of duties as Auditor General for the federation, Nigeria, has introduced series of reforms aimed at repositioning the office.

He is duly married to his lovely wife, Helen Tambu Ayine and the family is blessed with five children.

## Speakers' biographies



**Biljana Bogovac**

Biljana Bogovac is partner in assurance services department of PwC Belgrade office. She has more than 21 years of professional experience gained through working with local and international clients in Serbia as well as through many years of working in Australia and leading the teams in providing audit and business advisory services to some of the most significant clients.

Biljana is a partner responsible for some of the most significant clients of PwC Belgrade, such as: Ball Packaging Europe, Pharmaswiss, Philip Morris International, Wrigley, Robert Bosch, Actavis, Zdravlje Leskovac, Bayer, Volvo, Novo Nordisk, Boehringer, Hemofarm, SR technics and many more.

She is responsible for managing of a portfolio of clients, organizing planning and audit closing meetings with clients, setting up audit scopes and plans, reviewing audit files and financial reports, presenting audit findings to management and providing IFRS training services to the clients.

She is also engaged as one of the lecturers within PwC Training Academy where she delivered IFRS trainings to target employees of many multinational corporations as well as local firms in Serbia. Biljana was also one of the lecturers at PwC open IFRS seminars held in Serbia and in Montenegro. Biljana delivered many trainings, and presentations to professional associations of accountants and auditors in the South East Europe, relating to the importance of quality financial reporting as well as quality audits. She is currently leading the largest training project funded by Swiss government / WB in Serbia – training of professionals in IFRS, IFRS for SMEs, ISA.

She was a head of Commission for quality inspections in the chamber of auditors Serbia for few years during which time this activity in the chamber was set up and starting. She also spoke at many conferences and public events promoting the accounting and auditing profession and its impact on the wider business community.

She is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia (member since 2000, fellow since 2010), licensed auditor in Serbia and Montenegro. Biljana is also a member of the Managing Board of the Serbian Association of Managers (SAM).



**Bonnie Ann Sirois**

Bonnie joined the World Bank in 2013 from the United Nations Relief and Works Agency, where she held the position of deputy chief accountant, overseeing IPSAS adoption and execution of the annual budget in the delivery of education, primary health care, relief and social services, infrastructure and camp improvement, microfinance and emergency response services to Palestinian refugee populations located throughout the Middle East.

She focuses on financial reporting and public financial management reforms globally, providing policy advice and technical assistance in both the public and private sectors. Ms Sirois is a US certified public accountant with over 25 years of professional experience in providing financial management, assurance and advisory services to private sector companies and US government programs.

Before embarking on a career in international development, she held the position of principal at a BDO network firm in the US and served as adjunct faculty at the University of Massachusetts.

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**Brian McEnergy**

Brian McEnergy is a fellow of ACCA. He is a corporate finance partner in BDO Ireland and specialises in healthcare and public sector consulting.

Brian has held a number of public sector leadership roles in Ireland and until December 2018 was chairman of the Audit Committee of Ireland's NPL Bank – NAMA.

Brian was a director of Ireland's National Recovery Bank (NAMA) for nine years and this had the responsibility of realising €74 billion of non-performing loans in Ireland. Brian also served as chairman of Ireland's health and social care regulatory body, HIQA, for five years to June 2018.

Brian is a former president of ACCA (2016–2017) and currently chairs the ACCA Public Sector Forum in Ireland.



**Claire Jenkins**

Claire is a forensic accountant in the integrity and enforcement unit at Companies House. She has responsibility for analysing and investigating suspicious behaviour and represents Companies House on cross-government counter-fraud bodies. She has recently spearheaded a cross-government data sharing initiative, with the intention to reduce fraudulent data and identify behaviour patterns of interest.

She joined the civil service five years ago after working within a wide range of businesses, ranging from SMEs to global multi-nationals. Previous roles have seen Claire working in corporate business recovery as well as specialising in tax and VAT work. This gives her wide-ranging insight into business and accounts as a whole.

Claire is an FCCA and is currently working towards a MSc in forensic accounting. She is chairman of the ACCA Public Sector Network Panel in the UK and panel member for ACCA South Wales Panel.



**Davinder Valeri**

Davinder is a CPA, CA, with extensive business operations leadership experience from a variety of organisations, including Ontario Power Generation and Atomic Energy of Canada Limited. She has held a variety of senior business consulting roles, most recently as director of global infrastructure advisory with KPMG LLP. With a deep understanding of energy, infrastructure and financing, she has been responsible for all facets of decision-making to achieve organisation goals and objectives. She has experience in strategic planning, business structures, project financing, internal audit, stakeholder relations and sustainability/climate change impacts.

At CPA Canada, Davinder leads a team that conducts technical research to develop guidance and thought leadership on emerging and current issues related to strategy, risk, technology, finance, management, climate change and sustainability to support CPA members in business, government and not for profit to be more resilient, adaptive and innovative.

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**Gary Kent**

Gary is the commissioner of corporate services and chief financial officer for Canada's sixth largest city, Mississauga. He leads a team of seven directors who provide innovative, strategic and integrated services to the public, staff and Council. A diverse portfolio, their commitment is focused on delivering strong customer service, value for money and ensuring the city has the right talent and technology available to achieve its vision.

Additionally, Gary is the chief executive officer of Enersource Corporation, a strategic partnership between the city and Borealis Inc. Enersource currently owns 30% of the shares of Alectra Inc., the second largest municipally-owned electricity utility in North America.

A graduate of Glasgow Caledonian University, he holds the accounting designations of ACCA and CPA, CGA. He also attained the ICD.D designation, having graduated from the Directors Education Program from the Institute of Corporate Directors, Rotman School of Management and University of Toronto.

A community volunteer, he currently is a member of ACCA's Public Sector Global Forum and a board member of the Canadian Association of Government Finance Officers (CAGFO).



**Helen Brand OBE**

Helen Brand is chief executive of ACCA, the global body for professional accountants, a post she has held since 2008.

Helen has built her career within professional bodies and has considerable experience and knowledge of the 179 markets in which ACCA operates. She is a founding member of the International Integrated Reporting Council (IIRC) and is vice chairman on the IIRC Board. She is also a member of the University of Exeter Business School International Advisory Board and a member of the Deakin University Business School International Advisory Board.

One of the few women to lead a global professional body, Helen is a regular media commentator on the role ethics and public value play in business and society. In 2011, ACCA became the first international professional body to publish an integrated report on its performance and Helen remains a strong advocate for the power of wider corporate reporting. She has also driven ACCA's pioneering work in supporting the development of the profession across Asia, sub-Saharan Africa, Europe and the Middle East.

Helen was awarded an OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours list in 2011 for services to accountancy and received an honorary doctorate from the University of Exeter in December 2017.

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**Iain Mansfield**

Iain Mansfield is head of public sector at ACCA, where he is responsible for developing and delivering ACCA's global public sector strategy. As head of public sector, he is responsible for representing ACCA at national and international conferences, engaging with public sector organisations at the highest level and working across ACCA's network of global offices to deliver the highest quality experience to ACCA's public sector members and students, to support effective public financial management and the development of the accountancy profession the public sector needs.

Prior to joining ACCA, Iain was a senior civil servant at the UK Department for Education, where he designed the Teaching Excellence Framework, a flagship UK government policy to ensure the highest levels of excellence in English higher education. His extensive experience in central government included roles in the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, the Department for International Development and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, where he served for over two years as director of UK trade and investment in the Philippines. He is a governor of Bath Spa University and holds a master's and first class honours degree from the University of Cambridge.



**Jarett Decker**

Jarett Decker, a US CPA and lawyer, is head of the World Bank's Centre for Financial Reporting Reform (CFRR) in Vienna, Austria. At the CFRR, Mr Decker leads a multinational and multilingual team of accountants and other experts providing technical assistance to reform financial reporting in transitional, middle-income, and emerging market economies. Clients include finance ministries, central banks, securities regulators, audit oversight boards, professional accountancy organisations, and universities. Mr Decker has provided technical advice to assist in development of audit oversight for more than 35 countries. He is fluent in Russian.

Before joining the Bank, Mr Decker served for eight years as deputy director and chief trial counsel in the division of enforcement and investigations of the US Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB), the entity created by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act to police corporate auditing. As the first person to serve in this role, he established and led the board's program of disciplinary proceedings, primarily for deficient auditing, ethics, and assessments of internal control. Before his tenure at PCAOB, he served as senior trial counsel for the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) in Chicago.

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**Maame Yaa Tiwaa  
Addo-Danquah**

Maame Yaa Tiwaa Addo-Danquah (Mrs) is a law enforcement professional with more than 27 years of experience, out of which, 15 years has been focused on financial fraud detection and investigation duties at the Police Criminal Investigation Department. Maame is also a chartered accountant and a chartered forensic accountant. She holds a master's degree in business administration (finance option) from the University of Cape Coast, Ghana. Maame was the director of commercial crime unit of the CID for more than three years as well as the director of CID trainings for three years.

For more than 10 years, Maame has played a leading role in fraud detection and investigations both within the CID, the public and private sectors. Maame has attended over a dozen conferences and training events in financial crime investigations. She has also facilitated in more than 25 training programs in fraud investigations both within Ghana and abroad.

Maame was the coordinator of the project at the CID which aims at building capacity of CID investigators in the area of financial fraud and cybercrime investigations. She has also been consulted in numerous engagements including the development of Professional Diploma in Fraud Management program for the Chartered Institute of Bankers (CIB).

She was the first commandant of the Ghana Police Command and Staff College, Winneba, the highest training institution of the Ghana police service. She has held various appointments in the Ghana police service including: Ghana police hospital administrator, divisional commander, Accra central division, ministries, Accra, deputy director general, police intelligence and professional standards bureau. Deputy director general and currently the director general of the CID, the first woman to be appointed to that position since the inception of the CID in 1948.



**Maheshwar Kaphle**

Mr Maheshwar Kaphle is an Assistant Auditor General (AAG) of the Office of the Auditor General and member of Auditing Standard Board of Nepal. He has master's degree in business administration, a master's degree in public administration, a bachelor's degree in law, and a bachelor's degree in commerce. He has 24 years audit experience in financial and performance audit of government sector. Currently, he is working as chief of the audit directorate of physical infrastructure and information. He has also taken national and international training on financial reporting, IPSAS, auditing and so on.



**Mark Millar**

When he was 18, Mark turned down a university place to join the NHS and study for the ACCA Qualification. Since then, he's held a variety of finance roles in the NHS and has been chief executive of a number of different NHS and public bodies. Mark is currently chief executive at St Elizabeth Hospice, Ipswich and until recently was a non-executive director of Papworth Hospital NHS Foundation Trust for over seven years.

He's long been involved with our UK Health Panel and served on our International Assembly for two terms. Mark has served on ACCA Council since 2010.

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**Martin Turner**

Martin Turner is currently a management consultant working in the health sector in the UK and numerous other countries. These have included Ministry of Health departments in Jamaica, Lithuania, Iraq, Kazakhstan and, more recently, Serbia. He was also finance director of a private health company in the UK. He returned from Australia in 2011 where, for a number of years, he worked as chief executive for the health services in Adelaide. Before this he had worked for over 20 years as a chief executive in the National Health Service in the UK. His CEO roles in both countries involved running large organisations and teaching hospitals and, during his career, he has been responsible for managing a number of mergers and reorganisations.

Martin completed the senior management program at Harvard University in 2000 and was a fellow of the NHS Staff College in Wales. As a fellow of the college he led management programmes for executives and senior clinical staff.

Martin has served as chairman of the Institute of Healthcare Management in Wales and, in recognition of this, was awarded the IHM Companionship Award.

In July 2014, Martin was awarded an honorary doctorate from the University of South Wales in recognition of his contribution to the accountancy profession. He was the founder member and president of the Health Service Society of Certified Accountants and was first elected to ACCA's Council in 2004.

As an ACCA Council member, Martin was active on a number of its standing committees and was ACCA global president 2013–2014.

Martin is a very keen sports fan – especially rugby union – and tries to play golf when he finds the time.



**Max Heywood**

Max joined Transparency International (TI) secretariat in Berlin in 2009, where he currently leads the policy and advocacy team. His primary area of focus is anti-money laundering policy. Previously he worked as an economic analyst for the Economics Institute of the Stock Exchange in Cordoba, Argentina. Max holds a Bsc in economics from Utrecht University and an Msc in public policy in latin America from Oxford University.

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**Mike Driver CB**

I joined the Department of Health and Social Security in 1979 straight from school, and spent the first six years in the civil service delivering services to customers. I then moved into regional management and thereafter fulfilled a range of policy and finance roles. I am a CIPFA qualified accountant, and have held a variety of FD roles, both corporate and operational. I was promoted to chief financial officer (CFO) at the Department for Work and Pensions in 2012. From 1 April 2016, I was appointed the CFO for the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) and on 1 June 2017 also became head of the government finance function, HM Treasury, where I am driving the agenda to substantially strengthen the finance function's critical role at the heart of government, ensuring better political and business outcomes.

In addition to my core roles, I have a range of additional responsibilities. Within the MoJ, I am the Accountant General of the senior courts of England and Wales and a commissioner for the reduction of the national debt. Across government, I am a member of the Commercial Function Oversight Board and a non-executive board member of Shared Services Connect Limited. To drive forward the finance profession, I am a member of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance & Accountancy (CIPFA) Council.



**Mussa Juma Assad**

Professor Mussa Juma Assad is the Controller and Auditor General of the United Republic of Tanzania. He was appointed the Controller and Auditor General effective on 5 November 2014. Before his appointment, Professor Assad was an associate professor of accounting in the accounting department at the University of Dar es Salaam Business School.

He obtained a doctor of philosophy degree in accounting at University of Southampton in 2001; master of arts in financial control, Dublin City University (1991); professional diploma in accounting, Dublin City University (1990); bachelor of commerce in accounting, University of Dar es Salaam (1988).

Professor Assad has over 20 years' experience in teaching, consulting and research. His professional profile had included major assignments in public sector finance [both in local government and the central government], financial modelling and planning, education expenditure reviews, higher education financing and sustainability, and institutional performance evaluations.

He has led and undertaken numerous consultancy assignments in Tanzania for the Ministry of Science, Technology and Higher Education, Ministry of Education and Vocational Training, the United Nations Development Programme, the World Bank, the Urban Sector Rehabilitation Project, the Government of Zanzibar, and a number of major public firms. He also has experience in design and implementation of financial management systems (both manual and computerised); designing funding mechanisms; carrying out costing and revenue studies; and financial analysis. He has authored two textbooks and more than 30 regional and international journal articles.

Apart from being the chairman of the Governing Board – National Board of Accountants and Auditors since 2007, he was, until this appointment as CAG, also on the Board director of the National Bank of Commerce Limited [since 2006] and chairman, Board of Directors [since 2008]; he was also the chairman, Council – Muslim University of Morogoro, from 2008; member, Board of Trustees – National Social Security Fund, from 2006; member, Board of Directors – Tanzania Telecommunications Company Limited, since 2008. He also chaired the Audit Committee of the National Social Security Fund as well as the Tanzania Telecommunications Company Limited. At the University of Dar es Salaam he sat on the boards of two companies – University Computing Centre and the Dar es Salaam University Press.

Professor Assad enjoys trail running, angling and armchair football.



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**Pamela Monroe Ellis**

Mrs Pamela Monroe Ellis was appointed Auditor General of Jamaica in 2008. In 2012 she was appointed to the Board of the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC) and in 2016 she was re-appointed to serve as chairman of its Governance Committee. Her tenure on IFAC's board ended November 2018.

Mrs Monroe Ellis was appointed secretary general of the Caribbean Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (CAROSAI) in 2016, and in the same year, to date, she serves as Jamaica's representative on the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat Audit Committee, which she chairs. She is a member of the INTOSAI Development Initiative (IDI) Board.

Locally, Mrs Monroe Ellis serves as a commissioner of the New Integrity Commission having previously served as commissioner of the former Integrity Commission and the Commission for the Prevention of Corruption. Mrs Monroe Ellis is also a former chairman of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Jamaica's (ICAJ) Investigations Committee.

Mrs Monroe Ellis is a fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Jamaica (ICAJ) and ACCA (Association of Chartered Certified Accountants).

She enjoys reading.



**Sandra Särav**

Sandra Särav is the global affairs director in the Estonian Government CIO Office, leading international bilateral and multilateral cooperation and communications in the field of ICT, guiding Estonia's way through formations such as the Digital 9. Prior to this position, she coordinated the digital policy of Estonia in the Estonian Council of the EU presidency team.

In addition to the work in the Ministry, Sandra is a junior researcher in Tallinn Law School of Tallinn University of Technology where she lectures on European Union law and legal framework of e-governance. Sandra obtained her bachelor's degree in EU and international law, and her master's degree in law and technology.



**Stephen Walker**

Stephen Walker FCA is the current president of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CA ANZ). Highlighting the importance of ethical leadership and promoting the opportunities for chartered accountants in public service are his top priorities for his year as president. Stephen was awarded a fellowship of CA ANZ in December 2013. The fellowship is awarded in recognition of outstanding contributions to the accountancy profession and the community.

He has been executive director of audit New Zealand (a business unit of the Controller and Auditor-General of New Zealand) for over 10 years. Before taking up this role, Stephen was based in New York as the director of operations for the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC).

Stephen began his career in 1987 at the New Zealand Audit Office and qualified as a chartered accountant in 1993. Since then he has worked in the public service, consultancy and professional accountancy organisations. He has performed a wide range of roles including external and internal audits, financial reporting standard setting, policy document, strategic planning, governance, public sector management, training development and delivery, and executive operational management.

## Speakers' biographies



**Steve Heathcote**

Steve is responsible for delivering ACCA's strategy into our markets, overseeing business development, brand development, sales and marketing activity across 178 markets, including leading the development of the ground breaking strategic alliance with Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CA ANZ). His portfolio aims to deliver sustainable growth in ACCA's reputation, influence and size whilst leading the market team across ACCA's network of over 100 offices and other centres around the world.

Steve has also been leading adoption of the qualification changes across our markets on behalf of the Executive Team. This has included a focus on our strategic partners to ensure the market is committed and excited about the changes.

Steve's extensive background in planning includes undertaking the chief operating officer role at the UK Financial Reporting Council and a senior management position at KPMG.

He holds a degree in politics and sociology from the University of Liverpool.



**Thomas Müller-  
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With EY for more than 25 years. Global leader international public sector accounting at EY.

Audit partner serving national and international clients in both the public and the private sector. Globally advising governments and international organisations, including the European Commission, on the implementation of International Public Sector Accounting standards.

Former IPSASB member (2009–2014).

Chairman of the IPSASB Consultative Advisory Group (CAG) since January 2016. Chairman of Public Sector Group of Accountancy Europe (ACE) since January 2011. Representative of ACE at the EPSAS Project of the EC.

Member of the European Accounting Advisory Board of the European Commission (EC) (since 2013). Member think tank 'Audit Methodology' of European Court of Auditors (2010/2011). Member of the German Public Sector Committee within the IDW.

Honorary membership award of CIPFA (2016).



**Tomáš Vyhnánek**

Tomáš Vyhnánek was born in České Budějovice and graduated at the Charles University in Prague in 2005 in the field of economics. Since July 2015, Tomáš has been the Deputy Minister of Finance for the section of financial management and audit after being the director of central harmonization unit for over a year in the same section of the Ministry.

Tomáš is responsible for the regulation of audit and accounting of public finances as well as for the financial audit of the European and national funds. Preceding his career at the Ministry, he held various managerial positions in Deloitte Advisory and ČSOB with focus on public administration and a position of director of analytical departments at the Ministry of Health.

## Speakers' biographies



**Tuan Hoang Anh Do**

Vice Minister Do Hoang Anh Tuan is the standing Vice Minister who is in charge of the Ministry's operation when the Minister is not in office. Born in 1961 in Hai Duong, a northern province of Vietnam, Mr Do Hoang Anh Tuan started his career at the Ministry of Finance. He moved across roles in the Ministry of Finance before being appointed as the Vice Minister of Finance in 2006.

He was re-appointed as Vice Minister of Finance in 2011, then in 2016.

He is currently in charge of a significant portfolio of the Ministry of Finance including the accounting and auditing management and supervision general department, state treasury general department, state budget department, legal department, financial inspection department, financial policy and strategy institute and office of the Ministry. He is also assigned by the Minister to look after the modernisation and administrative reform of finance accounting sector.

He also leads the finance budget work of Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City and a number of provinces in the north and south of Vietnam. He is a master degree of economics holder.



**Vincent Tophoff**

Vincent Tophoff is general manager at ESKA – dedicated to providing highly aesthetic, high-performance and sustainable books, games, and packaging solutions, see [www.eska.com](http://www.eska.com) – leading its North American operations.

He previously led the International Federation of Accountants' (IFAC) work on public sector accountability promoting high-quality financial accounting and reporting by governments to improve transparency and help strengthen public financial management and accountability in the public interest. This included supporting PFM reforms and governance improvements in many regions and countries across the globe.

Tophoff is author of many publications and articles, including:

- *International Framework: Good Governance in the Public Sector (2014)* to help improve and encourage effective public sector governance; and
- *From Bolt-on to Built-in Managing Risk as an Integral Part of Managing an Organization (2015)*, which positions risk management and internal control as it was originally intended – as a process that boards and management naturally use to ensure their organization makes the best decisions and achieves its objectives.
- *Public financial reporting needs a little accessibility help (2018)*, about presenting users of public financial information with reports that they can understand and find useful.



**Yuri Dolidze**

Yuri's almost 20 year professional experience included establishing and managing two large local audit firms, acting as PwC Georgia office assurance and academy director, the board membership at the largest Georgian professional accountants' organisation GFPAA. After leaving PwC in 2013 he practiced as the management consultant for various large companies and governmental agencies.

He joined Georgian Accounting and Auditing Reform in 2015 in a role of deputy chairman of the inter-agency working group, co-operating closely with the World Bank's CFRR on drafting new law.

Since 1 September 1 2016 Yuri has been serving as head of the service for Accounting, Reporting and Auditing Supervision (SARAS) – the subdivision of the Ministry of Finance of Georgia. SARAS is the audit oversight body of Georgia, which also supervises financial reporting and professional education areas.

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**Zamir Ahmad**

Mr Zamir Ahmad joined Pakistan Audit and Accounts Service in 1987 and currently holds the position of Deputy Auditor General in SAI Pakistan. During his thirty years professional career, he remained associated with public sector auditing, public financial management, policy formulation, management and implementation of Audit Management Information System (AMIS), national and international capacity building activities.

He conducted various national and international field audit assignments including audit of technical co-operation projects of environment by UNIDO in China and Vietnam, audit of payment of Rs.480 billion to independent power producers, audit of Nadipur power project and internal audit of directorate general of Hajj Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

He has produced more than dozen audit reports including performance audit, financial audit reports and audit reports of foreign aided projects in power and energy and agriculture sectors. He conducted quality assurance reviews of national audit reports and external auditor report of UNIDO for the year 2013.

He holds a masters degree in economics from Punjab University Lahore, Pakistan and masters in finance and development from SOAS University of London, UK. He also has certification of Quality Assurance in Performance Audit assignments (QAPA) from IDI/ASOSAI.

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