

CIGFARO CONFERENCE PROGRAM

20 – 22 September 2021, Virtual and In-Person Programme

Durban ICC

Theme: New World – New Thinking
Closing-out on COVID-19 and Starting Something New

Sunday 19 September 2021

Time	Activity	Venue: Durban ICC
12:00 – 17:00	Registration & Late Registrations	Conference Centre Foyer

Monday 20 September 2021

Program Directors: Cheryl Reddy		
07:30 – 09:00	Late Registration	
09:00 – 09:15	National Anthem	
09:15 – 10:00 S1	CIGFARO Presidential Address & Opening of the Conference – Creating Something New <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professionalisation of the Public Finance Sector Innovation - working with very limited funding but still delivering services Major difficulties in determining the expected income 	
10:00 – 10:15 S2	Word of Support – Platinum Sponsor	
10:15 – 11:00 S3	Welcoming Address by the Executive Mayor	
11:00 – 12:00 S4	Keynote Address: New Thinking for Public Finance considering our New World Considering the new political leadership coming into the Local Government Sphere and some new contracts for senior staff on section 57 Contracts, the New economy affecting us all, the rising of new economic drivers, the impact of work from home on Economic Centres and the related demands of the 4 th Industrial Revolution, what does the future hold for the recovery of sustainable and credible Public Finance?	
12:00 – 12:30	Questions and Answers	All
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch Break	
Program Director: Emmanuel Ngcobo		
13:30 – 14:30 S5	Economic Overview: World, Africa and South African economic overview regarding the long-term recovery plan to achieve financial sustainability after the pandemic	
14:30 – 15:30 S6	Panel discussion Economic Recovery Plans, for financial sustainability and fiscal resilience, across the 3 spheres of government, including the recovery of local economies after COVID-19	
15:30 – 16:00 S7	Altimax	
16:00 – 16:10	Closure for the day	
16:15 – 17:00 S8	CIGFARO AGM – All Members to Attend	

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Tuesday 21 September 2021	
Program Director: Fathima Khan	
08:00 - 08:30	Refreshments
08:30 – 09:00	Plenary Hall
09:00 – 11:00 S9	<p>The Future of Work – New Thinking around Human Capital Resources and the Gig Economy/WfH</p> <p>09:00 – 09:30 - Presentation: Occupational Health and Safety issues when working from home</p> <p>09:30 – 10:00 - Presentation: POPIA issues when working from home</p> <p>10:00 – 11:00 - Panel Discussion on Best Practices for -: Remote Performance Management; Virtual Leaders and their new skill set that is required; Optimal Office and Home attendance arrangements to get the best from staff; Onboarding new staff in a remote environment; Instilling and maintaining the Corporate Culture when employees work remotely; Minimizing negative impacts of remote working on the individual and business - advantages and disadvantages, consequences and cost benefit analysis including trend analysis of leave statistics in lockdown, etc.</p>
11:00 – 11:30	Refreshments
11:30 – 13:30 S10	<p>Public Finance Management – New Fiscal Integrity required when tough times call for even tougher financial management</p> <p>11:30 – 12:00 - Presentation: Ethical and Transparent Management of Public Funds</p> <p>12:00 – 12:30 - Presentation: Lessons learnt from VBS – managing investments and handling reserves</p> <p>12:30 – 13:30 - Panel Discussion on -: Practical tools to get us back to Clean audit; Should we re-think budgeting tools? Can technology bring about effectiveness and efficiencies in both the preparation of budgets and AFS? Can borrowing really help in an economic crisis? Are those in charge of Public Finances able to positively impact the local economy? Can local government impact local unemployment rates? PILOT – Payment (through work) in lieu of taxes – can this work in a South African context? <i>CIPFA or GFOA representatives that know about this programme should be invited to the panel discussion</i></p>
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch Break
14:30 – 16:30 S11	<p>Sustainable Service Delivery – New Service Delivery Funding Strategies where those who can pay have gone off grid and those who need services require free services</p> <p>14:30 – 15:00 - Presentation: IPP's, Own Municipal Generation, Wheeling Charges and Revenue Protection</p> <p>15:00 – 15:30 – Case Study: Identifying pitfalls in alternate funding strategies for service delivery</p> <p>15:30 – 16:30 - Panel Discussion on -: Water shortages and maintenance of ageing infrastructure The handling of off-grid properties – Solar or PV powered properties and those with grey-water systems and water harvesting: managing volumes and income projections Claw back tariffs of Eskom Tariffs and Tariff Structuring for financial sustainability Revenue Maximization through smart service delivery methodologies Strategies to minimise non-technical losses</p>
16:30 – 17:00	Closure

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Wednesday 22 September 2021	
Program Directors:	
08:00 – 08:30	Arrival
08:30 – 09:00	Refreshments
09:00 – 10:00 S12	DDM – Practical implementation benefits and consequences
10:00 – 11:30 S13	Consequence Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> some practical experiences from Audit 2019/20; the role of the A-G in bringing maturity around consequence management into public finance management; the role of the Standing Committees dealing with public finance matters and related consequence management; Financial misconduct board and consequence management; Positive consequence management – what can be done about rewarding those adding significant value, demonstrating high ethical standards and bringing innovative ideas into being.
11:30 – 12:00 S14	Closing of Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Handover to New President and announcement of new Board - Awards Closure
12:00 – 13:00 S15	Motivational Talk / Comedian: <i>Moving your office into your home; what is needed to do it successfully and how to maintain high productivity to achieve career success</i>
13:00 – 13:30	Refreshments

Registration Fees Payable (Including VAT)	Face-2-Face	Virtual
CIGFARO Member	R 5 998.00	R 1 747.00
Non-Member	R 6 898.00	R 2 347.00
Private Sector	R 8 622.00	R 2 934.00

5 or More Registrations: 15% Programme Discount Applicable

10 or More Registrations: 20% Programme Discount Applicable

To register click on the link below:

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The Virtual Platform will be on MS Teams

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