



# AFIIA CHAIRMAN'S YEAR END MESSAGE

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**AFIIA Chairman**



As we bring the year 2025 to a close, I extend my deepest appreciation to Affiliates, partners and stakeholders for your unwavering commitment, collaboration, and belief in the mission of the African Federation of Institutes of Internal Auditors (AFIIA). This year has been a powerful reminder of what we can achieve when we stand united in purpose and driven by excellence.

This year, AFIIA achieved several major milestones, including the successful 11th AFIIA Conference in Kigali, bringing together professionals from across the continent to address emerging risks, technology adoption, and governance priorities; over 10 online webinars, Africa Professionalization Initiative (API) Conference, GRC Egypt Summit, Union of Internal Auditors in West Africa (UIAI-AO) Conference and numerous Affiliates' National Conferences, emerged first with the highest regional survey response rate in Risk in Focus Project 2026 which involved 6 continents (Asia, Europe, published 2 AFIIA Newsletters and 3rd Africa Risk in Focus Reports. We advanced legislative advocacy through continued work on the Professional Recognition & Oversight of Internal Auditing (PRO IA) Act, and expanded leadership capacity through the 3rd AFIIA Leadership Workshop in Accra. We also advanced Collaborative Initiatives and signed MOU with IRC Institute, Egypt Summit, IIA Global on Advocacy and The Global Fund for capacity building of public sector internal auditors in five countries namely Nigeria, -

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Tanzania, Benin, Burkina Faso and Sierra Leone. We gladly welcomed IIA Namibia to the IIA/AFIIA family, thereby bringing the total number of Affiliates to 29. We successfully conducted election for the new AFIIA leaders for 2025 – 2027. These milestones are a testament of the collective effort of 'One Africa, One IIA, and One Future' commitment to professional development. We appreciate our Affiliates, partners, stakeholders and the broader internal audit community for your unwavering support.

As we move into 2026, AFIIA remains committed to advancing professional recognition, deepening member value, refreshing its strategic plan, expanding opportunities for young professionals-nurturing the next generation of auditors who will lead the continent into a future of transparency and accountability, and strengthening collaboration across all affiliates and stakeholders.

I excitedly await to interact with you at our 2026 flagship event in Cape Town where the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) South Africa will host the 12th AFIIA Conference on 25 - 29 May 2026. These events underscore our dedication to foster progressive internal audit under the theme "Sikelel' iAfrika: One IIA, One Africa, One Voice." AFIIA 2026 will be the largest internal audit event in Africa, bringing together over 2,700 attendees across a dynamic 5-day programme that includes the Governance Forum, AFIIA University, Main Conference, Gala Dinner, and social activities.. Don't miss the opportunity to interact with the regionally and globally renowned speakers! Please register now at [https://www.iiasa.org.za/event/AFIIA\\_2026](https://www.iiasa.org.za/event/AFIIA_2026) or [www.africaaia.org](http://www.africaaia.org).

I extend heartfelt gratitude for your dedication and contribution throughout 2025. May this festive season bring peace, rest, and inspiration as we collectively prepare to advance internal auditing across Africa in 2026.

**Together, we continue to build a more accountable, resilient, and prosperous continent.**

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