

ICPAK AUDIT STAFF TRAINING Building Auditor Capacity as a Risk Mitigation Measure

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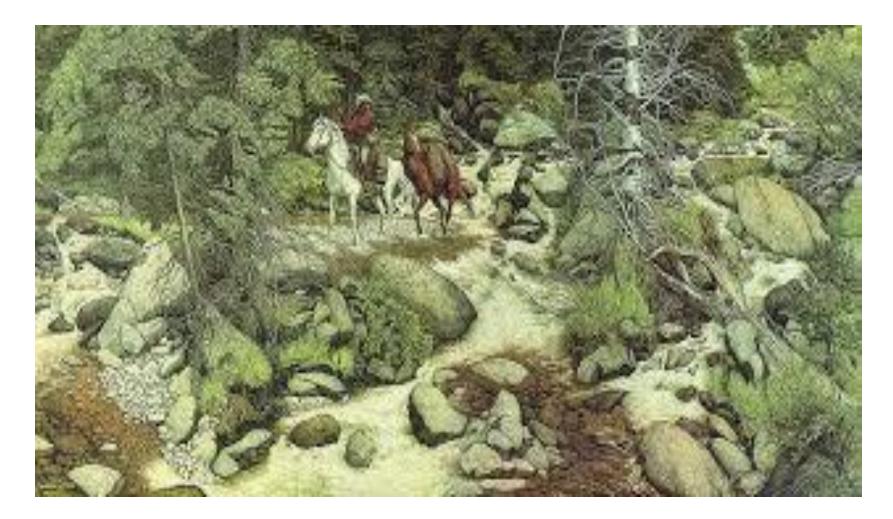
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Review of Audit Risks Identifying Market Niche Identifying Skill Gaps Developing appropriate tools **Emerging Risks** Future of Audit in a Risk Environment

How many faces can you see?



Review of Audit Risks



- Audit Risks recap
- •Risk of Material Misstatement
 - •What is Material?
- •How would an auditor miss a material ERROR?
 - •Not obtaining sufficient appropriate audit evidence
 - •What is sufficient & appropriate?
 - •Sufficient = Quantity Audit sample
 - •Appropriate = Quality depth of the sample
- •Staff Risk Capacity
- •Business Risk
- •Going Concern Risk

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What do you know about..











Looking after your interest!



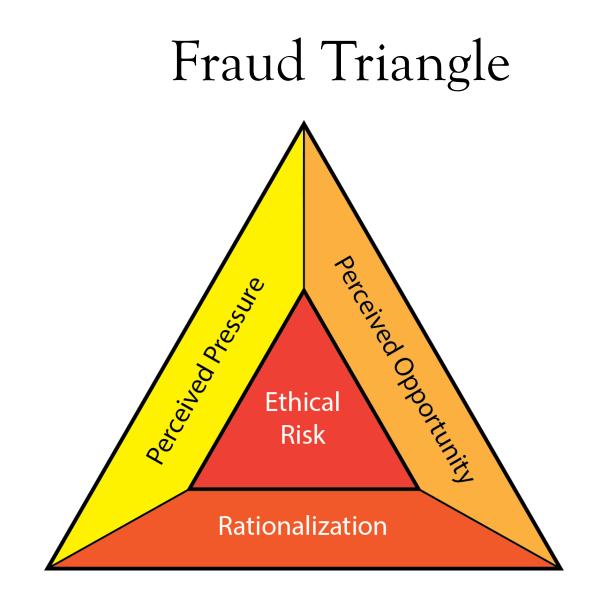
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- "America's Most Innovative Company" (Fortune 1996 -2001)
- Enron Corporation, an American energy company based in Houston, Texas, and the *de facto* dissolution of <u>Arthur Andersen</u>, which was one of the <u>five</u> <u>largest audit</u> and <u>accountancy</u> partnerships in the world. In addition to being the largest bankruptcy reorganization in American history at that time, Enron was cited as the biggest audit failure
- Enron was formed in 1985 by <u>Kenneth Lay</u> after merging <u>Houston Natural</u> <u>Gas</u> and <u>InterNorth</u>. Several years later, when <u>Jeffrey Skilling</u>was hired, he developed a staff of executives that – by the use of accounting loopholes, <u>special purpose entities</u>, and poor financial reporting – were able to hide billions of dollars in debt from failed deals and projects. Chief Financial Officer <u>Andrew Fastow</u> and other executives not only misled Enron's Board of Directors and Audit Committee on high-risk accounting practices, but also pressured Arthur Andersen to ignore the issues



The fraud was accomplished primarily in two ways:

- Booking "line costs" (interconnection expenses with other telecommunication companies) as <u>capital</u>
 <u>expenditures</u> on the balance sheet instead of <u>expenses</u>.
- Inflating revenues with bogus accounting entries from "corporate unallocated revenue accounts".



Sources of Audit Risks



Who are the users of Audited Accounts?

- •Shareholders
- •Employees
- •Government (Regulators, KRA, ...)
- •Bankers
- •Suppliers
- •Investors
- •Why do they need audited accounts?

Identifying a Market Niche



- You can't be all things to all people choose a niche and be VERY good at it.
- □ Identify a "BLUE OCEAN"
- You don't have to have capacity you can develop
- □ Where do you have a distinctive capabilities?
- Create competitive advantages
- Overwhelm your clients

Benefits of Niche



Identifying Capacity Gaps



After identifying niche industries, you need to identify required capacity in terms of

- Industry knowledge
- Laws and regulations governing industry
- Your firm understanding of the industry
- Sufficient HR capacity
- Appropriate tools to undertake jobs in the industry
- Determine your capacity gaps

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Building capacity



- □After identifying the Niche and the Gaps, next is capacity building
- Capacity building starts at the strategy stage
- Second is research
- □Next is recruitment
- Induction, Training and development
- Deployment,
- Continuous training

Emerging Risks



- Businesses are moving online
 - Digital finance
 - E-commerce
 - Cloud computing
- Analytics and AI, who owns the data?
- Cross boarder transactions
 - □ Transfer pricing
 - Local laws, regulations, taxes, customs

Emerging Risks



- Sophisticated financial products Derivatives \Box CDO's \Box ABS's □ PPP's – Do you use IPSAS or IFRS? □ Franchising **Contract** Manufacturing Outsourcing of services
- Change of business models

The East African

China plans to sell off its African infrastructure debt to investors



Future of Audit in a Risk Environment



- □ Audit has to be RISK based going forward
- Areas of specialization will be critical in developing capacity
- □ Continuous learning to stay ahead of the curve
- Evolving business means evolving risks
- □ Have your ears on the ground
- Governance Risk
- Globalization of Risk

Considerations on Risk



- Does our Firm/Company have a Risk Checklist?
- □ How well do we know our focus industries?
- □ How well does our risk models work? (when did we last review them?)
- Which direction are our focus industries (our company) headed?
- □ What do we anticipate to be the risks associated with those industries in the future?



Thank You

