

# Audit and Compliance By Office of the Auditor-General

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Research, Methods and Professional Practices

Office of the Auditor-General

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## **OAG Mandate**

## Mandate of the Office of the Auditor-General



Article 229 (4-8) of the Constitution Stipulates the Auditor-General's mandate

## Expanded Mandate (Public Audit Act, 2015)



- Section 36 Performance Audit
- Section 37 Forensic Audit
- Section 38 Procurement Audit

### **OAG** mandate

CPAK

Credibility. Professionalism. Accountability

Provides for the audit financial statements

Follow the financial audit methodology to give an opinion on the financial statements.

Consider compliance with legislative provisions which directly and materially affect the financial statements in line with ISSAI 2250

Option 1. Issue a financial audit report

Provides for OAG to audit financial statements and generic mandate for the SAI to audit compliance with authorities or requires the audit of specific Act(s)

Follow both Financial and compliance audit methodologies based on Financial and Compliance audit ISSAIs

Option 2. Issue a combined report for financial audit and compliance audit. The conclusion/opinion on the aspect of compliance should be clearly separate from the opinion on the true and fair view of the financial statements.

Requires the OAG to audit and report on compliance with specific legislation

Follow a compliance audit methodology based on ISSAI 4000

**Option 3.** Issue a separate compliance audit report.

## Who we are

Supreme Audit Institution (SAI)

SAI Kenya/ Office of the Auditor-General





African Organisation of English-speaking Supreme Audit Institutions (AFROSAI-E)



International Organisation of Supreme Audit Institution (INTOSAI)



## Models of SAIs The court of accounts/Napoleonic





## Westminster/Parliamentary model

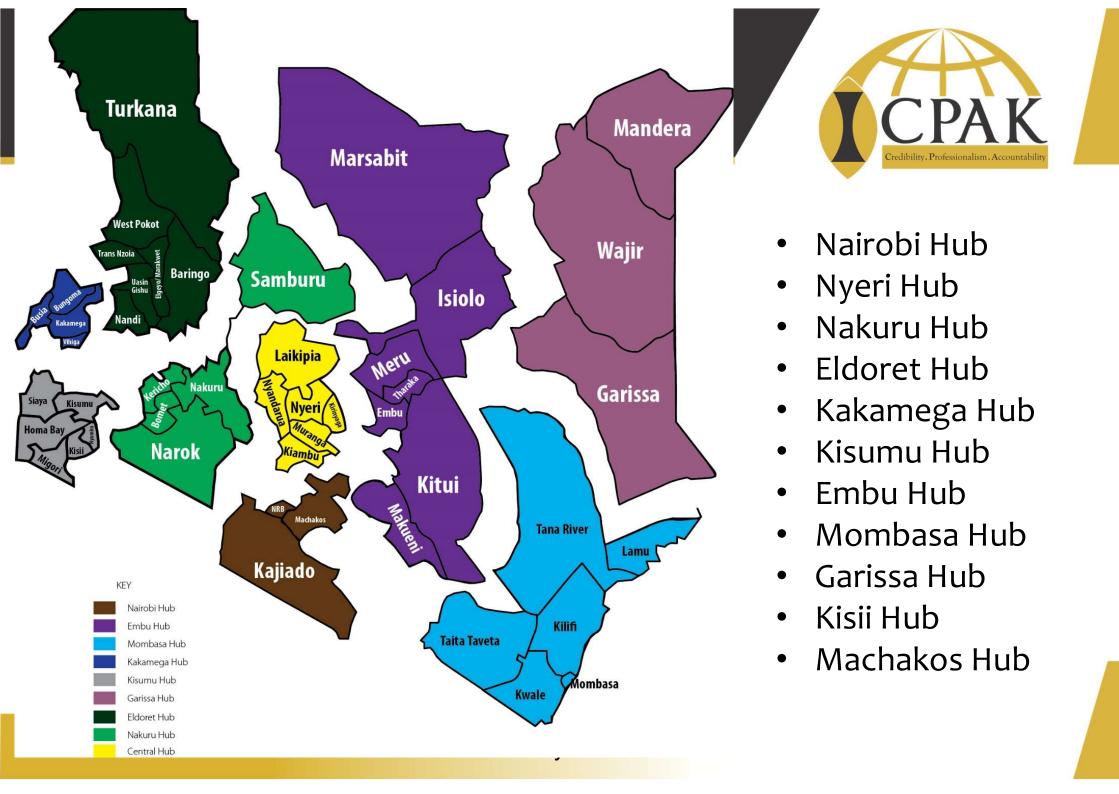




## The Board/Collegiate Model







## TYPES OF AUDIT



#### **Financial Audit**

focuses on determining whether an entity's financial information is presented in accordance with the applicable financial reporting and regulatory framework.

### **Compliance Audit**

focuses on whether a particular subject matter is in compliance with authorities identified as criteria.

#### **Performance Audit**

focuses on whether interventions, programmes and institutions are performing in accordance with the principles of economy, efficiency and effectiveness and whether there is room for improvement.

#### **IT Audit**

**Forensic Audit** 

Procurement
Audit
Special Audits

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## **OAG Audit Process**

## Phases of the Financial and Compliance Audit Methodology



- 1. Prerequisites
- 2. Pre-assignment
- 3. Understanding the entity
- 4. Budget as a control tool
- Materiality
- 6. Risk assessment and response
- 7. Performing and audit and evaluation of misstatements
- 8. Audit summary
- 9. Reporting
- 10. Follow-up



### **COMPLIANCE AUDIT**

#### **PREREQUISITES**

Global Risk Assessment
Team Effort
Project Scheduling
Annual Overall Audit Plan
Evaluating the FRF
Identifying The Subject Matter(s)

#### **PRE-ASSIGNMENT ACTIVITIES**

PA 1. Budget versus Actual
PA 2. Competency Matrix
PA 3. Code of Ethics Declaration
PA 4. Code of ethics Conclusion
PA 5. Team agreement
PA 6. Letter of Understanding
PA 7. Minutes of entry meeting
PA 8. Quality control questionnaire



#### **UNDERSTANDING THE ENTITY**

- UE 1. General information & operational environment
- UE 2. Governance structures
- UE 3. Legal framework of the entity
- UE 4. Fraud considerations
- UE 5. The entity's other internal controls
- UE 6. Other considerations as litigations and claims,

related parties, service entities, going concern, risks from prior years audit reports/ML/PAC Reports

UE 7 Understanding of the Subject Matter

#### **BUDGET AS A CONTROL TOOL**

BT 1. Budget Process

BT 2. Budget Analytical review

BT 3. Overall Lead schedule

#### **MATERIALITY**

Planning Materiality
Performance Materiality
Specific Materiality
Clearly Trivial

#### **MATERIALITY**

materiality for the subject matter(s)

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Vision:

#### **RISK ASSESSMENT**

- RA1. Risk assessment on a financial statement level
- RA 2. Risk register at assertion level
- RA 3. Assigned team discussion document
- RA 5. Quality control questionnaire

#### **COMPLIANCE AUDIT**

#### **RISK ASSESSMENT**

RA 4. Risk assessment for each subject matter



Combined audit strategy

#### **PERFORMING THE AUDIT**

- PF 1. Lead schedule
- PF 2. Risk assessment and response for components
- PF3 a. Test of controls and some substantive tests
- PF3 b. Management Letter( Continuance Audit Issues)
- PF 4. Substantive analytical procedures
- PF 5. Substantive tests of detail 100% testing
- PF 6. Substantive tests of detail Sample testing
- PF 7. Using the work of an expert
- PF 8. Evidence tracking sheet
- PA 11. Quality control questionnaire

#### **PERFORMING THE AUDIT**

PFA1 Performing Compliance Audit Procedures

PFA2: Evaluating compliance audit evidence and concluding on the Subject Matter



#### **REPORTING**

## AR 1. Minutes of exit meeting

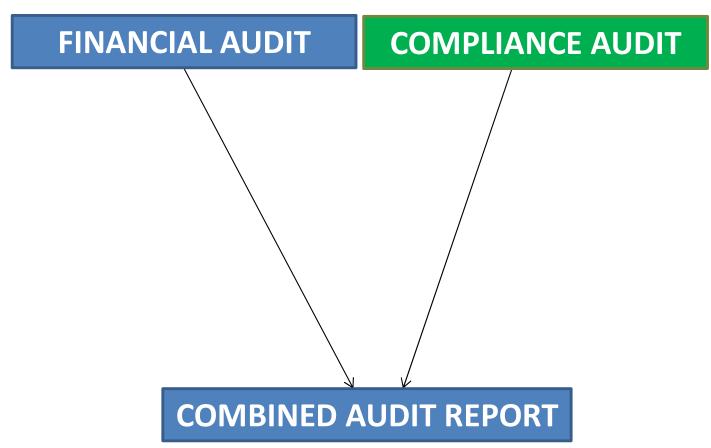
- AR 2. Draft management letter (with compliance findings)
- AR 3. Verification of management responses
- AR 4. Final management letter (with compliance findings)
- AR 5. Matters for the attention during next year's audit
- AR 6. Opinion matrix
- AR 7. Exception capturing template National Govt
- AR 7. Exception capturing template County Govt
- AR 8. Representation by audit management
- AR 9. Management representation letter
- AR.10. Audit Report -Combined
- AR 11. Quality control questionnaire

**REPORTING** 

Compliance Audit Findings to be included in the auditor's report and used to conclude on whether public money has/has not be used in a lawful way.



### **REPORTING**



## **Legal Compliance**



The Constitution

• Constitutional Requirements

• Specific Articles that touch on the Subject Matter

The Legislature

- Procurement Laws
- Financial Management Laws
- National Government Laws

The Executive

- Presidential Directives
- Circulars
- Guidelines

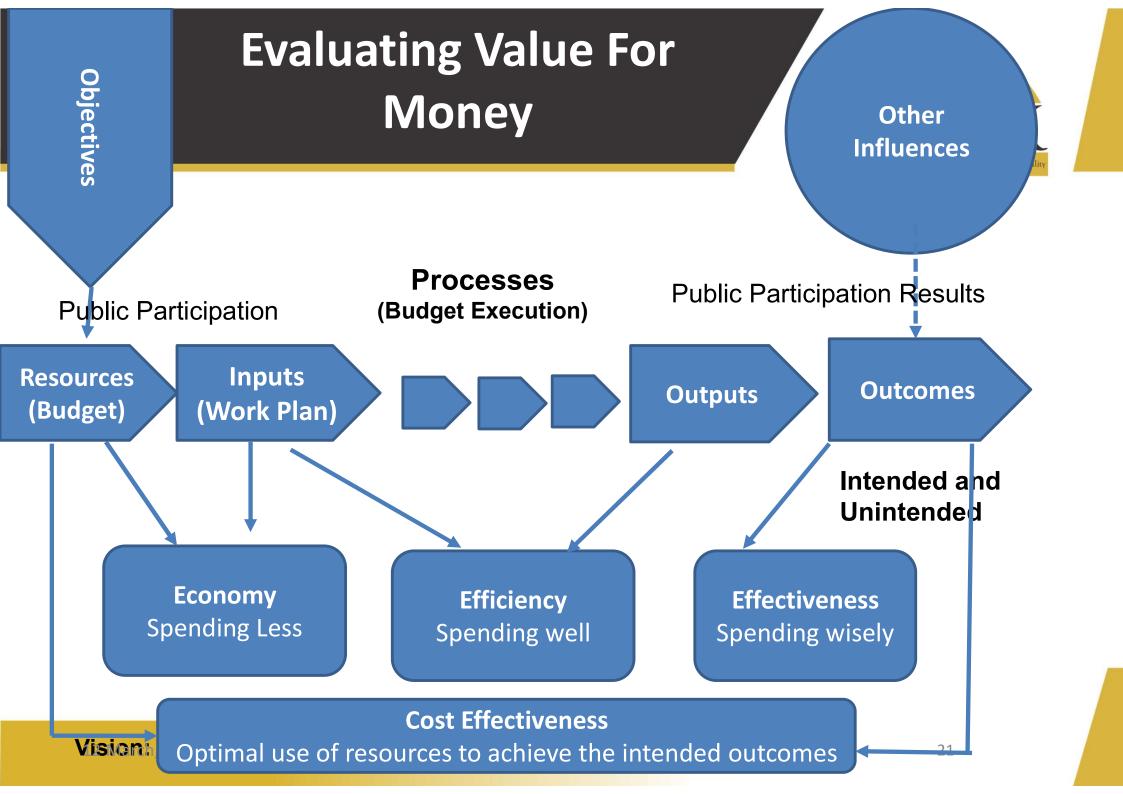
The Entity

- Policies
- Manuals
- Requirements by Financiers

Standards & Framework

- IPSAS
- IFRS
- COSO

**Compliance Criteria** 





## **Preparing for Audit**

## Preparing For an Audit



### 1. Implement Good Practices Year Round: -

- If you put good processes in place, you can save time and money.
- internal Controls

### 2. Review Your Own Financial Information: -

- Use the Internal Auditor.
- The financials should make sense to management. (Audit Committee)

## 3. Get Your Paperwork Together (This is called the Audit File): -

- Your auditor will request a list of documents and schedules.
- You or your accountant should be able to generate or gather this documentation.

## Preparing For an Audit



- General ledger
- 2. Trial balance
- 3. Accounting Policies and Procedures manual.
- 4. Organization charts and systems documentation
- 5. Memos detailing flow of transactions within the entity
- 6. Security agreements, and lease agreements.
- 7. Minutes of meetings of the TCWG and any other oversight committees.
- 8. Fiscal year budget,
- 9. Reconciliation and schedules supporting all asset, liability, and equity accounts.



## **The Audit Committee Effectiveness**

## Establishment of the Audit Committee



- Public Finance Management Act, 2012 and Public Finance Management Regulations, 2015 for both National and County Governments
- Sect 73(5) and 155 (5) Every public entity shall establish an audit committee whose composition and functions shall be prescribed by the regulations
- Regulation 167 -171 of the PFMR(CG) Every public entity shall establish an audit committee whose composition and functions shall be prescribed by the regulations

## Functions of the Audit Committee



Regulation 168 stipulates the Functions of the Audit Committee

- a) Support Accounting Officers with regard to their responsibilities for issues of risk, control and governance and associated assurance
- b) Follow up on the implementation of the recommendations of the auditors
- c) Evaluating the adequacy of the control
- d) Performing an independent review of the financial statements.
- e) Monitoring the effectiveness of an entity's performance.
- f) Evaluating the quality of the internal audit function.
- g) Engaging with external audit and assessing the adequacy of management response to issues.
- h) Reviewing the effectiveness of how the entity monitors compliance with relevant legislative and regulatory requirements.

## **Focus of the Audit Committees**



### **Financial Reporting**

- -Disclosure requirements
- Appropriateness of Accou policies

### External Audit

- Scope of work
- Independence requirements
- Audit findings and implementation or recommendations
- Review performance of the auditor

## Risk management and Internal Control

- understand key risk areas
- Effectiveness of controls
  - Fraud risk

### Internal Audit

- Charter, authority and resources
  - · Scope of work
  - Internal audit effectiveness
  - Responses to internal audit recommendations

### Maintaining and measuring effectiveness

- Training needs
- Financial literacy
- Annual performance

#### Communication and reporting

Audit

Committee:

Areas of

Focus

- Relations with management
  - Updates and recommendations to the full board
  - Reports to the board and shareholders

## Regulatory , compliance & ethical matters

- Compliance with the laws
  - Code of conduct/ethics
    - whistleblowing

## AUDIT COMMITTEE EFFECTIVENESS



IFAC have identified 5 ways to enhance effectiveness of audit:

- 1. Audit Committee Transparency
- 2. Effective Communication
- 3. Committee Composition Including Appropriate Skills, Competencies and Expertise
- 4. How it gets its Work Done Efficient and Effective Ways of Working
- 5. Strength of the Finance Function



## Interpretation of the Auditor-General's Report

## **OAG Report Format**



- Title
- 2. Report on the financial statements
  - Opinion
  - Basis for opinion
  - Emphasis of matter
  - Key audit matters
  - Other matter
- 3. Report on compliance and effectiveness
- Conclusion confirmation of lawfulness and effectiveness
- Basis for conclusion
- 4. Report on effectiveness of internal controls
  - Conclusion
  - Basis for conclusion
- 5. Report on other legal and regulatory requirements (where applicable)
- 6. Management responsibilities
- 7. Auditor-General's responsibility
- 8. Signature

## **OAG Report Format**

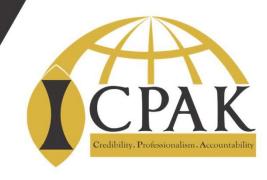


- 1. Report on the financial statements that considers whether the financial statements are fairly presented in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework, accounting standards and the relevant laws and regulations that have a direct effect on the financial statements.
- 2. Report on Lawfulness and Effectiveness in use of public resources which considers compliance with applicable laws and regulations, and effectiveness in the use of public resources in the operations of the entity.
- 3. Report on Effectiveness of Internal Controls, Risk Management and Governance which considers how the entity has instituted checks and balances to guide internal operations.

## **OAG Report Format**



- 1. The three parts of the report are aimed at addressing the statutory roles and responsibilities of the Auditor-General as provided by
  - i. Article 229 of the Constitution,
  - ii. the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 and
  - iii. the Public Audit Act, 2015.
- The three parts of the report, when read together constitute the report of the Auditor-General.
- 3. An unmodified opinion does not necessarily mean that an entity has complied with all relevant laws and regulations, and that its internal control, risk management and governance systems are properly designed and were working effectively in the financial year under review.



## **Audience Engagement**

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## OAG Engages its audiences through training and discussion of audit report:

- 1. Parliament (Senate, National and County Assemblies)
  Committees (PAC, PIC, CPAIC, SPAIC)
- 2. The Media
- 3. The Civil Society
- 4. ICPAK
- 5. Corporate Social Responsibility





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