



## CPA DENISH OSODO

### Professional & Educational Qualification

- Bachelor of Commerce, University of Nairobi
- CPA (K)

**ICPAK member Number:** 4001

**Year of Registration:** 2005

**Position Nominated:** Chairman

### PROFILE

I am the immediate former National Vice Chairman of ICPAK, a role I held till 2019, during which time the current 2019-2021 4-Pillar ICPAK Strategic plan was developed, all branches had physical offices established, significant gains were made through the amendments to the Accountants Act which expanded the scope of Accountancy offering new areas of practice to many members and the bar was raised and objectivity & transparency achieved in ICPAK honours such as Fellowships and commendations and appointments to internal organs and external Boards.

I have wide and deep experience in the field of Accountancy spanning over 20 years.

I am the Director Internal Audit at Safaricom PLC. Prior to joining Safaricom, I worked at PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) for several years, serving clients in different industries from Kenya and United Kingdom offices. I left PwC as Director Risk Assurance Services lead-

ing teams focusing on the provision of Business Controls Advisory Services to clients across Africa.

I serve in the Board of Kenya Paediatric Research Consortium (KEPRECON) as the Treasurer and has previously been a member of the Audit committee of Kenya National Commission for UNESCO (KNATCOM), amongst other positions of trust and responsibility.

I have been active in the study or practice of Accountancy since my High School days where I studied Accounting as an examinable subject. Thereafter, I enrolled in Strathmore's School of Accountancy to develop this passion into a career. My dedication to the profession and commitment to public service was consolidated during my time at the University of Nairobi pursuing a degree in Commerce.

I am married to Mary and blessed with three school going children, the people who remind me every day why we must never give up till we succeed. We must keep the Faith.

### Suitability for Position of Chairman:

I am the immediate past National Vice Chairman of the Institute. I was elected to the Council of the Institute by members in 2017 and took on the noble task with passion and dedication, seeking in every opportunity, to raise the bar. Because of my commitment and proven outcomes in Council, my colleagues affirmed their trust in me and my vision for our profession by electing me Vice -Chair in 2018. By virtue of our rules, this made me a member of All Committees of the Institute.

I was, during my time in Council, the convener of the Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee as well as the Internal Auditors Sub-committee. I was also the co-convener of the Practitioners Development Committee. Following the

successful amendments to the Accountants Act in 2018, I was appointed to chair the special committee on Implementation of the amendments to ensure full operationalisation of these significant changes to the profession in Kenya.

Prior to joining Council, I was the co-convener of the Audit, Risk and Compliance committee of the Institute. I often publish articles in the mainstream and social media to promote and defend the profession and work with institutions of higher learning to promote the interest in various fields of Accountancy.

In the years of my service in Council and as Vice Chairman, a stricter regime for practitioners was enforced in an improved regulatory framework, more objective and rigorous

guidelines for Fellowships and Commendations was implemented, branch offices were opened across the country and stakeholder engagement heightened to strengthen the CPA brand, whistle-blower policy was approved to protect public sector CPAs, 'the state of the economy report' highlighting the financial accountability status in the country was approved by council and the Accountants Act was finally amended, opening doors for multiple licensing .

This year, I have been nominated again to contest to serve you as the ICPAK National Chairman.