



**NFRA International Conference on
'Transparent Financial Reporting and Audit Quality-Pillars of Corporate
Governance'**

5-6 March 2024, Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, India

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9:30-10:55	Inaugural
10:55-11:15	Coffee Break
11:15-12:15	<i>Address by Shri Uday Kotak, Founder Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd. 'Role of Corporate Governance in achieving a \$5 trillion economy'</i>
12:15-13:15	Lunch
13:15-14:30	<i>Panel 1: Harnessing Technology and Regulation to enhance Audit as a public good</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr P K Tiwari, Full Time Member, NFRA• Sharad Sharma, iSPIRT (Moderator)• Vivek Subramanian, Partner, Price Waterhouse & Co.• TBC
14:30-15:45	<i>Panel 2: Investor protection and their perspectives on audit regulation</i> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ananth Narayan G, Whole Time Member, Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)• Mag. Peter Hofbauer, APAB (Austria), Chair of Investors and other Stakeholders Working Group, International Forum of Independent Audit Regulators (IFIAR)• Sunil Sanghai, Investment Banking Firm, Chair FICCI Capital Markets Committee (Moderator)• Nilesh Shah, MD, Kotak Mutual Fund & Member Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council

15:45-16:15	Coffee Break
16:15-17:30	<p><i>Panel 3: New Era of Auditing – Recent Reforms in Auditing Standards</i></p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Smita Jhingran, Full Time Member, NFRA- Session Lead • Sanjeev Kumar Singhal, Chairman, Auditing and Assurance standards Board, Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and Part-time Member, NFRA • Ms Barbara Vanich, Chief Auditor and Director of Professional Standards, PCAOB (USA) (joining virtually) • Alan J Lo Re, Senior Associate Director, PCAOB (USA) • TBC
6 March 2024, Wednesday (Day 2)	
9:30-10:45	<p><i>Panel 4: Lines of Defense-Role of Audit Committees, Independent Directors and efficacy of their communication with auditors</i></p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr P K Tiwari, Full Time Member, NFRA • D Sundaram, Chair Audit Committee, Infosys • Ms Megan Zietsman, Global Audit and Assurance Quality Leader, Deloitte, USA, and former Board member, PCAOB, USA • PR Ramesh, Independent Director and Former Chairman Deloitte, India (Moderator) • TBC
10:45-11:15	Coffee Break
11:15-12:15	<p><i>Panel 5: Strides in Financial Reporting</i></p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mohan R Lavi, Partner, K.P.Rao & Company • Ms Archana Bhutani, Partner and India Regulatory Leader, Deloitte, India (Moderator) • TBC

12:15-13:15	<p><i>Panel 6: Promoting competition and choice in the Audit Market</i></p> <p>Panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sanjiv Chaudhary, former Board Member International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA), USA and former Council Member, ICAI • Himanshu Kishnadawala, Partner CNK Associates • Vikas Kumar, Managing Partner T R Chadha & Co • Vidhyadhar Kulkarni, Sr Consultant, NFRA (Moderator) • TBC
13:15-14:15	Lunch
14:15-15:15	<p><i>Address by Hon'ble Justice U U Lalit, former Chief Justice of India</i></p> <p><i>“Safeguarding public interest through corporate governance”</i></p>
15:15-15:45	Coffee Break
15:45-17:00	<p><i>Panel 7: Sustainability Reporting; Understanding frameworks, responsibilities and challenges</i></p> <p>Panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amarjeet Singh, Whole Time Member, Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) and Board Member International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA) • Sumit Seth, Partner, Capital Markets & Accounting Advisory Services, ESG Reporting & Assurance, Price Waterhouse & Co Chartered Accountants LLP (Moderator) • TBC
17:00-17:45	<p><i>Valediction</i></p> <p>17:00</p> <p>Welcome and Introduction of Chief Guest</p> <p>17:05</p> <p>Conference Takeaways by Chairperson, NFRA</p> <p>17:15</p> <p>Valedictory Address by Chief Guest, Rao Inderjit Singh Hon'ble Minister of State (I.C.) for Statistics & Programme Implementation Planning and Minister of State for Corporate Affairs</p>

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Vote of thanks by Dr P K Tiwari, Member, NFRA

Group photograph

Registration Link:

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Venue (Location): Bharat Mandapam, ITPO, Pragati Maidan

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(TBC- (To be confirmed) Panel confirmations, where awaited, will be updated)