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## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY

George is a CA(SA) and a Registered Auditor with IRBA. He has over 23 years professional experience, majority of in the public sector- including :

- Performing external and internal audits in the public sector on Departments, Public Entities, Municipalities
- Training of PFMA, MFMA, GRAP, IPSAS and the MCS Standards
- Reviewing of financial statements for compliance with GRAP/ IFRS and MCS
- Technical opinions on application of the Accounting Standards
- Performing governance reviews
- Performing review of key performance indicators and controls
- Improving financial management at entities to improve audit outcomes

He is a member of the South African Independent Regularity Board of Auditors public sector committee, Public Sector Audit Committee Forum and the Accounting Standards Board working groups for development of Standards and guidelines for the South African Public Sector.

He has performed a number of financial management improvement projects for National Treasury including research projects.

He is a member and chairperson of Audit and Risk Committees at the National and Provincial Government spheres for the past 9 years.