



GOVERNANCE, RISK AND COMPLIANCE

Audit Committee Effectiveness

2 day course

Classroom, online or in-house

Course overview

An audit committee is the board's principal defence against being surprised, and it fails quietly when it receives thick packs, asks polite questions and never speaks to anybody without management present. This course covers doing the job properly. Delegates work through the committee's mandate and its distinct responsibilities for financial reporting, internal control, audit and risk. Reading financial statements critically is covered, including the estimates and judgements where problems hide. Overseeing internal audit and preserving its independence follows, along with appointing and evaluating an external auditor. Private sessions, escalation and whistleblowing oversight are addressed. The course closes on committee evaluation and on the questions worth asking.

What you will learn

- Define the committee mandate and its distinct responsibilities
- Read financial statements critically, focusing on estimates and judgements
- Oversee internal audit and protect its independence
- Appoint, evaluate and challenge an external auditor
- Hold private sessions and handle escalation properly
- Oversee whistleblowing and investigation outcomes
- Evaluate the committee and ask the questions that matter

Who should attend

- Audit committee chairs and members
- Non executive directors
- Chief audit executives and internal audit staff
- Chief financial officers and company secretaries
- Executives preparing papers for the committee

Course outline

- 01 Thick packs and polite questions
- 02 Mandate and responsibilities
- 03 Financial reporting oversight
- 04 Estimates, judgements and where problems hide
- 05 Internal audit oversight and independence
- 06 External auditor appointment and challenge
- 07 Private sessions and escalation
- 08 Whistleblowing oversight and committee evaluation

Upcoming dates

Dates	Venue	Format	Fee per delegate
6 to 7 October 2026	Online	Online	R6,500
19 to 20 October 2026	Harare, Zimbabwe	Classroom	USD 795
27 to 28 October 2026	Nairobi, Kenya	Classroom	USD 795
2 to 3 February 2027	Pretoria, South Africa	Classroom	R11,950



Fees and how to register

This 2 day course is **R6,500** per delegate online, **R11,950** in the classroom in South Africa, Botswana, Namibia, Lesotho and Eswatini, and **USD 795** in the classroom elsewhere in Africa. In-house training is quotation on request. Book 2 or more delegates on this course and save 10%.

To register or request an in-house proposal, visit www.afrisciencegroup.com, email info@afriscience.co.za, or WhatsApp us on **+27 63 479 1136**.

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