



**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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9:30-10:20	Inaugural 9:30-9:35 Lighting of Lamp/Welcome 9:35-9:45 Welcome Address by Dr Ajay Bhushan Prasad Pandey Chairperson, NFRA 9:45-10:00 Special address by Dr Manoj Govil, Secretary, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India 10:00-10:15 Inaugural address by Hon'ble Justice Ashok Bhushan, Chairman, National Company Law Appellate Tribunal 10:15 -10.20 Vote of thanks by Ms Smita Jhingran Full Time Member, NFRA Group Photograph
10:20-11:00	Coffee Break
11:00-12:15	<i>Address by Shri Uday Kotak, Founder Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd. 'Role of Corporate Governance in achieving a \$5 trillion economy'</i>
12:15-13:30	Lunch

<p>13:30-14:45</p>	<p><i>Panel 1: Harnessing Technology and Regulation to enhance Audit as a public Good</i></p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr P K Tiwari, Full Time Member, NFRA- Session Chair • Sharad Sharma, Co-founder, iSPIRT foundation • Govind Ahuja, Partner & Professional Practice Director, S.R. Batliboi and Associates LLP • Sudhir Soni, Head of Audit, BSR & Co LLP • Vivek Subramanian, Partner, Price Waterhouse & Co.
<p>14:45-16:00</p>	<p><i>Panel 2: Investor protection and their perspectives on audit regulation</i></p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor R Narayanaswamy, Part Time Member, NFRA • Ananth Narayan G, Whole Time Member, Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) • Mag. Peter Hofbauer, Head, APAB (Audit Oversight Body, Austria), Chair of Investors and other Stakeholders Working Group of the International Forum of Independent Audit Regulators (IFIAR) • Nilesh Shah, Managing Director, Kotak Mutual Fund & Member Prime Minister’s Economic Advisory Council • Sunil Sanghai, Founder & CEO at NovaaOne Capital Pvt Ltd, Chair FICCI Capital Markets Committee (Moderator)
<p>16:00-16:30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Coffee Break</p>
<p>16:30-17:45</p>	<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 Chair • 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, Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB), USA (joining virtually) • Ms Josephine Jackson, Vice Chair, International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB), Director of International Audit and Assurance Standards Policy Financial Reporting Council (FRC), UK (joining virtually) • Alan J Lo Re, Senior Associate Director, Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB), USA

6 March 2024, Wednesday (Day 2)

9:30-
10:45

Panel 4: Lines of Defense-Role of Audit Committees, Independent Directors and efficacy of their communication with auditors

Panelists:

- Dr P K Tiwari, Full Time Member, NFRA- Session Chair
- Dr K P Krishnan, Independent Director, Tata Consumer Product Limited, Former Secretary Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- D Sundaram, Lead Independent Director and Chair of NRC 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

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Coffee Break

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12:15

Panel 5: Strides in Financial Reporting

Panelists:

- Prof Sanjay Kallapur, Professor, Indian School of Business, Hyderabad and Part Time member, NFRA
- Mohan R Lavi, Partner, K.P. Rao & Company
- Ms Archana Bhutani, Partner and India Regulatory Leader, Deloitte, India (Moderator)
- MP Vijay Kumar, Member of IFRS Interpretation Committee and IFRS Advisory Council IFRS Foundation

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13:15

Panel 6: Promoting competition and choice in the Audit Market

Panelists:

- Ms Smita Jhingran, Full Time Member, NFRA- Session Chair
- IDS Dhariwal, Joint Secretary, Government of India
- Ranjeet Kumar Agarwal, President, Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)
- Sanjiv Chaudhary, former Board Member International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA), USA, and former Council Member, ICAI
- Himanshu Kishnadwala, Partner CNK Associates
- Vikas Kumar, CEO, T R Chadha & Co LLP

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Lunch

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15:15-15:30	<p style="text-align: center;">Coffee Break</p>
15:30-16:45	<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) • Takashi Nagaoka, Chair- International Forum of Independent Audit Regulators (IFIAR), Secretary General of Certified Public Accountants and Auditing Oversight Board, Deputy Commissioner for International Affairs at Japan's Financial Services Agency (joining virtually) • Koushik Chatterjee, Executive Director and CFO, Tata Steel, Trustee of IFRS Foundation, Advisory Board Member of UN Global Compact CFO Coalition of SDGs • Sumit Seth, Partner, Capital Markets & Accounting Advisory Services, ESG Reporting & Assurance, Price Waterhouse & Co Chartered Accountants LLP (Moderator)
17:00-17:45	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Valediction</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">17:00</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Welcome of Chief Guest</p> <p style="text-align: center;">17:05</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Conference Takeaways by Chairperson, NFRA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">17:15</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Valedictory Address by Chief Guest</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Rao Inderjit Singh</i> <i>Hon'ble Minister of State (I.C.) for Statistics & Programme Implementation Planning and Minister of State for Corporate Affairs</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">17:40</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote of thanks by Dr P K Tiwari, Full Time Member, NFRA</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Group photograph</p>