

Auditor-General Opens AFROSAI-E Performance Audit Course



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Training of auditors on performance audit has resulted to high-quality audits besides providing an opportunity for the staff to transfer the skills and knowledge acquired to other auditors within the country and beyond.

Speaking during the opening of the Three Module Course in Performance Auditing, the Auditor-General FCPA Nancy Gathungu, CBS, said the staff have also contributed to the development of course materials, guidelines and manuals that have enhanced understanding of the subject.

“The continued partnership with AFROSAI-E has enabled our Supreme Audit Institution (SAI) to train more staff on the performance audit methodology in a cost-effective manner, enabling the SAI to lead by example on achieving more with less,” the Auditor-General said.

At the end of this course, she revealed, nearly all the staff who use the Performance Audit Methodology will have been trained in the methodology, adding that the course, conducted through support from the African Organisation of English-speaking Supreme Audit Institutions (AFROSAI-E), has been significant in developing the Performance Audit function in the Office.

This second cohort of 23 participants comprises: three from Performance Audit, eight from Citizens Accountability Audit and 12 from Public Debt. The first cohort of 27 staff, who started their training last year, have completed their Main Study Module, and are currently finalising their reports. Since inception of the Course, approximately 127 staff have been trained.

“The Three Module Course has had a transformative impact on the quality of performance audits in the Office. The trainings have also enhanced problem analysis and led to audit designs that result in impactful audits. As a result of the capacity building, the Office has

published 67 performance audit reports on various sectors, and seven public debt reports that have used the performance audit methodology,” the AG said.

The Auditor-General said that performance audits are essential in enhancing government accountability and improving the delivery of services to citizens by ensuring that public resources are used effectively, efficiently, and economically.

She also pointed out several examples where performance audits have led to measurable improvements in public service delivery. These include enhancements in healthcare services, reforms in programs supporting persons with disabilities, improvements in mental health services and legislation, and better implementation of road infrastructure projects.

The Auditor-General however revealed that one of the key challenges the Office was facing is delayed discussion of performance audits in Parliament. However, she said there have been continuous and consistent efforts to create awareness among the oversight committees on the importance of performance audit in addressing the day-to-day challenges that the country has been facing.

In response to emerging risks and evolving governance demands, the Office has expanded performance auditing into areas such as climate change, public-private partnerships, citizen engagement, and devolved functions.

Encouraging participants to approach the training with dedication, the Auditor-General said that graduation from the course requires publication of a high-quality audit report. She urged officers to engage actively with facilitators and apply the knowledge gained to produce impactful audits that improve citizens’ lives.

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The Auditor-General gives her opening remarks



Director - Performance Audit, Peris Gikandu, addresses participants



Andrew Kellei , AFROSAI-E, Performance Audit Manager, gives his remarks



Esnath Henry, AFROSAI-E's facilitator addresses the participants



Director - Machakos Regional Office, Pamela Mugalisi, gives her remarks



Onesmus Waweru, In-Charge Talent Development, gives his remarks



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