



**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY BOARD FOR  
AUDITORS**

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**



**IRBA Mourns the Sad Passing of Imran Vanker,  
Director: Standards**

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It is with a heavy heart that the Independent Regulatory Board for Auditors (IRBA) announces the untimely and tragic passing of Imran Vanker, our Director Standards and member of the management committee, and his daughter, Sara, in a fatal motor accident on Monday, 25 November 2024.

Imran was an integral part of the IRBA and his commitment to both the organisation and the profession was evident over the years he spent with us. He was tasked with the responsibility of convening and supporting both the Committee for Auditing Standards and the Committee for Auditor Ethics of the IRBA. Under his leadership, the IRBA achieved a number of firsts including prescribing the International Standard on Auditing (ISA

701), Communicating Key Audit Matters in the Independent Auditor's Report, Rule on Enhanced Auditor Reporting for the Audit of Financial Statements of Public Interest Entities (EAR Rule) and hosting the IAASB outreach events with Chairman Mr Tom Seidenstein among others. He was the current Chair of the Audit Committee of the United Nations and previously served as a public member on the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board for six years, where he chaired the global project to develop the new standard on quality management.

He was a source of inspiration to many at the IRBA and the profession at large. Becoming a chartered accountant was a natural choice for him, with his love for accounting having been influenced by his exposure to the discipline of business and the sacrifices of entrepreneurship from a young age.

Imran was passionate about audit because of the critical role it plays in ensuring the integrity of financial reporting and soundness of business operations. He believed that a robust and effective audit process could help to prevent fraud, corruption and other unethical practices.

In addition to his love for accounting and audit, Imran had a passion for nature, and he chaired the Bird Life South Africa Nominations Committee. He was an avid believer in living a balanced life. He always emphasised the importance of family and community participation in achieving a successful career and impacting the world around us.

Imran's passing is undeniably a major loss to both the IRBA, as an organisation, and the profession at large.

Imran is survived by his wife and two children. We are deeply saddened by the passing of our larger-than-life and dearest colleague and his daughter. They will be deeply missed, and our thoughts and prayers are with their family during this incredibly difficult time.

**May Imran and Sara's souls rest in peace.**

**Imre Nagy**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

**About the IRBA**

*The objective of the IRBA is to endeavour to protect the financial interests of the South African public and international investors in South Africa through the effective and appropriate regulation of audits conducted by registered auditors, in accordance with internationally recognised standards and processes.*



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