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Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of members of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee

Appointment of members of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee

Note by the Secretary-General

1. As indicated in document [A/75/105/Rev.1](#), the General Assembly is required, at its current session, to appoint two persons to fill the vacancies that will arise in the membership of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee, for a three-year term of office¹ beginning on 1 January 2021.
2. The following persons have been nominated by their respective Governments for appointment or reappointment:

Thembekile Kimi Makwetu (South Africa)
Janet St. Laurent (United States of America)
3. The candidates' curricula vitae are set out in the annex to the present note.

¹ Members shall serve for three years and can be reappointed for a second and final term of three years.



Annex

Curricula vitae*

Thembekile Kimi Makwetu (South Africa)

A dynamic and a driven leader, in the 7th year of a 7-year term ending in November 2020 in the Office of the Auditor-General (South Africa)

Gender: Male

Education

Accelerated Executive Development Program: Diploma in Management (IMD); Lausanne, Switzerland – 2011 to 2012

Legal Aspects of Corporate Finance: University of London, (Distance Learning) – 2005

CA (SA): March 2000

Postgraduate Diploma in Accountancy: University of Natal – 1998

Bachelor of Accounting Science: University of South Africa – 1996

Bachelor of Social Science: University of Cape Town – 1989

Matric Exemption: St John's College (Umtata) – 1984

Employment

Current employer: Auditor-General South-Africa (AGSA), Pretoria

Job title: Auditor-General

Employment period: 1 December 2013 to present

Main duties in current job

- Strategic planning activities to guide the whole organisation in executing the mandate as set out in both the Constitution and the Public Audit Act, towards delivery of the organisation's strategic goals, mainly auditing the public sector to deliver on its mandate to taxpayers in a transparent manner, according to standards outlined in the Constitution.
- Engaging in high level interactions with all three spheres of government to execute the mandate as set out in both the Constitution and the Public Audit Act, while maintaining good stakeholder relationships and continuing to move the institution on its established track of transparency, credibility and independence.
- Steering the Institution's ongoing efforts to ensure independence, impartiality and the professional stature of the institution.
- Representing the institution at various national and international thought leadership platforms on core audit work execution as well as institutional co-operation, covering topics such as auditing of the Sustainable Development

* Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.

Goals and whole of government reporting (INTOSAI/United Nations), fraud and corruption (OECD), professionalisation (INTOSAI and IFAC), etc.

- Member of the Governing Board of the International Organisation for Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI), a body of Auditors-General across the globe. He leads one of the global strategic goals of this organisation, the INTOSAI Capacity Building Committee whose main task is to drive an agenda of strengthening the professionalisation in this community. He is also a Board member of the INTOSAI Development Initiative (IDI) – the implementation partner of INTOSAI.
- Member of the Board of External Auditors (BoEA) of the African Union Commission and its organs, having chaired the first BoEA where Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) were appointed as external auditors (following his involvement in the leadership of the Board of Audit for the United Nations, while he was still Deputy Auditor-General).

Previous employment

Employer: Office of the Auditor-General, Pretoria

Title: Deputy Auditor-General

Period of employment: July 2007 to 30 November 2013

Employer: Deloitte & Touche

Title: Director: Forensics Division

Period of employment: January 2006 to June 2007

Employer: Liberty Life (Personal Benefits Division)

Title: Divisional Director: Finance

Period of employment: 2003 to 2005

Employer: Deloitte & Touche – (Assurance Services Division)

Title: Senior Manager

Period of employment: Jan 2001 to July 2003

Employer: Metropolitan Health

Title: Senior Manager: Finance and Admin

Period of employment: April 1999 to December 2000

Employer: Nampak Tissue Cape

Title: Bookkeeper

Period of employment: June 1998 to March 1999

Employer: Deloitte & Touche
Title: Trainee Accountant (Served articles of Clerkship)
Period of employment: February 1994 to May 1998

Employer: Nampak Paper
Title: Bookkeeper
Period of employment: March 1992 to January 1994

Employer: Standard Bank
Title: Management Trainee
Period of employment: May 1990 to February 1992

Current involvement in professional bodies

Member of the INTOSAI Governing Board: December 2013 to present

Chair of the INTOSAI Capacity Building Committee of INTOSAI: December 2013 to present

Chair of the Task Force INTOSAI Auditor Professionalisation: March 2014 to present
 (Development of guidance to Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) to formalise public sector specific competency frameworks and initiate and strengthen pathways for professional development of public sector external auditors)

Chair of the Project Group for SAI Performance Measurement Framework (SAI PMF) strategy: December 2016 to present
 (Development and implementation of a global self-assessment tool for SAIs, to determine development needs and test relevance against the foundational requirements for SAIs as contained in INTOSAI Framework of Professional Pronouncements (IFPP))

Member of the Board of INTOSAI Development Initiative (IDI) : January 2017 to present
 Strategic leadership of the “implementation partner” of iNTOSAI

Governing Board member of African Organisation of Supreme Audit Institutions (AFROSAI) : December 2013 to present

Governing Board member and host of the African Organisation of English-speaking Supreme Audit Institutions (AFROSAI-E) Secretariat: December 2013 to present

Professional affiliation

- South African Institute of Chartered Accountants
- Institute of Directors
- Independent Regularity Board of Auditors

Professional recognition

- **Honorary Professorships Award** by the Nanjing Audit University (NAU) of China: 25 June 2016
- **Alumni Blazer Award** by St Johns' College: 12 August 2016
- **ABASA Presidential Award for Lifetime Achievement** by ABASA: 26 November 2019

Other involvement – part of the journey

- 2005: Appointed to the HSRC Council and Chairman of Audit Committee
- 2003: Member of the Robben Island Museum Audit Committee
- 1998 to 2003: Trustee of Zanempilo Health, an EU-funded community primary health organisation serving primary health needs in communities around the Western Cape
- 1989: Chairman of the South African Tertiary Institutions Sports Council (SATISCO), UCT Branch
- 1985 to 1989: Member of the Executive Committee of SANSCO at UCT Campus

Janet St. Laurent (United States of America)

Professional profile

Senior executive audit manager and international audit community leader with an exceptional record of high impact audit results that enhanced program efficiency and effectiveness and led to billions of dollars in financial benefits

Work history

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| June 2014–Present | <p>Director, Center for Audit Excellence
US Government Accountability Office, Washington, DC</p> <p>Developed and implemented a vision and business plan to establish a new organization that provides training and technical assistance services to enhance the capacity of public audit institutions in the United States and internationally and help them produce high quality audits. Negotiated agreements and delivered high quality training and other capacity building services to over 30 public audit institutions around the world since the Center’s launch in October 2015.</p> |
| January 2018–Present | <p>Served as Chair and member of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee.</p> <p>Provided oversight and advice to the United Nations Office of Internal Oversight and senior United Nations managers on issues such as internal control, enterprise risk management, budget, investigations, and audit quality.</p> |
| January 2008–January 2014 (Retired in 2014) | <p>Managing Director, Defense Capabilities and Management
US Government Accountability Office, Washington, DC</p> <p>As a senior executive reporting to the US Comptroller General, I led a team of 250 defense and national security analysts in conducting complex audits on a wide range of defense, national security, and international issues including strategic/nuclear forces, US operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, DOD and State department coordination, national security budgeting, combatant commander roles and resources, readiness, infrastructure, human capital, logistics, and business process improvement. Testified before congressional committees and provided congressional member and staff briefings on the results of GAO studies and reviews; Built coalitions and partnerships to bring about needed improvements in program operations.</p> |
| June 1978–January 2008 | <p>US Government Accountability Office, Washington, DC; New York City; Frankfurt, Germany</p> <p>As a Senior Executive and in multiple other positions at GAO, I led numerous teams of auditors in conducting audits on a wide range of issues including U.S. foreign</p> |

assistance programs; international food assistance; United Nations issues; U.S. participation in coalition military operations; defense readiness and logistics; cost analysis; internal control, procurement and many other issues.

Education

Masters in National Security Strategy
National War College, National Defense University
Washington, DC; June 1999

Masters in Public Administration
Maxwell School of Public Affairs, Syracuse University

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science
University of Massachusetts-Amherst
