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## VALUE OF THE AUDIT PROFESSION CELEBRATED

The Eastern Cape Government celebrated the International Internal Audit Awareness (IIAA) month in East London recently to promote the value of internal audit. The celebrations were attended by officials from the private and public-sectors and students from Walter Sisulu University. The celebration was made possible by the partnership between the Office of the Premier (OTP), Provincial Treasury (PT) and Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (Cogta).

Speaking on behalf of the Head of the Department (HoD) of Cogta, Ms Charity Sihunu (*right*) thanked the brains behind the celebrations as it is the first of its kind. "The celebration was meant to invoke our consciences and remind us to continue to play our roles meaningfully to protect public interest by upholding the principles of good governance."



Mr Luyolo Swana from the Institute of Internal Auditors South African Board said the purpose for the day was to promote their profession to their customers and other key stakeholders including students. "We are here today to promote the value of this wonderful profession", said Mr Swana.

Giving the message of support, the Chairperson of the Audit Committee Forum (ACF) Mr Phumzile Zitumane the role of independent Audit Committees, Internal Audit Services and the support of management is evident to all.

"We really have every reason to celebrate your good work, and this of course goes to all the government departments, state owned entities and the municipalities. As assurance providers, let us continue to provide support to the heads of the organisations to realise organisational goals."

On behalf of the Institute of Internal Auditors South African Board Leadership Academy Mr Lemmy Kave said they offer rational for professional training programmes for the auditors to give a comprehensive and structured developmental



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pathway for Internal Auditors in South Africa. “We also develop and improve the competencies of Internal Auditors and the quality of the Internal Audit activity work,” said Mr Kave.

He added that the Leadership Academy provides auditors with high-quality, relevant and up-to-date academic interventions, which include theoretical knowledge and practical application to enhance learning experience, knowledge, skills and professional development. **By Vuyani Sibene.**