

A dark, atmospheric photograph of a night event. The scene is illuminated by blue and white lights, creating a dramatic effect. Several people are visible, some wearing traditional white Omani clothing. The background shows a building with warm, yellow lights. The overall mood is festive and cultural.

Summary of the  
5<sup>th</sup> Performance Audit Seminar  
March 3 – 4  
Muscat, Oman

# Editorial Board

A photograph of a night festival or event. In the foreground, several people are seen from behind, wearing white robes or tunics. They are looking towards a brightly lit area in the background. The scene is illuminated by a mix of warm, yellow-orange lights and cooler, blue lights. The background shows a structure with many small lights, possibly a stage or a large display. The overall atmosphere is festive and celebratory.

- **Brazil**
- **Canada**
- **India**
- **Netherlands**
- **United States**

# Overview

- **Theme**
  - **IT Governance**
    - **IT Project Failures**
    - **IT Security**

# Comments

- **Evolution of Seminars**

- The seminars have evolved from a small meeting in an informal setting to a large and diverse audience and in a conference type venue.

- **Closer Cooperation**

- There is a spirit of cooperation and joint working groups with side meetings in common topics. The ISCITA members have begun to have bilateral communications to discuss issues and work with each other to improve skill sets.

# Feedback

- **Lively Discussion**

- Members were very involved in the seminar discussion and had insightful questions. Members strongly supported the format that provided ample times for discussions.

- **Greater Frequency**

- Some members wanted a greater frequency for the seminars. However, others thought that it would put too much strain in the host countries to organize both a seminar and a meeting, which typically extends the schedule.

# Feedback

- **More Focused Groups**

- Some members wanted a focus group type meeting of shorter duration.

- **Breakout Sessions**

- Others recommended breakout sessions with reporting by the team.

# Summary

- **Information Technology (IT) project failures continue to be a major audit topic even though many audit reports have identified causes and recommended specific solutions.**

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- **Management has not always risen to the challenges of effectively controlling IT costs, risk, and waste in IT expenditures.**

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- **The use of external consultants continues to increase while the risks associated with these are not being appropriately managed.**

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- **The lack of adequate IT security is preventing the rapid deployment of e-government systems. This weakness can lead to citizens not utilizing the resources that governments provide and more importantly, the loss of citizen's personnel and financial data.**

# Summary

- **IT Governance, when effectively implemented, can reduce the risk of IT project failure and increase the likelihood of projects meeting customer expectations. IT Governance is the responsibility of senior and executive management.**

# Output

- **Posted on Committee Web Site**
- **<http://www.intosaiitaudit.org/>**



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# Closing Summary

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