

Refresher Workshop for IT Auditors



IT Auditors of the General Auditing Commission (GAC) have ended a four-day trainer of trainers' workshop on how to apply AFROSAI-E IT audit methodology and other basic professional skills in IT Auditing.

IT Audit is a process of collecting and evaluating evidence to determine whether computer systems safeguard assets, maintain data integrity and allow organizational goals to be achieved effectively and efficiently.

The objective of the workshop, according to facilitators, was to enhance staff capacity to access and evaluate processes to ensure asset safeguarding, which include Data, Application Systems, and Technology. The Training, according to facilitators, focuses on access to adequate system controls in compliance with established policies and operational tools. The participants were taught how to apply IT Audit methodology in integrated financial audit with emphasis on the usage of the AFROSAI-E Manual.

Topical issues discussed during the training include but were not limited to: System Administration; Inputs, Processing, Outputs, Logical Security; Disaster Recovery Plan; Change Management and User Support and Third Party Services.

Speaking at the start of the exercise, Auditor General, Madam Yusador S. Gaye, emphasized the need for auditors to utilize the opportunity afforded them in meeting up with their objectives as IT Auditors. She disclosed that series of trainings were underway for auditors, something Madam Gaye said would help sharpen their skills in carrying out their responsibility as auditors. According to Madam Gaye, IT Audit, like any other field of auditing, is a broad term that include financial audit, operational audit, Information System Audit and Forensic Audit.

The four-day interactive exercise was facilitated by two experienced IT Audit experts, Mr. Fredrick Musenge Bobo and Brord Van Westing, from Zambia and the Netherland respectively.