

# Annual Activity Report



SOUTH ASIAN FEDERATION OF ACCOUNTANTS



Afghanistan



Bangladesh



Bhutan



India



Maldives



Nepal



Pakistan



Sri Lanka

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# About **SAFA**

The idea to form an alliance of accountancy bodies in South Asian Region was conceived by Mr Ashok Kumbhat, the then President of ICAI, at the third National Conference of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka held in December 1982. At the meeting of the heads of accountancy bodies from Bangladesh, India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka held in August 1984 at New Delhi, the Constitution of the Body was signed. The meeting was attended by the heads of accounting bodies in South Asian Region.

South Asian Federation of Accountants (SAFA) was set up in 1984 for promoting the accounting profession in the countries in South Asia and internationally with a mission to bring the accounting bodies in the region together at a common forum and facilitate professional cooperation in the areas of education, training, technical and ethical standards.

SAFA as an IFAC Network Partner has been playing a pivotal role for the harmonization of professional standards in the areas of accounting, auditing, ethics and education and is committed to raise the level of profession in the Region. SAFA provides special impetus to cooperation amongst its member bodies for the overall growth of the accountancy profession in the SAARC region and explores means in which, it as a representative forum, could play prolific role in the development of the accountancy profession.

The role being played by SAFA for the development of the accountancy profession in the SAARC Region and for the economic development of the Region as a whole has been exemplified through the innovative work being carried through its various technical Committees working in the area of education, accounting & auditing standards, government accounting, quality control, ethics and many other emerging areas of accountancy profession.

#### **Membership of SAFA**

The current membership of SAFA represents eleven Professional accountancy bodies in Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan and Maldives.

#### **Full Members**

#### **Bangladesh**

- The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh
- The Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of Bangladesh

#### India

- The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India
- The Institute of Cost Accountants of India

#### Nepal

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nepal

#### **Pakistan**

- The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan
- The Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of Pakistan

#### Sri Lanka

- The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka
- Institute of Certified Management Accountants of Sri Lanka

#### **Associate Member**

#### **Afghanistan**

 The Certified Professional Accountants of Afghanistan

#### **Maldives**

 Institute of Chartered Accountants of Maldives





#### Office Begrers - 2022

President Mr. H M Hennayake Bandara

CMA Sri Lanka

Vice-President CA. Nihar N. Jambusaria

ICA India

Advisor Mr. A K M Delwer Hussain

ICMA Bangldesh

Permanent Secretary CA. (Dr.) Jai Kumar Batra

ICA India

Executive Secretary Ms. Shanthi Maheswaran

CMA Sri Lanka

Assistant

Mr. Kuldeep Vashisht

**Executive Secretary** ICA India

#### Board Members (As on December 31, 2022)

ICA Bangladesh Mr. Md. Shahadat Hossain

ICMA Bangladesh Mr. Md. Mamunur Rashid

ICA India CA. (Dr.) Debashis Mitra

ICA India

(erstwhile ICWAI)

CMA P Raju Iyer

ICA Nepal CA. Bhaskar Singh Lala

ICA Pakistan Mr. Ashfaq Yousuf Tola

ICMA Pakistan Mr. Shehzad Ahmad Malik

**CA Sri Lanka** Mr. Sanjaya Bandara

**CMA Sri Lanka** Prof. Lakshman R Watawala



#### **Committees**

| Committees  | Chairperson               |
|---|---------------------------|
| Committee on Accounting Standards   | Mr. Manil Jayesinghe      |
| Committee on Anti Money Laundering  | Mr. Khalid Rahman         |
| Committee on Auditing Standards and Quality Control   | Mr. Arslan Khalid         |
| Committee for Co-Operatives and NPO Sectors   | Mr. Md. Abdur Rahman Khan |
| Committee on Education, Training and CPD  | CA. Dayaniwas Sharma      |
| Committee on Governmental and Public Sector Enterprises Accounting                                | Mr. Zia Ul Mustafa Awan   |
| Committee for Improvement in Transparency,<br>Accountability and Governance                       | Ms. Anoji De Silva        |
| Committee on Information Technology   | CA. Charanjot Singh Nanda |
| Committee on Professional Accountants in Business   | CMA H. Padmanabhan        |
| Committee on Professional Ethics and Independence   | Mr. Sabbir Ahmed          |
| Committee to study fiscal regimes and other statutory requirements of business in SAARC countries | CA. Peeyush Anand         |
| Committee for Sustainability Reporting and Assurance  | CA. Priti Savla           |
| International Relations Committee   | Prof. Lakshman R Watawala |
| Small & Medium Practices Committee  | CA. Prakash Sharma        |
| Technical Committee of FSAFA  | Mr. Hennayake Bandara     |
| Women Leadership Committee  | Ms. Maria Howalder        |



# From the President

It is a real pleasure for me to present to you the Annual Activity Report for 2022.

2022 has been a very exciting year as only few of us were able to meet physically in Sri Lanka at the beginning of the year after two years due to the Covid 19. Nevertheless, we set out several important initiatives to undertake including an event to celebrate 39<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day of SAFA. It was an ambitious plan for the year, but I am glad that we took the challenge and forged ahead to achieve all that we set out to do.

It has been a privilege to be part of the SAFA and I am honoured to have led the SAFA as the 38th and first President to represent CMA Sri Lanka. Much of SAFA's success and stability is closely related to the people behind the organization, individuals representing our member bodies on the Board and committees, and the Secretariat that manage the day-to-day tasks. This has always been very visible to me.

It is remarkable to see how SAFA has provided the platform for individuals from diverse backgrounds to work together towards a common goal. I am truly inspired by the spirit of collaboration that SAFA has created amongst its member bodies and stakeholders, and I hope that SAFA will continue to provide the means for this great collaboration in the future as

Due to technology the landscape in which the accountancy profession operates has changed and will continue to change at a rapid pace. With this in mind, we organized several programs

to focus on the future of the profession to equip accountants with the knowledge to anticipate and be prepared for the challenges ahead.

It was pleasing to see the high level of participation at our events. In particular IFAC, and regional organizations where Mr. Alan Johnson the immediate Past President and Ms. Asmaa Resmouki the newly elected President IFAC shared their thoughts with SAFA Board members at the board meetings held in October and November.

ICA India one of the founder members of SAFA was able to host the 21st WCOA successfully which was held in this region in the history of one hundred and eighteen years of WCOA and SAFA was very fortunate to have been a supportive partner of the World Congress of Accountants.

I take this opportunity to thank our member organizations, Vice President, members of the Board, Technical advisors, Permanent Secretary, Nodal Officer SAFA Secretariat, Executive Secretary, Nodal Offices of member bodies and all other stake holders for their support and encouragement extended to me. I also appreciate Presidents and Councils of member bodies for hosting SAFA events continuously.

H M Hennayake Bandara

President

# Action Plan of SAFA for the year 2022

#### **SAFA Board**

- To identify areas of collaboration with IFAC and CAPA under the MoUs and work towards its achievement.
- To ensure smooth functioning of the activities of Foundation of South Asian Federation of Accountants. To decide way forward for Foundation of SAFA and activities which can be carried forward under the Foundation of SAFA.
- To work towards reviving various MoUs signed by SAFA with various International bodies.
- To promote World Congress of Accountants, 2022 being hosted by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and encourage participation from South Asia.
- To identify such projects and give its value proposition to SAARC which can be undertaken by the SAFA in times to come.
- To work closely with the PAO Development Advisory group of IFAC for the development and strengthening of Accountancy Bodies in SAARC region and get financial support through MOSAIC or other donor bodies for them.
- · To undertake research activities under the banner of SAFA.
- To assist Bhutan in establishment of Professional Accountancy Bodies and in obtaining financial support through MOSAIC or other donor agencies.
- Undertake reforms for further improvement of the functioning of SAFA.

### **SAFA Committees**

- To work towards harmonization of various facets of accountancy profession in the Region - education, accounting, auditing, professional and ethical standards with International standards.
- To raise the concern on issues germane to the accountancy profession so that while drafting international standards, SAFA's concerns are adequately considered. Expedite implementation of the system being developed, whereby comments of any member body, on different Exposure Drafts and Consultation papers issued by IFAC/IASB circulated to all member bodies so that views expressed by one member body could be suitably considered by other member bodies of SAFA.



- To organize joint programs with various IFAC Advisory Groups, its Independent Boards and work closely with IFAC, CAPA, PAFA, AFA, EFAA, AOSSG and other Regional Accountancy Bodies.
- Planning and execution of activities for smooth conduct of the Annual events of SAFA namely BPA Awards Ceremony and Quiz and Elocution Contest.
- To take projects on topical professional matters for effective delivery by the technical Committees of SAFA.
- To review the Terms of Reference of each Committee of SAFA by the respective Committee.

#### **SAFA Secretariat**

- To create awareness about the SAFA, IFAC and its ongoing activities amongst the members of SAFA member bodies, regulators and other stakeholders.
- To hold SAFA Conferences/Seminars/Webinars regularly and to disseminate information about the SAFA Conferences/Seminars/Webinars amongst the general membership of SAFA member bodies.
- To celebrate SAFA Foundation day in coordination with the member body of the President, SAFA.
- To follow up with SAARC Secretariat for renewal of recognition status of SAFA as an Apex body of SAARC.
- Compliance of timely submission of Activity Plan to IFAC, SAARC and other Compliances, if any.
- To invite representatives of IFAC, EFAA, AFA, PAFA, donor agencies and other stakeholders as Observers in the meetings of SAFA Board.



# Significant Achievements

Significant progress has been made on the projects undertaken by various Committees during period under report. A number of studies/reports have been finalized during the year and a number of events have been organized. Following are some of the significant achievements of this year.

- SAFA Best Presented Annual Report Awards, Integrated Reporting Award & SAARC Anniversary Award for Corporate Governance Disclosures Ceremony, 2020 held on February 9, 2022 organised by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka.
- 2. SAFA Webinar Awareness Session on Anti Money Laundering and Countering Financing of Terrorism on June 21, 2022 organised by the Committee on Anti Money Laundering of SAFA.
- 3. SAFA SME Development Conference 2022 on "Supporting Small Businesses in Financial & Cost Management" on June 27, 2022 organised by the International Relations Committee of SAFA.
- SAFA Conference on the theme "Future of Accounting Profession: Challenges and Opportunities" on July 23, 2022 at Trivandrum, Kerala, India organised by the Committee on Professional Accountants in Business of SAFA.
- SAFA Foundation Day Celebration and Conference on August 22, 2022 in New Delhi, India organized by the Institute of Cost Accountants of India.
- 6. SAFA Webinar on "Overview of Forensic Accounting and Investigation Standards" on August 26, 2022 and September 23, 2022 organised by the Committee on Information Technology of SAFA.

- 7. SAFA Webinar on "Agile Audit" on September 9, 2022 organised by the Committee on Information Technology of SAFA.
- 8. SAFA International Conference on "
  Regional Connectivity for Sustainable
  Growth " on October 15, 2022 organised
  by the Institute of Chartered Accountants
  of Bangladesh
- SAFA Webinar on "Opportunities in Data Analytics for Professional Accountants" on October 7, 2022 organised by the Committee on Information Technology of SAFA
- 10. ICAI-SAFA CFO meet organised by the Committee on Professional Accountants in Business of SAFA.
- SAFA Webinar on "ABCD of Technology" on December 2, 2022 organised by the Committee on Information Technology of SAFA.
- 12. SAFA Webinar on "Forging the path -Women in accounting profession among SAFA members" on December 13, 2022 organised by the Women Leadership Committee of SAFA.
- 13. SAFA Conference on "International Taxation and Digital Currency, 2022" on December 18, 2022 organised by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nepal.



- 14. SAFA Best Presented Annual Report Awards, Integrated Reporting Award & SAARC Anniversary Award for Corporate Governance Disclosures Ceremony, 2021 held on December 18, 2022 organised by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nepal.
- SAFA Webinar on 'Blockchain Technology' on December 23, 2022 organised by the Committee on Information Technology of SAFA.
- 16. Finalision of the study on status of the adoption and the application of Integrated Reporting in each SAFA Member Country by the Committee on Accounting Standards of SAFA.
- 17. The revised study on 'Adoption Status of ISAs in SAFA Member Bodies' and report on 'GAP Analysis on Quality Control mechanism followed by SAFA Member Bodies' was finalized by the Committee on Auditing Standards & Quality Control.
- 18. The study on the 'establishment of Audit Oversight Board in SAFA Countries' was completed by the Committee on Auditing Standards & Quality Control.
- Re Branding of SAFA BPA Awards by the Committee for Improvement in Transparency, Accountability and Governance (ITAG).

- 20. Awarding of Associate Membership of SAFA to CA Maldives celebrated coinciding with the Maldives Accountants Forum 2022 on October 29th and 30th at Dharubaaruge, Male', Maldives
- 21. Renewal of MoU between SAFA and Global reporting Initiative (GRI).
- 22. Constitution of Committee on Sustainability Reporting and Assurance and Technical Committee of Foundation of SAFA
- 23. Finalisation of Accounts for the years 2018,2019,2020 and 2021 together with Annual Audits of Foundation of SAFA.



# **Assembly & Board Meetings**

#### **Assembly Meetings**

Assembly comprises of heads of member bodies and is tasked to govern the affairs of SAFA based upon the recommendations of the Board. Assembly looks into the strategic, and policies related issues while Board is the executive body of SAFA. During the year the Assembly met once.

# 94th Assembly Meeting



The 94th SAFA Assembly meeting was held on January 4, 2022 at Hotel Taj Samudra in Colombo, Sri Lanka. The following important items were ratified in the Assembly meeting:

- Ratify the appointment of New President and Vice-President for the year 2022.
- Appointment of Executive Secretary & Assistant Executive Secretary for the year 2022.
- Confirmation and ratification of the SAFA Assembly resolution on the appointment of CA. (Dr.) Jai Kumar Batra as the Permanent Secretary of SAFA, as taken by email.
- SAFA Annual Activity report for 2021.

#### **Board Meetings**

To achieve the action plan of SAFA for the year 2022 SAFA has organized 7 highly productive Board meetings and 1 Strategic meeting of the SAFA Board during the year 2022

| 70 <sup>th</sup> SAFA Board meeting | January 4, 2022   | Colombo, Sri Lanka |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 71st SAFA Board meeting             | March 12, 2022    | Video Conference   |
| 72 <sup>nd</sup> SAFA Board meeting | May 30, 2022      | Video Conference   |
| 73 <sup>rd</sup> SAFA Board meeting | August 21, 2022   | New Delhi, India   |
| 74 <sup>th</sup> SAFA Board meeting | October 16, 2022  | Dhaka, Bangladesh  |
| 75 <sup>th</sup> SAFA Board meeting | November 17, 2022 | Mumbai, India      |
| 76 <sup>th</sup> SAFA Board meeting | December 18, 2022 | Lalitpur, Nepal    |



### 70<sup>th</sup> meeting of SAFA Board

The 70th meeting of SAFA Board was held on January 4, 2022 at Hotel Taj Samudra in Colombo, Sri Lanka. The meeting was also attended by Hon. Ajith Nivard Cabraal, Governor of Central Bank of Sri Lanka and Past President of SAFA via VC. The following important items were discussed in the Board meeting:

- Appointment of New President and Vice-President for the year 2022.
- Appointment of Executive Secretary & Assistant Executive Secretary for the year 2022.

- Best Presented Annual Report Awards, Integrated Reporting Awards & SAARC Anniversary Awards for Corporate Governance Disclosures Competition 2020
- Strategic action plan of SAFA for the year 2022 with tangible outcomes to be achieved by the SAFA.
- SAFA Annual Activity report for 2021.
- Finalizing the schedule of SAFA events for the year 2022.

### Strategy meeting of the SAFA Board

The Strategy meeting of the SAFA Board was also held on January 4, 2022 at Hotel Taj Samudra in Colombo, Sri Lanka wherein the Issues and Way forward for the Foundation of SAFA and the Action Plan of the Committees of SAFA for the year 2022 were discussed.



















The 70<sup>th</sup> Board meeting and Induction of the new President Mr. Hennayake Bandara was held on 4<sup>th</sup> January in Colombo. All Sri Lankan past Presidents of SAFA Prof. L. R. Watawala, Mr. Ajith Nivard Cabraal, Mr. Lal Nanayakkara, Mr. Indrajith Fernando, Mr. Arjuna Herath and outgoing President Mr. Delwer Hussian, Board members and representatives from Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka attended the Ceremony.

Board members, Technical advisors and Committee Chairpersons of other member-bodies participated virtually.

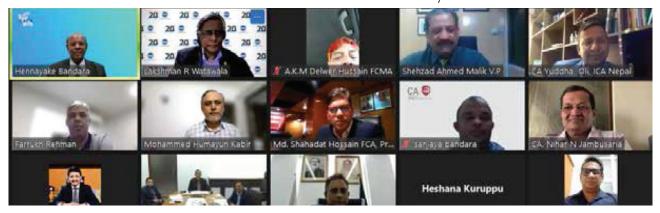
The event was hosted by CMA Sri Lanka.



## 71st meeting of SAFA Board

The 71st Board meeting was held on March 12, 2022 via VC. Mr. Aucky Pratama, Executive Director, ASEAN Federation of Accountants was the special invitee at the meeting. The following items were discussed in the Board meeting:

- SAFA Lifetime Achievement Award.
- Report of meetings of SAFA Committees held since the last Board meeting.
- Terms of Reference (ToR) of the Committee on Anti Money Laundering.
- Update of World Congress of Accountants, 2022.
- Issues and Way forward for the Foundation of SAFA.
- Strategic action plan of SAFA for the year 2022 with tangible outcomes to be achieved by the SAFA.



### 72<sup>nd</sup> meeting of SAFA Board

The 72nd Board meeting was held on May 30, 2022 via VC. Ms. Dorji Dem from AASB of Bhutan also attended the meeting. The following items were discussed in the Board meeting:

- Presentation on ICAI initiative of Financial and Tax literacy by CA. Nihar Jambusaria, Vice President, SAFA.
- SAFA Lifetime Achievement Award.
- Report of meetings of SAFA Committees held since the last Board meeting.

- Report of SAFA Task Force on Sustainability Reporting and Assurance
- Terms of Reference (ToR) of the Committee on Information Technology and Committee on Accounting Standards.
- Special discount to SAFA member bodies for WCOA, 2022
- Updates regarding the Foundation of SAFA.
- Appointment of Auditors of Foundation of SAFA- Resolution by E Circulation





### 73rd SAFA Board meeting

The 73rd SAFA Board meeting was held on August 21, 2022 in New Delhi, India. CMA. A N Raman, Past President, SAFA also attended the meeting. The following items were discussed in the Board meeting:

· SAFA Lifetime Achievement Award.

- · Updates regarding the Foundation of SAFA
- Report of progress of SAFA Committees
- Terms of Reference (ToR) of the Technical Committee of FSAFA
- Celebration of SAFA Foundation Day on August 22, 2022









# 74th meeting of SAFA Board



The 74th Board meeting was held on October 16, 2022 in Dhaka, Bangladesh. Mr. Alan Johnson, President, International Federation of Accountants, Mr. Nishan Fernando, Chairman, Asian-Oceanian Standard-Setters Group (AOSSG) and Mr. Brian Blood, Chief Executive, Confederation of Asian and Pacific Accountants (CAPA) attended the meeting via Video Conefernce. The following items were discussed in the Board meeting:

- Report of meetings of SAFA Committees held since the last Board meeting.
- · SAFA Lifetime Achievement Award
- · Updates regarding Foundation of SAFA
- Report of SAFA Task Force on Sustainability Reporting and Assurance
- Appointment of Tax Consultant of Foundation of SAFA
- Revised format of the Member Body Report





## 75<sup>th</sup> meeting of SAFA Board

The 75th Board meeting was held on November 17, 2022 in Mumbai, India coinciding with the World Congress of Accountants, 2022. Ms. Asmaa Resmouki, President, International Federation of Accountants addressed at the Board meeting. The Board celebrated the 75th Board meeting of SAFA with a cake cutting ceremony. The following items were discussed in the Board meeting:

- Term of the Institute of Chartered
   Accountants of Sri Lanka for appointment as
   Vice-President, SAFA for the year 2023
- Updates regarding Foundation of SAFA
- Call for subscription from 2021 onwards











# 76th meeting of SAFA Board



The 76th Board meeting was held on December 18, 2022 in Nepal. CA. (Dr.) Suvod Karn, Past President, SAFA addressed at the Board meeting. The following items were discussed in the Board meeting:

- Call for subscription from 2021 onwards
- End of tenure of ICAB for the Chairpersonship of the Women Leadership Committee of SAFA
- Results of SAFA Best Presented Annual Report Awards, Integrated Reporting Awards & SAARC Anniversary Awards for Corporate Governance Disclosures Competition 2021– Resolution by E Circulation
- Finalisation of SAFA events for the year 2023





# Outreach activities by Mr. H M Hennayake Bandara, President





President Participated at CMA Excellence in "Integrated Reporting Awards- 2021" held on 11th January 2022. Mr. Alan Johnson the President of IFAC was one of the key speakers.



President participated at the Induction Ceremony of President CA Sri Lanka Mr. Sanjaya Bandara held on 24th January in Colombo.



President meets President CA Sri Lanka, Mr. Sanjaya Bandara, Chairman ITAG Committee Mr. Heshana Kuruppu and Chairman Accounting Standards Committee Mr. Manil Jayesinghe and had a fruitful discussion on FSAFA, BPA Awards & Activities of Accounting Standards Committee.



President Hennayake
Bandara visited the SAFA
Secretariat, ICA India on
22nd August 2022 and held
discussions with CA. (Dr.)
Jai Kumar Batra, Permanent
Secretary on improvements
to be made to the SAFA
Secretariat and future
activities of SAFA. CA. Mudit
Vashishtha, Nodal Officer
Permanent SecretariatSAFA, also participated in
the discussion.



President visited the Institute of Cost Accountants of India and held discussions with the President CMA P. Raju lyer on the Foundation Day Celebration Conference to be held on the 22nd August and matters pertaining to SAFA.



President Hennayake Bandara participated as a jury member of 'ICAI International Research Awards 2022' chaired by Mr. Alan Johnson, President International Federation of Accountants (IFAC), other members were Ms. Asmâa Resmouki, Deputy President IFAC, Ms. Lebogang, Technical Director, PAFA, Mr. Voravit, President, AFA, CA.(Dr.) Debashis Mitra, President, ICAI and CA. Aniket S.Talati, Vice President, ICAI.











President participated at the Maldives Accountants Forum held on 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> October in Male organised by The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Maldives and recognized CA Maldives as an Associate Member of SAFA. Advisor SAFA, President CMA Sri Lanka and Chairman International Relation Committee, President ICAB, President ICMAB, Vice President CA Sri Lanka and COO ICAB are in the picture. President and Vice President ICA (Cost) were also attended the Forum.



President meets with Mr.Mamunur Rashid, President ICMAB. Past Presidents, Council Members and Senior Staff Members were also present.

President meets
Mr. Nishan
Fernando, Chairman
Asian Oceanian
Standard Setters
Group (AOSSG)
in Colombo and
had a discussion to
bring collaboration
between two
organisations.





President meets Dr. Nandalal Weerasinghe the Governor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka.

President meets
Mr. Shahada
Hossain President,
ICAB and
discussed the
arrangements on
SAFA International
Conference.





President participated at the Research Symposium and National Conference of CMA Sri Lanka. Mr. Alan Johnson President IFAC was one of the Key speakers.



President meets
President and
Vice President of
ICA Nepal and
discussed in details
on BPA Award
Ceramony and
SAFA Conference
hosted by ICAN.

President served as a Panel of Judges at the ITAG Award of CA Sri Lanka





President meets Mr. Allen Johnson Immediate Past President IFAC, Ms. Asmaa Resmouki newly elected President and Mr.Jean Bouquot Deputy President IFAC at the WCOA



#### **SAFA Best Presented Annual Report Awards**

25<sup>th</sup> SAFA Best Presented Annual Report Awards, Integrated Reporting Award & SAARC Anniversary Award for Corporate Governance Disclosure Ceremony

The prestigious SAFA Best Presented Annual Report Awards, Integrated Reporting Award & SAARC Anniversary Award for Corporate Governance Disclosures Ceremony was hosted by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka (CA Sri Lanka) and held in Colombo on February 9, 2022 under the patronage of Mr. Hennayake Bandara, President of SAFA, Mr. Sanjaya Bandara, President of CA Sri Lanka, Mr. Heshana Kuruppu, Chairman of the SAFA Committee for Improvement in Transparency, Accountability and Governance (ITAG) and Vice President of CA Sri Lanka, Prof. Lakshman R. Watawala, President of CMA Sri Lanka and Ms. Dulani Fernando, CEO of CA Sri Lanka The competition received a total of 104 applications for this year's awards ceremony, from Bangladesh, India, Nepal,

Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. Awards were given under 13 categories comprising of private and public sector banks, insurance sector, financial services sector, communication & information technology sector, services sector, non-governmental organisations sector, manufacturing sector, public sector, agriculture sector, diversified holdings sector, power & energy sector as well as the infrastructure & construction sector. Apart from the 13 sectors, companies were also honoured under two special categories, which were the SAARC Anniversary Award for Corporate Governance Disclosures, and the Integrated Reporting Awards. The event was held as a hybrid event, with other SAFA member countries from Bangladesh, India, Nepal, and Pakistan joining the event virtually.













# 26<sup>th</sup> SAFA Best Presented Annual Report Awards, Integrated Reporting Award & SAARC Anniversary Award for Corporate Governance Disclosure Ceremony

The SAFA BPA Award for the "Best Presented Annual Reports" is considered as the most prestigious accolade for financial reporting in the South Asian region and signifies SAFA's recognition and reward for organizations in the region which have achieved excellence in presentation and disclosure of high quality, relevant, reliable and objective financial statements in accordance with the international framework.

SAFA has been organizing Best Presented Annual Report Awards since 1997 in various categories including Banking Sector, Financial Services Sector, Communication & Information Technology Sector, NGO& NPO Sector and alike. In addition SAFA has also initiated SAARC Anniversary Awards for Corporate Governance Disclosures since 2006 and Integrated Reporting Awards since 2015.

The Committee for Improvement in Transparency, Accountability and Governance (ITAG) had number of meetings to finalize the winners of SAFA Best Presented Annual Report Awards, Integrated Reporting Awards& SAARC Anniversary Awards for Corporate Governance Competition 2020. After a series of meetings, the five days Conference Marking Session was held from November 24 to 28, 2022 at Nepal where the winners were decided.

#### **Overall Winners**

| Country    | Company                          | Award        |
|------------|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Bangladesh | Bangladesh Finance Limited       | Gold         |
| Bangladesh | Walton Hi-Tech Industries PLC    | Joint Silver |
| Bangladesh | Shahjalal Islami Bank Ltd.       | Joint Silver |
| Bangladesh | BRAC Bank Ltd                    | Joint Silver |
| Pakistan   | Fauji Fertiliser Company Limited | Joint Silver |
| Bangladesh | Bank Asia Ltd.                   | Bronze       |



#### **Private Sector Banks**

| Country                 | Company                       | Award        |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
|                         | Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC | Joint Bronze |
| Sri Lan <mark>ka</mark> | Hatton National Bank PLC      | Merit        |
|                         | National Development Bank PLC | Joint Bronze |
|                         | BRAC Bank Ltd.                | Joint Gold   |
| Bangladesh              | Shahjalal Islami Bank Ltd.    | Joint Gold   |
|                         | Bank Asia Ltd.                | Joint Gold   |
|                         | Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.      | Merit        |
| India                   | Axis Bank Ltd.                | Merit        |
|                         | Federal Bank Ltd.             | Merit        |
|                         | Siddhartha Bank Limited       | Merit        |
| Nepal                   | Mega Bank Nepal Limited       | Merit        |
|                         | Sunrise Bank Limited          | Merit        |
|                         | MCB Bank Limited              | Joint Silver |
| Pakistan                | Bank Alfalah Limited          | Joint Silver |
|                         | Allied Bank Limited           | Merit        |

#### **Public Sector Banks**

| Country        | Company                   | Award        |
|----------------|---------------------------|--------------|
|                | Bank of Ceylon            | Merit        |
| Sri Lanka      | People's Bank             | Joint Bronze |
|                | National Savings Bank     | Merit        |
| Dave also also | Janata Bank Limited       | Gold         |
| Bangladesh     | Sonali Bank Limited       | Silver       |
|                | National Bank of Pakistan | Merit        |
| Pakistan       | Bank of Khyber            | Joint Bronze |
|                | Bank of Punjab            | Merit        |
| India          | State Bank of India       | Merit        |



#### **Insurance Sector**

| Country    | Company                                | Award  |
|------------|--|--------|
|            | Union Assurance PIC                    | Merit  |
| Sri Lanka  | Softlogic Life Insurance PLC           | Silver |
|            | Ceylinco Life Insurance PLC            | Merit  |
|            | City General Insurance Co, Ltd         | Merit  |
| Bangladesh | Green Delta Insurance Ltd              | Merit  |
|            | Reliance Insurance Ltd.                | Gold   |
| India      | HDFC Life Insurance Company Ltd        | Merit  |
|            | Salaam Takaful Limited                 | Merit  |
| Pakistan   | Jubilee Life Insurance Company Limited | Merit  |
|            | Adamjee Insurance Co. Ltd              | Bronze |

## **Financial Services Sector**

| Country    | Company                                   | Award        |
|------------|---|--------------|
|            | L B Finance PLC                           | Joint Bronze |
| Sri Lanka  | Citizens Development Business Finance PLC | Merit        |
|            | People's Leasing & Finance PLC            | Merit        |
|            | IDLC Finance Ltd.                         | Silver       |
| Bangladesh | IPDC Finance Limited                      | Joint Bronze |
|            | Bangladesh Finance Limited                | Gold         |
|            | First Habib Modaraba                      | Merit        |
| Pakistan   | Jahangir Siddiqui & Co. Ltd               | Merit        |
|            | JS Global Capital Limited                 | Merit        |
| Nepal      | Muktinath Bikas Bank Limited              | Merit        |



### **Manufacturing Sector**

| Country    | Company                              | Award        |
|------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
|            | Samson International PLC             | Merit        |
| Sri Lanka  | Dipped Product PLC                   | Merit        |
|            | Lanka Walltiles PLC                  | Merit        |
|            | British American Tobacco Bangladesh  | Joint Silver |
| Bangladesh | Walton Hi-Tech Industries PLC        | Joint Gold   |
|            | Reckitt Benckiser Bangladesh Limited | Joint Bronze |
|            | Grasim Industries Ltd                | Merit        |
| India      | J. K. Cement Limited                 | Merit        |
|            | Ambuja Cements Ltd                   | Merit        |
| Nepal      | Bottlers Nepal Limited               | Merit        |
|            | Fauji Fertiliser Company Limited     | Joint Gold   |
| Pakistan   | Cherat Packaging Limited             | Joint Bronze |
|            | Engro Polymer and Chemical Limited   | Joint Silver |

# **Communication and Information Technology Sector**

| Country    | Company                             | Award  |
|------------|-------------------------------------|--------|
| Sri Lanka  | Sri Lanka Telecom PLC               | Gold   |
| Pangladoch | Grameenphone Ltd.                   | Silver |
| Bangladesh | Robi Axiata Limited                 | Bronze |
| India      | National Internet Exchange of India | Merit  |

#### Service Sector (Excluding Financial Services & Communication & IT Sector)

| Country    | Company                         | Award        |
|------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Sri Lanka  | Singer Sri Lanka PLC            | Gold         |
| SII Laiika | Hayleys Advantis Limited        | Joint Silver |
| Bangladesh | Unique Hotels & Resorts Limited | Joint Silver |
| India      | EIH Associated Hotels Limited   | Merit        |
| Nepal      | Karja Suchna Kendra Limited     | Bronze       |



# Non-Governmental Organizations (including NPOs)

| Country    | Company  | Award        |
|------------|--|--------------|
|            | Sri Lanka Institute of Marketing                         | Joint Bronze |
| Sri Lanka  | The Ceylon Chamber of Commerce                           | Merit        |
|            | Association of Accounting Technicians of Sri Lanka (AAT) | Joint Bronze |
|            | SAJIDA Foundation  | Joint Gold   |
| Bangladesh | Community Development Centre (CODEC)                     | Joint Bronze |
|            | BRAC   | Merit        |
|            | The Citizens Foundation                                  | Joint Gold   |
| Pakistan   | Memon Medical Institute & Hospital                       | Silver       |
|            | Childlife Foundation                                     | Joint Gold   |
| India      | Vidya Dairy  | Merit        |

## **Agricultural Sector**

| Country    | Company                       | Award        |
|------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Sri Lanka  | Kelani Valley Plantations PLC | Gold         |
|            | Talawakelle Tea Estates PLC   | Silver       |
|            | Elpitiya Plantations PLC      | Joint Bronze |
| Bangladesh | ACI Formulations Limited      | Joint Bronze |

#### **Public Sector Entities**

| Country    | Company  | Award        |
|------------|--|--------------|
| Bangladesh | Investment Corporation of Bangladesh           | Joint Bronze |
|            | Infrastructure Development Co. Limited (IDCOL) | Merit        |
|            | Bangladesh Infrastructure Finance F und Ltd    | Merit        |
| India      | Power Finance Corporation Limited              | Joint Gold   |
|            | Southeastern Coalfields Limited                | Joint Gold   |
|            | Numaligarh Refinery Ltd.                       | Joint Bronze |
| Pakistan   | Pakistan State Oil Company Limited             | Silver       |
|            | Pakistan Petroleum limited                     | Joint Bronze |
|            | Oil and Gas Development Company Limited        | Joint Bronze |



# **Diversified holdings**

| Country    | Company                                  | Award      |
|------------|--|------------|
| Sri Lanka  | John Keells Holding PLC                  | Silver     |
|            | Diesel & Motor Engineering PLC           | Bronze     |
|            | Hayleys PLC                              | Joint Gold |
| Pakistan   | Crescent Steel & Allied Products Limited | Joint Gold |
|            | TPL Corporation Limited                  | Merit      |
| Bangladesh | ACI Limited                              | Merit      |

### **Power & Energy**

| Country    | Company                               | Award        |
|------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Bangladesh | Summit Power Limited                  | Joint Silver |
|            | United Power Gen. Dist. Co. Ltd       | Merit        |
| Pakistan   | The Hub Power Company Limited         | Joint Bronze |
|            | K-Electric Limited                    | Gold         |
| India      | Tata Power Company limited            | Joint Silver |
|            | Tata Power Delhi Distribution Limited | Merit        |
|            | GAIL (India) Ltd.                     | Joint Bronze |
| Nepal      | Butwal Power Company Limited          | Merit        |
| Sri Lanka  | Resus Energy PLC                      | Merit        |

### Infrastructure & Construction

| Country    | Company                              | Award      |
|------------|--------------------------------------|------------|
| Sri Lanka  | Access Engineering PLC               | Silver     |
|            | RIL Property PLC                     | Merit      |
| Bangladesh | Eastern Housing Limited              | Bronze     |
| India      | NHPC Limited                         | Joint Gold |
|            | Rites Limited                        | Joint Gold |
|            | Railtel Corporation of India Limited | Merit      |



## **SAARC Anniversary Award for Corporate Governance**

| Country    | Company                           | Award        |
|------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Bangladesh | Shahjalal Islami bank Limited     | Joint Gold   |
|            | IDLC Finance Ltd                  | Joint Gold   |
|            | Bank Asia Limited                 | Joint Gold   |
| Sri Lanka  | L B Finance PLC                   | Joint Bronze |
|            | Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC     | Merit        |
|            | Hatton National Bank PLC          | Merit        |
| Pakistan   | Fauzi Fertlizer Company Limited   | Joint Bronze |
|            | MCB Bank Limited                  | Joint Bronze |
|            | Adamjee Insurance Company Limited | Silver       |

### **Integrated Reporting**

| Country    | Company                           | Award        |
|------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Bangladesh | IDLC Finance Ltd                  | Merit        |
|            | Bank Asia Ltd                     | Joint Gold   |
|            | Shahjalal Islami Bank Ltd         | Joint Bronze |
| Pakistan   | Fauji Fertiliser Company Limited  | Joint Gold   |
|            | Atlas Honda Limited               | Joint Silver |
|            | Engro Fertilizers Limited         | Joint Gold   |
| Sri Lanka  | Sotlogic Life Insurance PLC       | Joint Silver |
|            | John Keells Holdings PLC          | Joint Bronze |
|            | National Development Bank PLC     | Merit        |
| India      | Grasim industries Limited         | Merit        |
|            | Credit Access Grameen Limited     | Merit        |
|            | Tata Consultancy Services Limited | Merit        |



SAFA Best Presented Annual Report Awards, Integrated Reporting Award & SAARC Anniversary Award for Corporate Governance Disclosures Ceremony, 2021 held on December 18, 2022.

The prestigious SAFA Best Presented Annual Report Awards, Integrated Reporting Award & SAARC Anniversary Award for Corporate Governance Disclosures Ceremony was hosted by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nepal and held in Kathmandu, Nepal on December 18, 2022. Hon'ble Auditor General of Nepal, Mr. Tanka Mani Sharma Dangal, was the Chief Guest in the program.











#### **Overall Excellence in Corporate Reporting**





Gold



Silver



Silver Bronze

CA. Bhaskar Singh Lala, President, ICAN distributed token of appreciation to the Chief Guest, Special Guest and Master of Ceremony. He concluded the BPA Award distribution ceremony with his closing remarks and vote of thanks to the Chief Guest, Guest of Honors, SAFA delegates, Member of the ITAG Committee, other Distinguished Guest, Past Presidents, Council Members, representative of the Award-winning entities, participants, press and staffs. More than 250 participants attended the SAFA events.



#### **Seminars and Conferences**

Webinar – Awareness Session on Anti Money Laundering and Countering Financing of Terrorism on June 21, 2022

The Anti Money Laundering Committee of South Asian Federation of Accountants (SAFA) arranged an online awareness session for all the member bodies of SAFA on Anti Money Laundering & Countering Financing of Terrorism on June 21, 2022.

Mr. Khalid Rahman, FCA (Chairman AML Committee, SAFA) welcomed the participants and highlighted the importance of this awareness session for the member Accountancy bodies. The keynote speaker for the Webinar, Mr. H. M. Hennayake Bandara, President SAFA highlighted the significance of AML compliance for the member bodies of SAFA.

The keynote speech was followed by presentations from speakers who shared their expertise in the field of AML / CFT compliance with the participants. The speakers were Dr. CMA P Shiva Rama Prasad from India, Mr. Adnan Imran from Pakistan, Dr. Hari Kumar Nepal from Nepal and Mr. Raheel Rehman from Pakistan. The Presentations were followed by a Question & Answer Session. The session was attended by a large number of participants. Also, more than 5000 viewers participated online through Social Media Platform.





# SME Development Conference 2022 on "Supporting Small Businesses in Financial & Cost Management" on June 27, 2022

The SAFA SME Development Conference 2022 to celebrate 'United Nations – Micro, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises Day' was organised by the SAFA International Relations Committee and hosted by the Institute of Certified Management Accountants of Sri Lanka (CMA Sri Lanka) on the theme 'Supporting Small Businesses in Financial and Cost Management' on Monday, 27 June 2022.

The representatives from South Asian Federation of Accountants (SAFA) representing the Chartered and Management Accounting Bodies of India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka Nepal, and Maldives shared their experience on 'South Asian Experiences in SME Development'. This conference was attended by 410 participants from SAFA Member bodies.



# Conference on the theme "Future of Accounting Profession: Challenges and Opportunities" on July 23, 2022 at Trivandrum, Kerala, India

The Institute of Cost Accountants of India has hosted the SAFA Conference on the theme "Future of Accounting Profession: Challenges and Opportunities" organized by the SAFA Committee on Professional Accountants in Business (PAIB) on 23rd July, 2022 at Trivandrum, Kerala, India through hybrid mode.

Shri Georgee Ninan, Managing Director, Travancore Titanium Products Limited graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Eminent Speakers from SAFA member bodies participated in Conference.





#### SAFA Foundation Day on August 22, 2022 in New Delhi, India

The Institute of Cost Accountants of India has successfully hosted the SAFA Foundation Day Conference on the theme "ESG and Sustainable Finance" on 22nd August, 2022 in New Delhi. CA. (Dr.) T.S. Vishwanath, Former

President SAFA inaugurated the Conference as its Chief Guest. This Conference received an overwhelming response from participants and sessions by eminent speakers were well appreciated.





Technical Session - Heads of Member Bodies



President Hennayake Bandara addressing the conference



CA. (Dr.) T.S. Vishwanath, Past President SAFA – Chief Guest



# Webinar on "Overview of Forensic Accounting and Investigation Standards" on August 26, 2022 and September 23, 2022.

The Committee on Information Technology of SAFA jointly with Digital Accounting and Assurance Board of ICAI is organising a series of Webinars on "Overview of Forensic Accounting and Investigation Standards".

Two Webinars on the topic have been organised on August 26, 2022 and September 23, 2022. The Webinars had been attended by members from all the SAFA countries.



#### Webinar on "Agile Audit" on September 9, 2022

The Committee on Information Technology of SAFA jointly with Digital Accounting and Assurance Board of ICAI had organised a Webinar "on Agile Audit" on September 9, 2022 which was attended by the members from all the SAFA countries.





# International Conference on "Regional Connectivity for Sustainable Growth" on October 15, 2022

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh hosted the SAFA International Conference titled 'Regional Connectivity for Sustainable Growth' at Pan Pacific Sonargan Hotel, Dhaka on 15 October 2022. Hon'ble Minister for Commerce, GoB Mr Tipu Munshi, MP, inaugurated the conference as the Chief Guest while the Adviser to Prime Minister on Private Industry and Investment Mr Salman F Rahman, MP and the State Minister for Planning, GoB, Dr. Shamsul Alam were present as Special Guests. Organizing Committee Chairperson

Ms Parveen Mahmud FCA, ICAB President Mr Md. Shahadat Hossain FCA, SAFA President Mr HM Hennayake Bandara FCA also spoke on the occasion. In the inaugural session, Prominent Economist and former Governor of Bangladesh Bank Dr. Atiur Rahman presented the keynote paper. Mr Md. Humayun Kabir FCA, Council Member & Past President ICAB gave a brief note on the entire conference at the valedictory session. About 400 participants including 30 delegates from South Asian countries participated in the conference.













The MOU between SAFA and GRI was also renewed at the SAFA International Conference on "Regional Connectivity for Sustainable Growth" on October 15, 2022





### Webinar on "Opportunities in Data Analytics for Professional Accountants" on October 7, 2022

The Committee on Information Technology of SAFA jointly with Digital Accounting and Assurance Board of ICAI had organised a Webinar "Opportunities in Data Analytics for Professional Accountants" on October 7, 2022 which had been attended by members from all the SAFA countries.



#### ICAI-SAFA CFO meet

The Committee for Members in Industry & Business of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) jointly with the Professional Accountants in Business Committee of South Asian Federation of Accountants (SAFA) had organised a CFO meet on October 14, 2022 at Hotel ITC Royal Bengal, Kolkata, India.

The CFO Meet was inaugurated by Chief Guest, Dr. Sashi Panja, Hon'ble Minister of Industries, Commerce & Enterprises and Public Enterprises & Industrial Reconstruction and Women, Child Development & Social Welfare of the Government of West Bengal. President Hennayake Bandara joined the conference virtually.

The CFO meet witnessed an interactive and enthusiastic participation from a slew of Chief Financial Officers, Directors Finance, Chief Executive Officers from a plethora of corporate companies and public sector units.





#### Webinar on "ABCD of Technology" on December 2, 2022.

The Committee on Information Technology of SAFA jointly with Digital Accounting and Assurance Board of ICAI had organised a Webinar on "ABCD of Technology" on December 2, 2022 which was attended by

the members from all the SAFA countries. Mr. Hennayake Bandara, President, SAFA and CA. Nihar N. Jambusaria, Vice President, SAFA were the keynote speakers at the event.



# Webinar on "Forging the path - Women in accounting profession among SAFA members" on December 13, 2022

The Women Leadership Committee of SAFA jointly with ICA Bangladesh had organized a SAFA Webinar on 'Forging the Path – Women in accountancy profession and future prospects' on 13 December 2022. A large number of professional accountants from SAFA member bodies including female members participated in the webinar.

Mr. Md. Shahadat Hossain, President of ICA Bangladesh delivered the address of welcome. Mr. H M Hennayake Bandara President, SAFA and Ms. Maria Howlader, Chairperson of the SAFA Women Leadership Committee addressed at the webinar. Ms. Parveen Mahmud, Past President, ICA Bangladesh chaired the webinar. Ms. Hina

Usmani Member of SAFA Women Leadership Committee, presented the Keynote address, while CA Nihar N Jambusaria, Vice President SAFA delivered the concluding remarks.

Members of SAFA Women Leadership Committee CA Priti Paras Savla of ICA India, Ms. Chamila Cooray of CA Sri Lanka, Ms. Arundhati of ICA India (Erstwhile ICWAI), Ms Darshini Watawala CMA Sri Lanka and Ms. Shahana Parvin of ICMA Bangladesh took part in the discussion as panelists. Speakers focused on women contribution in accountancy profession, their efforts for economic development, challenges and future prospects in the profession.



Conference on "International Taxation and Digital Currency, 2022" on December 18, 2022



The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nepal (ICAN) hosted the SAFA Conference on International Taxation and Digital Currency on December 18, 2022 in Kathmandu, Nepal.

SAFA Conference on International Taxation and Digital Currency was aimed to discuss the contemporary developments in the areas of International Taxation and to explore the evolution and trends of the Digital Currencies. Mr. H M Hennayake Bandara, President, SAFA was the Chief Guest and Keynote Speaker and CA. Nihar N. Jambusaria, Vice President, SAFA; Mr. Rameshwor Dangal, Secretary (Revenue), Ministry of Finance, Nepal and CA. Maha Prasad Adhikari, Governor, Nepal Rastra Bank address the program as the Guest of Honors.













### Webinar on 'Blockchain Technology' on December 23, 2022

The Committee on Information Technology of SAFA jointly with Digital Accounting and Assurance Board of ICAI had organised a Webinar on "Blockchain Technology on December 23, 2022 which was attended by the members from all the SAFA countries. Mr. Hennayake Bandara, President, SAFA and CA. Nihar N. Jambusaria, Vice President, SAFA were the keynote speakers at the event.



### Committee Meetings

| S.N<br>o | Name of the<br>Committee/Task Force                            | Host Body      | Chairperson                | No. of meetings | Major Achievements  |
|----------|--|----------------|----------------------------|-----------------|---|
| 1.       | Committee on<br>Accounting Standards                           | ICASL          | Mr. Manil<br>Jayesinghe    | 2               | Finalised the study on status of the adoption and the application of Integrated Reporting in each SAFA Member Country   |
| 2.       | Committee on Auditing<br>Standards & Quality<br>Control        | ICAP           | Mr. Arslan<br>Khalid       | 2               | <ul> <li>The revised study on 'Adoption Status of ISAs in SAFA Member Bodies' and report on 'GAP Analysis on Quality Control mechanism followed by SAFA Member Bodies' was approved by SAFA board.</li> <li>The study on the 'establishment of Audit Oversight Board in SAFA Countries' was completed.</li> </ul>   |
| 3.       | Committee on<br>Professional Ethics and<br>Independence        | ICAB           | Mr. Sabbir<br>Ahmed        | 3               | <ul> <li>The Committee updated the existing ToR of the Committee.</li> <li>The Committee has commenced a study on scope of "Public Interest Entity" in SAARC region and expect to complete the study by the First Quarter 2023. After the publication of this study we shall arrange a knowledge dissemination session.</li> <li>It has been decided to conduct another study on "Whistle Blower Protection Mechanism" in SAARC Countries.</li> </ul> |
| 4.       | Committee on Education,<br>Training and CPD                    | ICAI           | CA.<br>Dayaniwas<br>Sharma | 2               | <ul> <li>The Committee finalised the topics of the Quiz and Elocution Contest, 2023.</li> <li>The Committee has decided to organise Essay competition and the modalitites of the same are being finalised.</li> <li>The Committee has also decided to organise Research symposium and the draft modalities for the same are under finalisation</li> </ul>   |
| 5.       | Small & Medium<br>Practices Committee                          | ICAI           | CA. Prakash<br>Sharma      | 1               | <ul> <li>The Committee had decided for organise training<br/>programs to build the capacity of SMPs on common<br/>areas which are not country specific to build their<br/>capacity in technology related areas.</li> </ul>  |
| 6.       | Women Leadership<br>Committee                                  | ICAB           | Ms. Maria<br>Howalder      | 3               | <ul> <li>Organised a SAFA Webinar on "Forging the path -<br/>Women in accounting profession among SAFA<br/>members" on December 13, 2022.</li> </ul>  |
| 7.       | Committee on<br>Professional Accountants<br>in Business (PAIB) | ICAI<br>"Cost" | CMA H<br>Padmanabhan       | 3               | <ul> <li>Organised SAFA Conference on the theme "Future of Accounting Profession: Challenges and Opportunities" on July 23, 2022 at Trivandrum, Kerala, India.</li> <li>Organised ICAI-SAFA CFO meet on October 14, 2022 at Kolkata, West Bengal, India.</li> </ul>   |



| 8.  | Committee for Improvement in Transparency, Accountability and Governance (ITAG)                      | ICASL | Ms. Anoji De<br>Silva              | 3 | <ul> <li>SAFA BPA Awards ceremony held on<br/>December 18, 2022.</li> </ul>  |
|-----|--|-------|------------------------------------|---|--|
| 9.  | Committee on<br>Governmental and Public<br>Sector Enterprises<br>Accounting                          | ICMAP | Mr. Zia Ul<br>Mustafa              | 1 |  |
| 10. | International Relations<br>Committee   | CMASL | Prof. L<br>R. Watawala             | 3 | <ul> <li>Organised SAFA SME Development Conference<br/>2022 on "Supporting Small Businesses in Financial &amp;<br/>Cost Management" on June 27, 2022.</li> <li>Awarding of Associate Membership of SAFA to CA<br/>Maldives celebrated coinciding with the Maldives<br/>Accountants Forum 2022 on October 29th and 30th at<br/>Dharubaaruge, Male', Maldives</li> </ul>   |
| 11. | Committee on NPOs and<br>Cooperatives Sector   | ICMAB | Mr. Md.<br>Abdur<br>Rahman<br>Khan | 1 |  |
| 12. | Committee to study<br>Fiscal Regimes and<br>Statutory Requirements<br>of Business in SAARC<br>Region | ICAN  | CA. Peeyush<br>Anand               | 2 |  |
| 13. | Committee on Information Technology  | ICAI  | CA.<br>Charanjot<br>Singh Nanda    | 3 | <ul> <li>Organised SAFA Webinar on "ABCD of Technology" on December 2, 2022.</li> <li>Organised SAFA Webinar on "IT Security for Professional Accountants" on November 4, 2022.</li> <li>Organised SAFA Webinar on "Cyber Security" on October 21, 2022.</li> <li>Webinar on "Opportunities in Data Analytics for Professional Accountants" on October 7, 2022.</li> <li>Organised SAFA Webinar on "Overview of Forensic Accounting and Investigation Standards" on August 26, 2022 and September 23, 2022.</li> <li>Organised Webinar on "Agile Audit" on September 9, 2022.</li> </ul> |
| 14. | Committee on Anti<br>Money Laundering  | ICAP  | Mr. Khalid<br>Rahman               | 2 | Organised awareness session on Anti Money<br>Laundering and Countering Financing of<br>Terrorism   |
| 15. | Technical Committee on<br>FSAFA  | SAFAS | Mr. H M<br>Hennayake<br>Bandara    | 1 | Finalised the TOR  |
| 16. | Committee on<br>Sustainability and<br>Assurance  | ICAI  | Ms. CA. Priti<br>Savla             | 2 | Recommended to introduce Sustainability Reporting Award  |







Committee on Information Technology



Committee on Sustainability Reporting and Assurance



Committee on PAIB



Committee on Education Training and CPD



### **E-Newsletters**

During the year four E-Newsletters were released on quarterly basis.





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