

**Sixty-ninth session****Fifth Committee**

Agenda item 113 (e)

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments**Appointment of members of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee****Note by the Secretary-General**

1. As indicated in document [A/69/105](#) of 27 March 2014, the General Assembly, at its current session, will be required to appoint three persons, no two of whom shall be nationals of the same State, on the basis of equitable geographical representation, personal qualifications and experience, 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 2015.
2. The following individuals have been nominated by their respective Governments for appointment or reappointment to the Independent Audit Advisory Committee:

Richard Quartei Quartey (Ghana)
J. Christopher Mihm (United States of America)
3. The candidates' curricula vitae are contained in the annex to the present note.

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



Annex

Curricula vitae*

Richard Quartei Quartey (Ghana)

Auditor General of Ghana

Richard Quartei Quartey is a Chartered Accountant and a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants (Ghana), and a product of the University of Ghana, Legon, Business School. He joined the Office of the Auditor General, Ghana, in 1976, and worked in all the departments of the Office before his appointment as Auditor General in 2010.

Between 1994 and 1999, he carried out audit assignments at United Nations Headquarters, New York, in the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, United Nations peacekeeping operations, and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda in Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania. He has served on a number of committees and interview panels of public sector institutions. He represented the Auditor General's Office on the Accounting Standards Committee of the Institute of Chartered Accountants (Ghana) in 2005.

Mr. Quartey has participated in many international forums, including International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI) conferences, Commonwealth Auditors General conferences and meetings of the African Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (AFROSAI). He presented a paper on the topic "What makes for an effective Supreme Audit Institution" at the second Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Westminster Workshop in London in 2012.

He is the current chairman of the Audit Committee of AFROSAI-E, a subregional body of AFROSAI, and has since 2010 chaired the Audit Working Group (a subcommittee of the Public Financial Management System of the Government of Ghana) where Development Partners (Multi-Donor Budget Support Group) meet to discuss the governance aspect of donor support to Ghana.

Under his leadership the Auditor General's Office of Ghana developed a strategic plan for the period 2010-2014 and is currently leading a team to update the plan for 2015-2019.

Mr. Quartey has been the External Auditor of the International Maritime Organization for the period from July 2012 to June 2016 as well as External Auditor to the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI).

He has the requisite skills and experience for international engagements.

* Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.

J. Christopher Mihm (United States of America)

Managing Director, Strategic Issues

Professional experience

Managing Director, Strategic Issues, United States Government Accountability Office (GAO), 2004-present. Leads the conception, development, and issuance of over 50 GAO reports and testimonies each year on topics as diverse as governance, collaboration, and public sector transformations; strategic planning and performance measurement; risk management; public budgeting; human capital management; intergovernmental issues; regulatory policy; and federal tax policy and administration. Strategic Issues has a diverse, multidisciplinary staff of over 150 in four locations — Washington, D.C., Atlanta, Boston, and San Francisco. Strategic Issues' work has resulted in billions of dollars in documented savings and hundreds of other results. Recent major leadership responsibilities include:

- GAO's assessments of the effectiveness of the implementation of the Government Performance and Results Act Modernization Act of 2010 which focuses on strategic planning, performance management, and inter-agency collaboration.
- GAO's "High Risk" programme that identifies the federal programmes and operations most at risk and vulnerable to waste, fraud, abuse, mismanagement or in need of fundamental transformation and evaluates and monitors actions to address those risks.
- GAO's monitoring, evaluation, and internal control assessments of the implementation of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act's over \$280 billion in expenditures that flowed through states and local governments. GAO's efforts involved several hundred staff working out of 17 states in 2009 and 2010, directly resulting in improved performance, strengthened internal controls, and better transparency and accountability.

International oversight and audit experiences include:

- Member of the United States delegation to the XXI International Congress of Supreme Audit Institutions, 2013, in Beijing, lead United States executive staff negotiator of the enacted Beijing Declaration on "Promotion of Good Governance by Supreme Audit Institutions".
- GAO representative to the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI) Working Group on Key National Indicators (KNI). The Working Group publishes guidance and best practices on the role of SAIs in the design, use, and assessments of KNIs, 2010-present.
- Lead executive supporting the INTOSAI Task Force on Strategic Planning in developing the INTOSAI Strategic Plan for the period 2017-2022, 2014-present.
- GAO representative to the INTOSAI Global Financial Crisis Task Force subteam on how audit institutions could contribute to ensuring the adequacy of government actions during and in the immediate aftermath of a future financial crisis, 2010-2012.

- Member of the United States delegation to the XIX International Congress of Supreme Audit Institutions, 2007, in Mexico City. Lead author and United States executive staff negotiator of enacted accords concerning “Performance Assessment Systems Based on Key Indicators”.

Chair, United Nations Independent Audit Advisory Committee, 2013-present. The Committee advises the United Nations General Assembly on the scope, results, and effectiveness of internal audit and other oversight functions, especially the Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS); on measures to ensure United Nations management’s compliance with audit and other oversight recommendations; and on various risk management, internal control, operational, and accounting and disclosure issues. The Committee has five members elected by the General Assembly. I was elected based on the nomination of the 28 countries that form the group of Western European and other States. My three-year term on the Committee runs through 2014 with eligibility for re-election.

Director, Strategic Issues, United States General Accounting Office, 1997-2004. Led GAO’s work on results-oriented management — including implementation of the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) of 1993 — strategic human capital management, organizational transformation, and related public management and governance issues. Frequent witness at congressional hearings on public administration and governance and lead executive author of numerous reports to the Congress.

International oversight and audit experience included:

- Member of the United States delegation to the XVII INCOSAI, in 2001 in Seoul. Lead author and United States executive staff negotiator of enacted accords concerning “The Contributions of Supreme Audit Institutions to Administrative and Government Reforms”.

Management and staff positions in GAO, 1983-1997. Authored numerous reports and testimony statements for GAO witnesses for congressional hearings on federal management, GPRA, the Decennial Census, and the District of Columbia city government. Principal author of major GAO reports, such as *Executive Guide: Effectively Implementing the Government Performance and Results Act*, 1996, and *The Government Performance and Results Act: 1997 Governmentwide Implementation Will Be Uneven*, 1997.

Other professional activities

Adjunct Lecturer, University of Maryland School of Public Policy. Teach courses on performance management for the graduate programme in public policy and for the international executive education graduate programme, 2011-present.

Executive education and subject matter expert in performance auditing, governance, and performance management. For example:

- Risk Management and Internal Control: Good Governance and the Performance Assessment of Government Agencies, Academy of Public Administration under the President of Kazakhstan, 12-14 May 2014.
- Globalized Governance and Public Sector Management Reform, The Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, Executive Program in Leadership in the Public Sector, periodic executive education

programme lectures and training for public sector officials from India, China, the Russian Federation, and elsewhere, 2011-present.

- Building Public-Private Partnerships, assisted Professor David M. VanSlyke, The National League of Cities 2012 Congressional City Conference, Leadership Training Institute, March 2012.
- Performance audit and performance budgeting, The World Bank, The Russian Federation Ministry of Finance, Moscow, March 2011.

Fellow, National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA), 2001-present. Chairman, NAPA Board of Directors, 2008-2010; Member, Board of Directors, 2005-2011; Project Panel Chair, “Achieving Green and Health Homes and Communities in America: A Report Following the National Dialogue on Green and Healthy Homes”, March 2011; Conference Chair, 2007 Annual Meeting; Panel Chair, The Performance Consortium, 2001-2003. www.napawash.org

Trustee on Board of Directors, Irving Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy, 2013-present.

Member, Board of Editors, *Public Administration Review*, 2012-present.

Member, Board of Directors, *The Public Manager*, 2010-present, and member, Board of Editors, 2011-present.

Member, Advisory Board, American University, Master of Public Policy/Master of Public Administration programme, 2011-present.

Frequent speaker at national conferences on performance auditing, risk management, governance, and results-oriented management and often interviewed by print and electronic media on those and related issues.

Guest lecturer in graduate and undergraduate classes in public management at various universities.

Non-GAO publications

“Conversations with Leaders” transcribed interview in *The Business of Government*, The IBM Center for the Business of Government, Spring 2014.

“Virtual Reorganization: Results Mapping and Collaboration”, *The Public Manager*, Summer 2011.

“Commentary on ‘The Obama Administration and PBB: Building on the Legacy of Federal Performance-Informed Budgeting?’ by Prof. Phil Joyce”, *Public Administration Review*, vol. 71, No. 3, May/June 2011.

“Expanded Visions and Tool Kits for Today’s Growing Governance Challenges”, A Review of *Strategic Public Management: Best Practices from Government and Nonprofit Organizations*, edited by Howard R. Balanoff and Warren Master, *The Public Manager*, Spring 2011.

“Conversations with Leaders” transcribed interview in *The Business of Government*, The IBM Center for the Business of Government, Fall/Winter 2008.

“Theory to Practice Commentary on Fernandez and Rainey: Managing Successful Organizational Change in the Public Sector: An Agenda for Research and Practice”, *Public Administration Review (web version)*, March/April 2006. Reprinted in

“Managing Successful Organizational Change in the Public Sector”, in *Debating Public Administration: Management Challenges, Choices, and Opportunities*, edited by Robert F. Durant and Jennifer R. S. Durant, ASPA Series in Public Administration and Policy, CRC Press, 2012.

“Beyond Plans, Promises, and Good Intentions: Instilling Results-Oriented Management in Federal Agencies”, in *Meeting the Challenges of Performance-Oriented Government*, edited by Kathryn Newcomer, et. al., The American Society for Public Administration/Center for Accountability and Performance, 2002.

“Implementing GPRA: Progress and Challenges”, in *Quicker, Better, Cheaper*, edited by Dall W. Forsythe, Rockefeller Institute Press, 2001.

“Getting Ready for Performance Reporting”, *The Public Manager*, Fall 1999.

“Improving the Usefulness of Annual Performance Plans”, *The Public Manager*, Fall 1998.

“Next Steps to Implementing the Results Act”, *The Public Manager*, Fall 1997.

“GPRA and the New Dialogue”, *The Public Manager*, Winter 1995/96.

“The Government Performance and Results Act: A Framework for Results-Oriented Management”, *OPM Message to the SES*, August 1994.

“The Decennial Census: An Agenda for Change”, *Journal of Government Information*, vol. 21, No. 1, 1994.

Education

BA, Georgetown University, 1981 (political theory), magna cum laude.

University of Virginia, Thomas Jefferson Foundation Graduate Fellow in Political Theory, 1981-1983.

Awards

Chamber of Accounts of the Russian Federation, Certificate of Merit for Fostering International Collaboration, 2013.

GAO-United States Corps of Engineers Blacks in Government (BIG) Chapter, Managing for Excellence Award, 2007.

Harry Hatry Distinguished Performance Measurement Practice Award, Center for Accountability and Performance, American Society for Public Administration, March 2003.

Elmer B. Staats Award — American Society for Public Administration, National Capital Area Chapter, 1998.

Alva and Gunnar Myrdal Award for Government Service — American Evaluation Association 1998.

Arthur S. Flemming Award, 1994.

Numerous internal GAO awards and recognition.