



Guest Speaker Bio

Shane Naidoo having made a noteworthy effort towards enhancing the reputation and standing of the internal audit profession in South Africa, as well as receiving peer acknowledgement of his contribution both locally and internationally. With over 10 years' experience in technology and assurance, Shane consistently demonstrates commitment of integrity, respect, collaboration, courage and collective accountability. Under Shane's leadership, Standard Bank has advanced the audit data science journey by developing an unprecedented solution - a robotic engine known as Gina - which is pushing the boundaries of traditional auditing, from hindsight to insight and ultimately foresight, as well as dramatically improving Internal Audit's efficiency and effectiveness by:

- increasing the speed, accuracy, quality and coverage of audits
- enabling auditors to dig deeper and reveal more about the organisation, its risks, its controls and its operating environment - including perspectives that enable the business to prepare for challenges and opportunities before they materialise
- reducing the overall cost.

The Bank's Assurance function has been recognised formally and informally by several technical and auditing forums for its industry-leading development, including:

- Winner of the 2020 Corinium Global Intelligence Award – Project of the Year in Africa
- Nominated for the DataCon Africa Data Analytics Lead of the Year and Project of the Year Awards 2020
- Runner up in the 2019 Cloudera Platform of the Year. Cloudera is a US-based software company whose international award is considered the 'Oscar' of the tech industry
- Nominated for a 2019 Strata Data Award. These global awards selected by the attendees of the world's largest data conference are given to the most disruptive startup, the most innovative industry technology, the most impactful data science project, and the most notable open source contribution.
- Presentation on robotic audits, challenges and achievements to the IIA SA Knowledge Exchange in 2019



- Presentation on Gina at the request of the CEO to the CEO and senior executives at Cloudera in 2019
- The ISACA 2020 Max Bleacher Innovation Award

As a result of the above nominations, awards and presentations, organisations in the auditing, finance, insurance and retail sectors have approached Shane and his technical team and they have been and continue to be willing to discuss their robotic auditing approach and experiences (within the parameters required to protect the intellectual property of Standard Bank).