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Online ECOSAI Course on Information System Audit

Performance Audit Wing (PAW) successfully conducted the ECOSAI Online Training Course on Information System Audit from 23-25 September 2026. The program brought together 29 participants, including 11 representatives from the Supreme Audit Institutions of Azerbaijan, Belarus, Türkiye and Qatar, alongside officers from Field Audit Offices (FAOs) across Pakistan. Over three days, participants covered a detailed program focusing on risk-based audit planning, business process applications and controls, audit project management, sampling methodologies, evidence collection techniques, and the use of computer-assisted audit tools. The training sessions also explored enterprise governance of IT, business continuity and disaster recovery planning, identity and access management, cloud computing, and cyber-attack methods. The course provided auditors with practical tools to strengthen their oversight of IT systems, while also fostering regional cooperation among ECOSAI members. Participants valued the opportunity to exchange experiences and align their practices with international standards. The initiative reflects PAW's commitment, under the strategic directions of the Auditor-General of Pakistan, to build professional capacity and ensure that auditors remain equipped to meet the challenges of digitalization.

Online Course on Data Analytics for SCO Member Countries

On 12 October 2026, PAW advanced its capacity-building agenda by conducting an Online Training Course on Data Analytics for SCO member countries. The program attracted 36 participants from the SAIs of Azerbaijan, Belarus, the Russian Federation and Pakistan. Designed for basic to intermediate-level participants, the course introduced core concepts of data analytics, including data profiling, quality assurance, population-level analysis, and the application of machine learning in audit contexts. Demonstrations using Qlik Sense and Audit Command Language (ACL) displayed how auditors can visualize trends, identify anomalies and conduct exception analysis with real datasets. The course additionally focused on AI-enabled data analytics, highlighting the role of generative AI in anomaly detection, prompt-based data exploration, and translating AI outputs into actionable audit insights. Participants were guided through demonstrations and scenario-based exercises on data privacy, confidentiality and security risks, emphasizing the responsible use of AI in audit work. The training was well received, with participants noting its practical relevance and immediate applicability. The initiative reflects PAW's unwavering commitment, aligned with the strategic vision of the Auditor-General of Pakistan, to advancing analytical capabilities and fostering collaboration within the global audit community, thereby equipping audit professionals to harness data-driven insights for more effective public sector oversight.