

The CGMA Finance Leadership Programme launched in South Africa to aspiring accounting and finance professionals

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Digital self-learning e-learning and assessment platform opened up for individual access and new pathway to Chartered Global Management Accountant (CGMA) designation

The Association of International Certified Professional Accountants (the Association), the unified voice of the American Institute of CPAs (AICPA) and The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA), has launched its CGMA® Finance Leadership Programme in South Africa to aspiring accounting and finance professionals to help build the skills demanded in today's business environment.

The CGMA® Finance Leadership Programme builds through e-learning and assessment the competencies needed for driving business performance and decision-making. It covers finance, accounting, business, people, and digital skills set out in the CIMA Professional Qualification syllabus and assesses their application across operations, management and strategy. Successful completion, along with meeting professional experience requirements, also provides a new pathway to earning the coveted Chartered Global Management Accountant (CGMA®) designation.

Individual access is available in Europe, Africa, Asia and the Americas and comes off the back of the launch last October to employers and universities based in these regions. It also meets increased demand to deliver remote access and flexible self-paced online learning in markets where accredited tuition provision is limited.

"It's not only a new world of work that we have to deal with because of the pandemic – it's also about a new world of education that is driven by technology. In adapting to this, the Association has revolutionised the delivery of our professional management accounting qualification. Through the CGMA® Finance Leadership Programme, we are now able to reach more people, support more employers and provide greater access to the profession," said Irene Teng, managing director – Global Markets, at the Association of International Certified Professional Accountants.

"Understanding finance is the foundation to so many careers in business and opens up opportunities to become a highperforming business leader. The CGMA® Finance Leadership Programme is a great solution for aspiring accounting and finance professionals to develop the skills and competencies demanded by employers and open up career opportunities in the world of business and finance," said Tariro Mutizwa, regional vice-president Africa of The Association of International Certified Professional Accountants.

The CGMA® Finance Leadership Programme allows individuals to personalise their learning journey, streamline their professional development and develop in-demand skills. By earning the CGMA designation, they will be able to demonstrate the highest levels of competency in finance, accounting, business, digital, technology, people and leadership skills that will help them accelerate their careers and add value to their organisations. They will also become part of the world's largest community of accounting and finance professionals, the Association of International Certified Professional Accountants, with access to over 696,000 members, students and engaged professionals.

Learn more about the CGMA $\ensuremath{\mathbb{R}}$ Finance Leadership Programme here.

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