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AGENDA

DAY ONE: Wednesday, March 12, 2025

7:00 am – 5:00 pm

Foyer of Somnak Ballroom

Registration

8:00 am – 8:45 am

Somnak Ballroom

Welcoming and Opening Remarks

Llewelyn Terlaje, CGFM, CFE, CGAP, President, AGA Guam Chapter

The Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, Governor of Guam

Frank E. Petersen, III, CGFM, President, AGA National and Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance, NASA-Headquarters

8:45 am – 9:50 am

Somnak Ballroom

AM Plenary Session (1 CPE – Personal Development)

Leading Through the Lens of Legacy 2.0

Frank E. Petersen, III, CGFM, President, AGA National and Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance, NASA-Headquarters

9:50 am – 10:05 am

AM Networking Break

10:05 am – 11:45 am

AM Breakout Sessions (2 CPEs)

Somnak Ballroom

Ethics (Behavioral Ethics)

Drummond Kahn, MS, CIA, CGFM, CGAP, Professional Trainer

Unnai 1 & 2

Multi-Method Evaluation of Guam's Financial Performance: Insights into Fiscal Health and Sustainability (Accounting – Governmental)

Doreen Crisostomo-Muna, Ph.D., CGFM, CFE, Professor of Accounting, University of Guam

Unnai 3



Grants Management: Minimizing Audit Findings (Auditing – Governmental)

Mizpah Wiegand, CPA

11:45 pm – 12:05 pm

Lunch Networking Break

12:05 pm – 12:25 pm

Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) Month Legislative Resolution Presentation

The Honorable Christopher M. Duenas, Senator and Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Government Operations of the 38th Guam Legislature

12:25 pm – 1:30 pm

Somnak Ballroom



Lunch Plenary Session (1 CPE – Personal Development)

The State of Public Accountability in Micronesia

The Honorable Benjamin J.F. Cruz, Public Auditor of Guam, Office of Public Accountability

1:30 pm – 1:40 pm

PM Networking Break 1

1:40 pm – 3:00 pm

PM Breakout Sessions (1.5 CPEs)

Somnak Ballroom



Bond Finance Fundamentals (Finance)

Frank Perdue-Rossi, Principal, Montague DeRose and Associates and Corey McCullough, Managing Director, Montague DeRose and Associates

Unnai 3



Auditing Series: Performance Auditing - Overview (Auditing)

Drummond Kahn, MS, CIA, CGFM, CGAP, Professional Trainer

3:00 pm – 3:20 pm

PM Networking Break 2

3:20 pm – 5:00 pm

Somnak Ballroom



PM Plenary Session (2 CPEs – Information Technology)

Bridging the Knowledge Gap: What Finance Professionals Need to Know About Cybersecurity

Panel Discussion – Jennilyn P. LaBrunda, Cybersecurity Advisor (Guam & CNMI), Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency; Melvyn K. Kwek, CISA, GICSP, Chief Information Technology Officer, Guam Power Authority; Philip Casanova, Principal, SGV Consulting

DAY ONE END



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DAY TWO: Thursday, March 13, 2025

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Foyer of Somnak Ballroom

Registration

8:00 am– 9:45 am

Somnak Ballroom

AM Plenary Session (2 CPEs – Information Technology)

Cyber Fraud and How To Detect It

Anthony Davis, Intelligence Analyst, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Guam Resident Agency

9:45 am – 10:00 am

AM Networking Break

10:00 am – 11:45 am

AM Breakout Sessions (2 CPEs)

Somnak Ballroom

The ABCs of DBs and DCs of the GGRF (Personnel/Human Resources)

Artemio “Ricky” Hernandez, Ph.D., CGFM, AIF, Treasurer and Investment Committee Chairperson, Government of Guam Retirement Fund Board of Trustees

Unnai 1 & 2

CGFM Primer – Pathway to Your CGFM Certification Journey (Personal Development)

Maripaz N. Perez, CGFM, CICA, CIA, CFE, Assistant Chief Financial Officer, Guam Power Authority; Jerrick Hernandez, MA, CGFM, CFE, CICA, CGAP, Accountability Auditor III, Office of Public Accountability; Jorizaira Borja, CGFM, Accountant II, Guam Power Authority; Gladys Sazon, CGFM, CPA, MSITM, CC, Chief Financial Officer, Guam Football Association; Pilar O. Pangelinan, MBA, CGFM, AFC, CB, Professor, Business & ViscCom Department, Guam Community College.

Unnai 3

Auditing Series: Performance Auditing – Planning and Fieldwork (Auditing)

Drummond Kahn, MS, CIA, CGFM, CGAP, Professional Trainer

11:45 pm – 12:00 pm	Lunch Networking Break
12:00 pm – 12:40 pm	AGA Guam Chapter General Membership Meeting and Awards Recognition Ceremony
12:40 pm – 1:40 pm Somnak Ballroom	Lunch Plenary Session (1 CPE – Economics)
	<i>Current Outlook on Tourism Industry and Overall Guam Economy</i> Panel Discussion – Regine Biscoe Lee, President, Guam Visitors Bureau; Melanie Mendiola, CEO/Administrator, Guam Economic Development Authority; Artemio “Ricky” Hernandez, Ph.D., C.M., IAP, Deputy Executive Manager, Guam International Airport Authority
1:40 pm – 1:50 pm	PM Networking Break 1
1:50 pm – 3:10 pm	PM Breakout Sessions (1.5 CPEs)
Somnak Ballroom	<i>Auditing Series: Enterprise Risks, Internal Controls, and Auditing (Auditing)</i> Drummond Kahn, MS, CIA, CGFM, CGAP, Professional Trainer
	
Unnai 3	<i>2024 Individual and Business Tax Update (Taxes)</i> Martha G. Suez-Sales, DBA, CPA, CGMA, Associate Professor of Accounting, University of Guam
	
3:10 pm – 3:20 pm	PM Networking Break 2
3:20 pm – 5:00 pm Somnak Ballroom	PM Plenary Session (2 CPEs – Information Technology)
	<i>How Can Cybersecurity Transform to Accelerate Value from AI?</i> Philip Casanova, Principal, SGV Consulting

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DAY THREE: Friday, March 14, 2025

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Foyer of Somnak Ballroom

Registration

8:00 am – 9:50 am

Somnak Room

AM Plenary Session (2 CPEs – Personnel/Human Resource)

How To Successfully Motivate and Work with a Multi-Generational Workforce

Daphne Leon Guerrero, SHRM-SCP, CAPM, Human Resources Director, Atkins Kroll Inc.

9:50 am – 10:10 am

AM Networking Break

10:10 am – 12:00 pm

AM Breakout Sessions (2 CPEs)

Somnak Ballroom

Auditing Series: Efficient Auditing (Auditing)

Drummond Kahn, MS, CIA, CGFM, CGAP, Professional Trainer

Unnai 1 & 2

From Ideas to Execution: Step-by-Step Guide on Creating a Business Plan, Identifying KPIs, and Project Management (Business Management & Organization)

Jason V. Katigbak, DBA, CPA, CIA, CFE, CGMA, Vice President of Finance, GTA; Jojo B. Guevara III, MBA, CGFM, PMP, Chief Financial Officer, Port Authority of Guam

Unnai 3

Government Accounting and Auditing Standards Update (Accounting - Governmental)

Rizalito Paglingayen, CPA, Partner, Ernst & Young

12:00 pm – 12:30 pm

Lunch Networking Break

12:30 pm – 1:20 pm

Lunch Plenary Session (1 CPE – Specialized Knowledge)

Somnak Room

Military Projects Update

Vera A. Topasna, Executive Director, Community Defense Liaison Office, Office of the Governor

1:20 pm – 1:40 pm

PM Networking Break 1

1:40 pm – 3:00 pm

PM Breakout Sessions (1.5 CPEs)

Somnak Ballroom

Auditing Series: Audigators (Auditing)

Drummond Kahn, MS, CIA, CGFM, CGAP, Professional Trainer

Unnai 3

Collective Leadership from the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Sector (Personal Development)

James Ji, Ph.D., DBA, Assistant Professor of Management, University of Guam

3:00 pm – 3:20 pm

PM Networking Break 2

3:20 pm – 5:00 pm

PM Plenary Session (2 CPEs – Personnel/Human Resources)

Somnak Room

What is My Conflict Resolution Style? Managing Teams Through Change

John J. Rivera, Ph.D., L5, AIF, CFE, CM, SHRM-SCP, SPHRI, KSS, Director of Human Resources and Corporate Development, Citadel Pacific Ltd.

DAY THREE END