

IFRS 2017 – Dubai Speakers' biographies

Herve Ballantyne

**Deloitte Middle East - Chairman
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Herve is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales and is a partner with Deloitte Middle East. Prior to his recent relocation to Dubai, Herve was based in Jeddah with Deloitte & Touche Bakr Abulkhair since 1998. Herve is also a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales' advisory board in the Middle East. In Jeddah, Herve worked as an audit senior director and with over 30 years of experience, he has led numerous audit assignments in most industry sectors.



Abbas Ali Mirza

**Deloitte Middle East - Partner
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Abbas is an Audit & Assurance partner at Deloitte Middle East and is a member of Deloitte Middle East IFRS Leadership Team. He is featured on Deloitte's global website www.iasplus.com under the section devoted to "Spotlight on Deloitte's IFRS Specialists." At the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, he was elected as Chairman of the 21st session of United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)'s Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards on Accounting & Reporting (ISAR).



He has served as the Chairman of the Auditors' Group at the Dubai Chamber of Commerce & Industry (DCCI) for the past several years. This elected body represents all audit firms in Dubai (including the Big 4, other international firms and local firms). He is an author of 15 books on IFRS including: "Wiley: IFRS Practical Implementation Guide & Workbook" (in its 3rd edition) and "Wiley: IFRS Interpretation & Application" (from inception until its 10th edition) and the recently published "Wiley: International Trends in Financial Reporting under IFRS." He has delivered keynote speeches in several global conferences and has chaired the World Accounting Summit for 10 years (beginning in 2005 when it was held under the patronage of the UNCTAD) and has also addressed International Federation of Accountants' (IFAC) "World Congress of Accountants," held in Turkey.

Sunder Nurani

Deloitte Middle East - Partner Sharjah, United Arab Emirates

Sunder Nurani is a Partner in Deloitte UAE Practice. He has over 20 years of experience in audit and focused on Financial Services Industry.

He has passed the Uniform CPA Examination from the Colorado Board of Accountancy and is also a professional member of various Global Accounting Organizations such as ACCA UK, CIMA UK, CISA USA, CGMA UK. He is also a Fellow Member of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India.

Sunder takes the lead in the Learning & Development Function of the UAE Practice and is involved in delivering various learning units including those on IFRS internally and external as well.



Anish Mehta

Deloitte Middle East – Audit Director Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Anish Mehta is a Director in Deloitte, Dubai Office. He has over 18 years of experience in audit and advisory services primarily gained in the Middle East region.

His experience covers a variety of business sectors and industries including retail and consumer business, trading, manufacturing and construction. He is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, a member of Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales and a member of the Institute of Cost Accountants of India.

As a member of Deloitte & Touche Middle East’s “IFRS Technical Focus Points” team for UAE office, he participates in IFRS technical consultations. He has extensively facilitated IFRS trainings for Deloitte staff and conducted IFRS workshops for clients and professional accounting bodies.



Sachin Bhandari

Deloitte Middle East – Senior Manager Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Sachin is an Audit & Assurance Senior Manager in Deloitte’s Dubai practice. He is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in India, and has over 15 years of experience providing Audit & Assurance services to listed companies, private companies and local groups in the UAE and India across various industries such as retail, trading, manufacturing, information technology and construction. He has experience in managing external Audit assignments under IFRS and USGAAP, Quarterly/interim reviews and Group Reporting.



Irshad Jooma

Deloitte Middle East – Assistant Director Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Irshad is an assistant director and heads up Deloitte's Treasury Advisory Services team in the Middle East, having previously worked in both the Deloitte Sydney and Johannesburg offices. In addition he was the treasury technical advisor for the largest corporate treasury in South Africa.



Irshad has experience in the areas of treasury operations, financial risk management, financial instruments and derivatives valuations, and is an IFRS specialist with regards to financial instruments.

This experience has included review of treasury operations for both listed, private, SME and state-owned entities, and development of treasury policy for a listed Australian entity. Irshad has also developed currency hedging strategies for a large Australian food manufacturer, provided analysis of currency hedge effectiveness for a large UAE food manufacturer, developed a hedge accounting model for various companies in both Australia and South Africa, and provided due diligence and accounting advice on various proposed hedge strategies to a South African utility.

Irshad is a member of the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA), as well as an associate member of the Association of Corporate Treasurers UK.

Malcolm Coates

Deloitte Middle East – National Practice Protection Director Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Malcolm has over 30 years of professional audit experience in public practice servicing many prestigious local and international clients in a wide variety of industries. These industries include financial services, manufacturing, hospitality and entertainment, construction and real estate. Malcolm is currently the National Practice Protection Director for the Middle East firm with responsibility for coordinating and acting as a focal point for all consultations relating to accountancy and auditing for the firm.



Malcolm brings a wealth of experience to his role in Saudi Arabia and the Middle East having worked previously in the UK, Caribbean, Southern Africa and the CIS. Malcolm has spent the last 8 years working in our Moscow office performing audits of financial statements of both listed and non-listed entities prepared under local Russian statutory accounting standards as well as under IFRS.