

AICPA and CIMA launch CGMA Finance Leadership Programme

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- *New e-learning and assessment platform provides alternative pathway to completing CIMA Professional Qualification*
- *Meets accelerating demand for remote digital self-paced learning driven by the Covid-19 pandemic*

On Thursday, 22 October, The Association of International Certified Professional Accountants, the combined strength of the American Institute of CPAs (AICPA), and The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) launched its digital learning CGMA Finance Leadership Programme (CGMA FLP) to employers and universities across Africa, Asia and Europe as a new and alternative approach to completing the CIMA Professional Qualification.



Nathaniel Boso

This launch comes in response to increased demand to deliver remote access and flexible self-paced online learning. It will develop future generations of Chartered Global Management Accountant (CGMA) designation holders, required for driving business performance and supporting economic recovery.

With traditional in-person tuition and examination methods being challenged by the Covid-19 pandemic and digital acceleration, this new e-learning and assessment platform provides instant online access for aspiring business and finance leaders to learn finance skills needed in business to the equivalence of a master's degree level of education.

The CGMA FLP covers competencies in finance, accounting, business, people, and digital skills set out in the CIMA Professional Qualification syllabus and assesses their application across operations, management and strategy. Students can start their learning journey at an appropriate entry level, building on existing education achievement, credentials and practical experience, with their employer or university able to monitor and support their students as they progress.

Upon successful completion of each of the three levels of guided learning and assessments, participants must successfully pass business simulation Case-Study exams and meet professional experience requirements to become a Chartered Global Management Accountant and gain access to the Association of International Certified Professional Accountants, the world's largest body of accounting professionals, representing over 650,000 members and students.

Prof. Nathaniel Boso, Dean, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science & Technology, explained: *"We have been looking at ways to complement our courses with practical business focused learning and simulation. The CGMA FLP sits nicely alongside what we offer and has the added benefit of being accessible online and outside of the physical classroom."*



Irene Teng

Irene Teng, Executive Vice President – Global Markets, The Association of International Certified Professional Accountants, said: "CIMA's CGMA Finance Leadership Programme has been launched in response to the changing world we live in and meets the growing demand to deliver business finance and accounting skills through self-paced e-learning. Whilst there is still a place for traditional learning and examinations in test centres, it is right in a digital age that we now

offer alternative pathways to learn, understand and apply finance.”

She continued: “Understanding finance is the foundation to so many careers in business and opens up career opportunities to be a successful business leader. This new approach allows us to capitalise on innovation and ride the wave of digital acceleration. We are now able to reach more people, support more employers and provide better access to the profession.”

More information can be found [here](#).

Africa media list:

RSA: Online publications/press

- The Star
- Business Day
- Business Daily
- Mail and Guardian
- The Times (Sunday Times)
- News 24

Trade publications

- Fin 24
- Entrepreneur
- Accountancy SA
- MoneyWeb
- Independent Online
- Financial Mail
- Business Report
- Leadership Magazine
- Forbes
- Engineering News

Botswana:

- Daily News
- Botswana Guardian
- Botswana Gazette
- The Monitor
- Sunday Standard
- The Midweek Sun
- The Voice

Nigeria:

- Guardian
- Punch
- Daily Independent
- Daily Trust

Ghana:

- The Ghanaian Chronicle
- Daily Graphic
- The Mirror
- Ghana News Agency
- GhanaWeb

Zambia:

- Zambia Daily Mail
- Times of Zambia
- Daily Nation
- Zambia Reports
- Zambian Watchdog
- Lusaka Times
- Lusaka Voice

- " **New generation of South African accounting and finance professionals awarded the CGMA designation** 16 May 2024
- " **CIMA president and co-chair of the Association set to visit South Africa** 10 May 2024
- " **New AICPA & CIMA research shows deep divide among finance professionals about the future of finance** 29 Apr 2024
- " **CIMA and ICAN Membership Pathway Agreement sees first-ever accountant acquire dual designations** 2 Apr 2024
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