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Broadening the Accountancy Profession's Reach in the Public Sector

IFAC publishes case study on SAICA's public sector activities
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The public sector is the largest sector in the global economy, and with complex finances, competing demands on public resources, and the need for transparency and accountability in the management of public funds, the demand for accounting and finance professionals is high. However, many public sector entities, including at national and local government levels, struggle to find suitable candidates with the right skills to fill these positions.

In collaboration with the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA), IFAC has published [a case study on SAICA's activities in the public sector](#), highlighting how a focus on the public sector supports its mandate to contribute to South Africa's economic and social advancement. SAICA's priorities include increasing the professionalisation of the public sector through multiple pathways to attract talent and grow its membership, as well as supporting members through professional development and by advocating on their behalf.

“Professional accountancy organizations (PAOs) have a critical role to play in the public sector,” said Stathis Gould, Director of Member Engagement at IFAC. “PAOs can promote the value of a professional workforce, advocate for accountants, and support members’ professional development, which will help the public sector do more with less, and ultimately reinforce trust in public services and spending. SAICA is an excellent example to learn from.”

Dive into SAICA's methods in IFAC's case study, [Broadening the Accountancy Profession's Reach in the Public Sector](#).

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