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Internal audit's role in geopolitical disruption



Geopolitical disruption is testing the relevance of traditional internal audit models. As audit plans are paused and priorities shift, boards and executive teams are looking to internal audit for sharper insight, faster judgment, and reporting that supports real-time decision-making.

Join Grant Thornton UAE as they explore how internal audit can remain trusted, independent, and influential when uncertainty is high and formal assurance work is constrained. This session will focus on how leading audit functions adapt their role during disruption, provide value without overstepping, and help leadership cut through complexity when clarity matters most. The discussion will also consider the growing use of AI in crisis reporting and the critical role internal audit can play in challenging the reliability, bias, and decision-usefulness of rapid, technology-enabled insights.

The session will focus on

1. How internal audit can stay valuable when the audit plan no longer fits the reality.
2. Where internal audit can contribute meaningfully during disruption while preserving independence.
3. The auditor's role in assessing whether fast, AI-enabled outputs truly support sound decisions.

Opening remarks



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