

CPA RISPER OLICK

DBA CANDIDATE, MBA - FINANCE, B-COM ACCOUNTING, CPA-K, CS-K



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Professional & Education Qualifications:

CPA Risper Olick holds an MBA- Finance and B-Com Accounting, both from the University of Nairobi. She is a CPA-K, Certified Secretary (CS-K), Certified governance auditor by ICS, IFRS & IPSAS certified by ACCA, a Certified grants accountant, Certified Professional Mediator, and ESG Certified.

Currently, I am a Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) candidate, at USIU-A specializing in Leadership and organization change.



1. Profile

I have been an ICPAK council member for six years, during which time I have chaired key committees such as Finance as Strategy and Member Services. On a full-time basis, I lead the Finance & Administration team at HealthRight Kenya (NPO). My experience in the profession spans over 20 years in different organizations, primarily in non-profit organizations and audit practice.

Prior to joining HealthRight Kenya, I was engaged in full-time practice, providing audit assurance services to a diverse range of clients across various sectors, including manufacturing, hospitality, and agriculture.

Before then, I served as the Finance and Administration Manager at Amnesty International Kenya. My accounting career began at World Vision Kenya, where I progressed through the ranks.

I currently serve on the board of INPAS (International Non-Profit Accounting Standards), collaborating with IFRS board to set global standards for non-profit organizations.

At Public Sector Accounting Standards Board (PSASB), where I serve as a non-executive director, I have chaired the Accounting Standards Committee responsible for developing financial reporting templates and issuing standards adoption guidelines for public sector entities and currently overseeing the transition to IPSAS accrual accounting.

I am a Certified ESG trainer and consult for various institutions in both the public and private sectors on ESG-related policies and disclosures.

I am also a certified governance auditor and a member of ICS (Kenya) M. No. 3851.

My leadership and participation in various key committees such as Finance & Strategy, Member Services, Diaspora Affairs, Public Sector Accountants, Nominations, Audit and Risk, and Special Events & Welfare have reinforced ICPAK's sustainability, steering it through the COVID-19 pandemic and positioning it as a responsive institution to member needs.

2. Suitability for Council Election

With humility, I am privileged to present my candidacy for Chairman of ICPAK with a dedication to professional excellence, member value, and robust governance. With over 20 years of experience in accounting, finance, and leadership, I have actively contributed to the profession through strategic regulatory engagements, financial oversight, public interest and advocacy for accountants' welfare.

During my six-year tenure as an ICPAK Council Member, I led transformative initiatives as convenor for Finance and Strategy committee including early CPA Centre loan repayment through cost-cutting measures, saving ICPAK millions in finance costs, as convenor for member services committee enriching the CPD calendar with virtual trainings and national events across Kenya, introducing multiple licenses, and enhancing benevolent fund benefits during my time as convenor for Special events and Welfare sub-committee.

As the Convenor of Diaspora Affairs Committee, I have enhanced pathways for members seeking opportunities abroad, creating valuable linkages with fellow members in the diaspora.

Beyond ICPAK, I serve on the Board of the Public Sector Accounting Standards Board (PSASB), where I have participated in developing several accounting templates and guidelines used by various public sector entities, and the board is currently leading the transition from IPSAS cash to IPSAS accrual accounting.

My governance role at INPAS (International Non-Profit Accounting Standards), a global standard-setting body for NPOs ensures that accountants remain at the forefront of regulatory and governance reforms.

I have successfully advocated for accountants' interests and initiated the privately funded capacity-building program "Wapi Nduru", collaborating with UNDP, EACC, Amnesty International, ICPAK, among others, that trained over 400 accountants on safe whistleblowing and resulted in a whistleblower policy at the institute that has benefited some members.

I am committed to promoting integrity, accountability, and growth within the profession.

Commitment to the membership

With my commitment to Elevating the Profession and Empowering Members, I still commit to a **bold** ICPAK through,

Brand Elevation: Through strengthened regulation, a better equipped secretariat, professional standards and collaborations, elevate the CPA brand to benefit members.

Opportunities for Growth: Expanding opportunities for career development, training, mentorship and networking platforms for members, while reducing training and compliance costs, quack menace and enhancing professional support to members.

Leadership & Advocacy: Strengthening the governance of the institute for a more responsive leadership that represents members' interests and the public at large. The public continues to look up to ICPAK to provide leadership and a voice of TRUST in public finance management and Accountability.

Dynamic & Inclusive ICPAK: Fostering innovation, diversity and improved governance, and sustainability in the profession. Aligning our structure to be a future ready professional body that embraces the emerging technologies in line with international best practices.

With extensive experience in regulation, governance, and strategic vision, I am ready and offer myself to serve you as the 26TH ICPAK Chairman.

Together, let's shape the future of our profession and institute.



I humbly seek your support and vote in this journey.





