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→ 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021 | 14.00 - 15.30 CET

**Conversations with US GAO's Innovation Lab**

**Mr Taka Ariga and Dr Elise Beisecker**

Are you wondering about how to set up technological innovation in your SAI? Would you like to know more about the skills needed and the strategic changes taken? Join us for a conversation with Taka and Elise to discuss the experiences and strategic efforts of the US Government Accountability Office's Innovation Lab.



In 2019, the US Government Accountability Office established its Innovation Lab to empower the agency on tackling new as well as evolving accountability challenges in the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

By focusing on data science and emerging technologies, the Innovation Lab is deploying new capabilities and building enhanced capacity.

The moderated discussion will focus on the Innovation Lab's execution strategy as well as lessons learned to help shape the future of audit. Taka and Elise will also share examples of quick wins, strategic efforts, and systemic initiatives that the Innovation Lab is concurrently tackling.



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Please register by **5<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 12:00 CET** (Central European Time).



## SPEAKERS:



**Mr Taka Ariga**

**Chief Data Scientist and Director of Innovation Lab  
at the US Government Accountability Office**

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Taka is the first Chief Data Scientist appointed by the Comptroller General of the United States for the Government Accountability Office. He also leads GAO's newly established Innovation Lab in driving problem-centric experiments across audit and operational teams through novel use of advanced analytics and emerging technologies. As a member of the Senior Executive Service, Taka is also responsible for working with GAO stakeholders to adopt prospective views on oversight impacts of emerging capabilities such as AI, cloud services, blockchains, RPA, 5G, and IoT.



**Dr Elise Beisecker**

**Senior Data Scientist for the Innovation Lab  
at the US Government Accountability Office**

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Elise is a Senior Data Scientist for the US Government Accountability Office and specialises in architecting and implementing Data Science solutions, focusing on improving the acceptance and fidelity of Data Science.

