



2023 Fiji Institute of Chartered Accountants Congress

Theme: Fiji's Tomorrow Today.

Friday June 23 – Saturday June 24

Great line-up at event

President of ICAI to speak at the FICA 2023 Congress

THE Fiji Institute of Chartered Accountants welcomes the president of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) CA. Aniket S. Talati who will address the participants at the upcoming 2023 Congress.

FICA president Tarlochan Singh is delighted to host Mr Talati as this will be the first time for ICAI to participate at a FICA Congress event.

The president of FICA attended the World Congress of Accountants (WCOA) in November 2022 held in Mumbai, India leading to a collaboration with ICAI with a memorandum of understanding (MOU) currently in discussion with both Institutions. Mr Talati was elected the 71st President of ICAI for the term 2023-2024.

He has strong professional ethics, refined thought process, technical expertise, and vision to embrace technology to lead the profession. Mr Talati has been passionately representing India and the profession on international forums at several global meetings and conferences, striving to position India as the Global Accounting Hub.

Currently, he is the technical advisor to the ICAI's Nominee on the International Federation of



President of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) CA. Aniket S. Talati will address the participants at the upcoming 2023 Congress. Picture: SUPPLIED

Accountants (IFAC) Board, PAIB Advisory Group of IFAC, besides being a Board member of South Asian Federation of Accountants

(SAFA). He also represents ICAI on the Integrated Reporting and Connectivity Council (IRCC) and

Board meetings of the Pan African Federation of Accountants (PAFA) and ASEAN Federation of Accountants (AFA).

As a partner in nation building being president ICAI, Mr Talati supports the Government and Regulators as a member of the Government Accounting Standards Advisory Board (GASAB) & Audit Advisory Board formed by the C&AG of India, Insurance Advisory Committee and Board of Insurance Regulatory & Development Authority of India (IRDAI) and SEBI's Primary Market Advisory Committee.

With his exceptional understanding, skills to blend new age thinking with the traditional approach, and ability to connect with all, Mr Talati has outstanding capability to pursue the agenda of inclusive growth, dealing with issues of Small and Medium Practitioners and taking the Institute and Indian accountancy profession to much greater heights on a global pedestal.

Mr Talati holds a Bachelor of Commerce from Mumbai University and a Rank holder from Gujarat University and also holds a Master of Commerce. With strong expertise in technical matters, he has written numerous articles in various magazines and publications and addressed hundreds of seminars and conferences. ■ FICA



Seremaia Bai in action during a match. He is a speaker at the Fiji Institute of Chartered Accountants 2023 Congress this month. Picture: ULTIMATE RUGBY

Delegates to hear from rugby icon

By MONIKA SINGH

FORMER Flying Fijian Seremaia Bai has been confirmed as one of the nine speakers for the Fiji Institute of Chartered Accountants (FICA) 2023 Congress that will be held at the Shangri-La Yanuca Island, Fiji from June 23-24.

The founder of the Rugby Academy (Fiji), Eastern Saints Rugby Club in Suva and now a new Northern Saints Rugby Club in Labasa, Bai's work involves providing coaching and mentoring children as young as five and youths (both girls and boys).

Originally from Suweni, Cakaudrove, Bai was born and bred in Nadali Village, in Tailevu, Nausori.

An entrepreneur and a farmer, Bai is the owner of Bai Agro Rugby Family Farm, a sports coach, a youth motivational speaker and a corporate moti-

vation speaker.

During his sporting career he played rugby for 20 years with 16 years professionally, representing Fiji in the 2007 and 2011 Rugby World Cup.

Bai has also been a two time champion of France Top 14 Rugby Competition and European Cup Champion.

He played rugby in countries such as Australia, Wales, New Zealand, Japan, France and finally in Leicester, England.

He also represented the combined Pacific Islanders team that consists top players from Tonga, Samoa and Fiji in three different tours in 2004, 2006, 2008. After his retirement from all levels of rugby at the age of 37 in June 2016, he returned home to Fiji.

Bai was named 2023 Flying Fijians World Cup Assistant Coach.

He is married with five children - four sons and a daughter.



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