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Christopher Palm is the Chief Risk Advisor at the Institute of Risk Management South Africa (IRMSA). His passion is to collaborate with risk professionals and other key role players both locally and globally to transform risk management into a key component of excellent decision-making.

Christopher believes that a solid enterprise risk management capability within an entity, supported by a risk-mature Leadership, Executive Committee and Board, will lead to decisions that will effectively respond to both risks and opportunities facing the business world today and well into the future.

He is a self-disciplined individual with a good understanding and experience of working with others as part of a team. He always has a strong commitment to seeing his work through sustained with a high sense of quality. His energy, experience, creativity and the ability to learn new things has got to be of his most valued strong points. He is a family man, which drives his key values of integrity, commitment and flexibility and this is inevitably displayed in the work place.

Christopher spent 27 years with Eskom Holdings, of which the last 18 were at senior executive level - from Group Audit Manager and Head of Forensics to Head of Enterprise Risk where he established the integrated risk management capability in 2008. His most valuable experience throughout his time at Eskom was the gaining and understanding of world class risk and resilience knowledge, experience and exposure and how it is challenged in practice.

Christopher's educational background includes a B Com - majoring in Accounting, Commercial Law and Economics and an Honours Degree in Business Economics and Management Accounting. He complimented the above by completing the Executive Development Programme at Wits Business School.

Christopher received the prestigious "IRMSA Risk Manager of the Year 2016" award - he emphasises that he has Eskom and a number of colleagues to thank for their part in this achievement!