NEUGROUP FOR INTERNAL AUDIT EXECUTIVES
2026 H2 MEETING AGENDA

Day One: Tuesday, October 27, 2026 (All times reflect Pacific Time)

8:30 – 9:00am

Member Arrival and Breakfast

Agilent, 5301 Stevens Creek Blvd, Santa Clara, CA 95051

9:00 – 9:30am

Welcome and Introductions

We'll open by welcoming members, recognizing Rob Mitchel and Agilent for hosting, and reviewing the objectives and priorities for the meeting.

Session leader:

— *Ted Howard, NeuGroup*

9:30 – 11:00am

Projects & Priorities

Members will begin by sharing an update on the progress made since the H1 meeting, including key wins, lessons learned and any new challenges or blockers that have emerged. They will then articulate one key outcome they hope to achieve from this meeting and the second half cycle.

11:00 – 11:15am

Break

Some of the most valuable insights emerge between sessions. This break is an opportunity to connect one-on-one with fellow members, dive deeper into topics discussed in the meeting, share experiences, and build relationships that continue long after the meeting concludes.

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11:15am – 12:15pm

Using AI for SOX and Operational Audits

A member will share how his team is applying AI to real audit work—from supporting SOX activities to more advanced operational use cases such as channel partner risk scoring. The discussion will focus on where AI delivers value today, how these applications are developed and governed, and lessons learned as the team expands its use.

Session leaders:

- *Julio Flores, Synopsys*
- *Nana Atwi, Synopsys*
- *Pallavi Srikanth, Synopsys*
- *Martin Tobias, Synopsys*

12:15 – 1:15pm

Lunch and Networking

Enjoy lunch with fellow members while continuing the conversations sparked during the meeting. This informal setting provides an opportunity to exchange ideas, strengthen relationships, and connect with peers facing similar opportunities and challenges.

1:15 – 2:00pm

Walk and Talk

Step outside for a guided networking walk designed to encourage one-on-one conversations in a more relaxed setting. Use this time to dive deeper into a challenge, reconnect with a peer, or continue a discussion from the meeting while enjoying a change of pace.

2:00 – 3:00pm

Audit Stories: Auditing AI and Identity & Access

Two members will share experiences from recent audits—one focused on AI and the other on Identity & Access Management (IAM). The AI discussion will cover the audit approach and work program, while the IAM discussion will highlight key findings and challenges. Members will compare approaches, lessons learned and how they are managing similar risks.

Session leaders:

- *Katie Shashaguay, onsemi*
- *JJ Cracraft, Dolby*

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3:00 – 4:00pm	**Future of Internal Audit Talent: Building the 2030 Team** *What does the IA team of 2030 look like? Which capabilities remain core, which new ones become essential, and what should CAEs hire, develop, borrow through rotations/gigs or access through co-sourcing? Members will build on themes from prior discussions, including technical talent shortages, engineers embedded in audit, rotations, SMEs, AI upskilling and slowing hiring while the future operating model takes shape.* ***Session leader:*** — *Ted Howard, NeuGroup*
4:00 – 4:15pm	**Break** *Take some time to exchange ideas, compare approaches, and continue conversations that can help move your priorities forward.*
4:15 – 5:00pm	**NeuGroup Research Live** *Members will benchmark their organizations against peers, explore emerging trends through real-time results, and contribute to the practitioner intelligence that informs future NeuGroup research and insights.*
5:00 – 5:15pm	**Day One Wrap-Up** *We'll close the day by reflecting on the key themes and insights that emerged, identifying priorities to carry into tomorrow's discussions, and highlighting opportunities to continue the conversation over dinner and throughout the remainder of the meeting.*
6:00 – 9:00pm	**Networking Dinner [Shuttle Provided]** ***Cucina Venti, 1390 Pear Ave Ste D, Mountain View, CA 94043*** *End the day by continuing conversations with peers over dinner. Use this time to explore shared challenges, compare approaches, and deepen the relationships that support ongoing collaboration between meetings.*

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Day Two: Wednesday, October 28, 2026

9:00 – 9:30am

Member Arrival and Breakfast

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9:30 – 10:30am

Updates from Agilent Internal Audit

Agilent Internal Audit will share several ways it is evolving its approach, from using digital tools to automate audit processes to bringing guest auditors into operational audits. The team will also discuss how it is building greater familiarity with the IIA standards across the function, with members invited to compare approaches and share what's working in their own organizations.

Session leader:

— *Rob Mitchel, Agilent*

10:30 – 11:00am

Break

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11:00 – 11:45am

AI Workbench Powered by NGTT

AI adoption is evolving rapidly, and members are often discovering and refining applications between meetings. In this rapid-fire session, members will share new and updated AI use cases they have implemented or explored since the group's last meeting, including successes, lessons learned and practical challenges. Together, the group will validate, refine and expand these examples, while contributing them to NeuGroup's growing AI use-case database, the AI Workbench, powered by NeuGroup for Technology Transformation, to create a continuously evolving repository of practitioner-validated ideas for the broader membership.

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11:45am – 12:15pm

Closing Remarks and Boxed Lunch to Go

We'll wrap up the meeting by summarizing key takeaways, reinforcing commitments for the months ahead, and outlining opportunities to stay connected and continue making progress between meetings. Boxed lunches will be available for members to take as they depart.

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