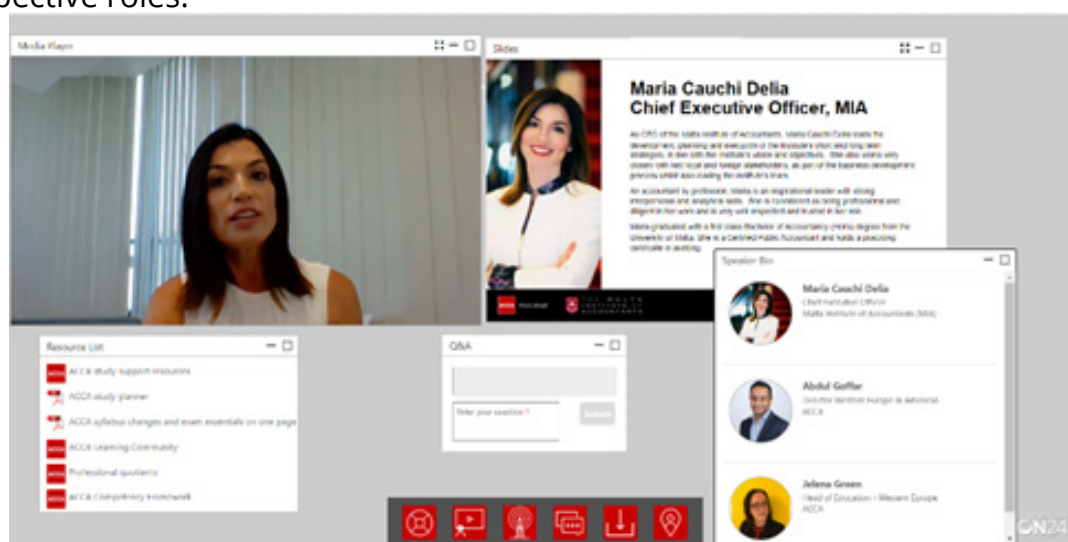


A series of Inspirational Webinars for MIA-ACCA Students

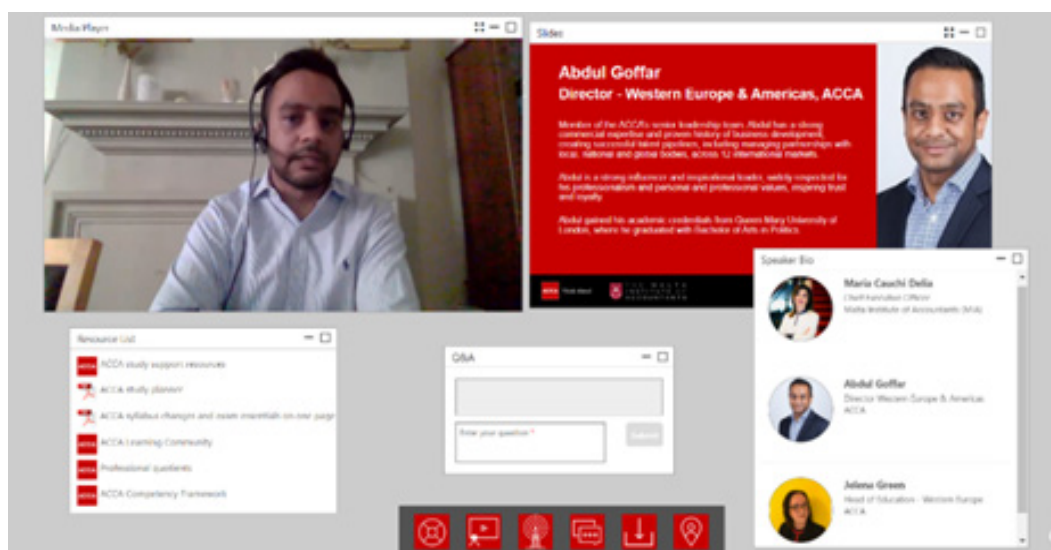
In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Malta Institute of Accountants (the Institute) collaborated with the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) through the Joint Scheme agreement, to deliver a series of two webinars aimed at inspiring students who are on the journey to become professional accountants.

The first of these webinars *Leadership Insights for Future Members* was organised on 30th July 2020 to support students sitting for the September 2020 exam session, whilst the second of these, *ACCA Qualification insights – inspiring your exam journey with MIA & ACCA*, was hosted on 20th October seeking to inspire students preparing for the December 2020 exams.

Leadership Insights for Future Members aimed to help students visualise their future giving them a perspective of life after qualifying as professional accountants and joining MIA and ACCA as practicing members. The webinar followed an interview format where it delved in the professional life of Institute's CEO, Ms Maria Cauchi Delia and ACCA's Director for Western Europe & Americas, Mr Abdul Goffar, bringing to life the realities of the accountancy profession and the respective challenges and opportunities within the local and global market. The two leaders were also questioned on their individual successes and challenges experienced in their respective roles.



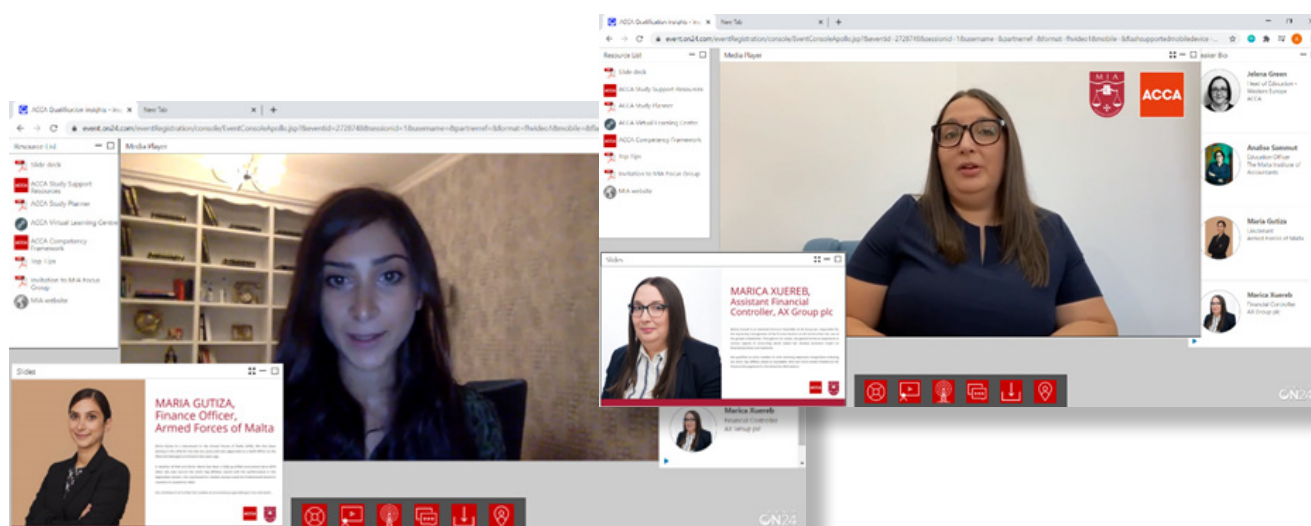
Screenshot of the webinar featuring the Institute's CEO, Ms Maria Cauchi Delia, representing the local profession.



Screenshot of the webinar featuring Mr Abdul Goffar, Director for Western Europe & Americas at ACCA.

The second webinar in the series, **ACCA Qualification insights – inspiring your exam journey with MIA & ACCA**, featured two Prizewinning ex-ACCA students who shared their experiences on the challenges and the successes they experienced throughout their respective journey to qualification.

The recently qualified Ms Maria Gutiza and Ms Marica Xuereb have both been recognised as an ACCA Top Affiliate for Overall Performance in the September 2019 session. Furthermore, Ms Xuereb had also earned the title of Global Prizewinner by achieving the global joint-highest mark for Financial Management (F9) in the December 2016 session. The latter is an Assistant Financial Controller at a renowned local construction and hospitality company, whilst Ms Maria Gutiza is a Lieutenant and a Finance Officer at the Armed Forces of Malta. The two MIA and ACCA members shared their insights on the value of persevering for one’s personal goals whilst balancing various career demands and personal responsibilities, showcasing their determination and inspiring those viewing the webinar to aspire to succeed in their respective qualification.





The webinar was hosted by Ms Analise Sammut (Education Officer, MIA) who highlighted the Institute's mission and its plans to attract and support the holistic development of quality talent by engaging with the relevant stakeholders. Ms Jelena Green (Head of Education - Western Europe, ACCA) delivered her insights on the recommended approach to exams and presented the appropriate learning and study resources, aiding students who are preparing for the upcoming exam session.

During the webinar, the Institute also launched the MIA Students Focus Group for students on the path to become qualified accountants. More information about the MIA Students Focus Group can be found [here](#), whilst the on-demand recording of the webinars may be viewed [here](#) and [here](#).