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Institute of Directors, India

presents

**2023 London Global Convention
Corporate Governance & Sustainability
Global Business Meet**

&

Presentation of **Golden Peacock Awards**

17 – 20 October, 2023, London (UK)

Theme: -

Board's Tryst with ESG

and Making Corporate Governance Work *in the New World Economy*

****PROGRAMME** (UPDATED AS ON OCTOBER 14, 2023)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2023

VENUE: - HOTEL THE MONTCALM, MARBLE ARCH, LONDON, W1H7TN (UK)

Registration & Networking Tea / Coffee

0830 onwards

Plenary Session – I

Inaugural Session

0900 – 1015 hrs

Lighting of the Lamp

Welcome Address

Lt. Gen. Surinder Nath, PVSM, AVSM (Retd.)
President, Institute of Directors, India

Keynote Address

Eugene Mayne
Founder and Group Chief Executive, Tristar Group, UAE

Keynote Address

Tim Jones CBE
Executive Director, Tata Limited, UK

Special Remarks

Lt. Gen. Richard Wardlaw OBE MSc BEng MInstRE
former Chief of Defence Logistics and Support, UK Strategic Command

Chairperson Address

The Baroness Verma
Global Chair, Advisory Council, Institute of Directors, India,
Member of the House of Lords and former Minister, International
Development and Energy & Climate Change, Govt. of UK

Inaugural Address

His Excellency Vikram Doraiswami IFS
High Commissioner of India to UK

Guest of Honour
(Video Message)

Hon. Paul Scully MP
Minister for London and Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Minister
for Tech and the Digital Economy), Govt. of UK

Release of Convention Souvenir

Vote of Thanks

Ashok Kapur IAS (Retd.)
Director General, Institute of Directors, India

(Session to be anchored by Olga Geidane,
Mindset Coach and International Motivational Speaker, UK)

**Plenary Session II
Keynote Session****Emerging Challenges for Boards in the New World Economy**

1045 – 1200 hrs

- *Building effective Boards in uncertain times: Balancing Strategy, Operations & Compliance.*
- *Board's oversight for fundamental Seismic Shifts in Global Geopolitics & guide to a disrupted world.*
- *Board's Human Capital Strategy, Diversity & Inclusion*
- *Board's role on integrating ESG into Investment decision making*
- *Board Leadership and Strategy for leveraging effective Corporate Governance for transparency and accountability*

Chair**Sir Suma Chakrabarti**

Chair of ODI and Board Member, ReNew Energy Global PLC
former President, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)

Speakers**Viral Gathani**

Senior Managing Director – Strategy & Finance, Essar Energy Transition,
Essar Capital, UK

Loknath Behera IPS (Retd.)

Managing Director, Kochi Metro Rail Ltd., India

Prof. Ashley Braganza

Dean, Brunel Business School, UK

Dr. R. Seetharaman

Banker and an Economic Expert, UAE

*Interaction with audience (Q&A)***Plenary Session – III
Panel Discussion****Corporate Governance in the World Economy:
The Changing Role of Directors**

1200 – 1300 hrs

- *Role of Boards to conduct a lawful, ethical, profitable and sustainable business to create value for investors.*
- *The composition and role of the Board; Creating a meaningful corporate culture & Purpose with effective Leadership skills*
- *Prepare for Internal and external shocks that influence the way a company regulates its business practices*
- *Enhancing judgment on the Board*
- *Enhancing the Role of Shareholders and other Stakeholders in improving Corporate Governance in a volatile economy.*

Chair**Sir Andrew Likierman**

Professor of Management Practice & Former Dean, London Business School, UK

Speakers**Mark Rhys**

President, The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), UK

Arun Raste

MD & CEO, NCDEX (National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange), India

*Interaction with audience (Q&A)***Networking Lunch**

1300 – 1400 hrs

**Plenary Session – IV
Panel Discussion****ESG Strategy: The Board's Role in Sustainability**

1400 – 1500 hrs

- *Board's role in ESG and Director's role in Sustainability issues.*
- *ESG Governance frameworks and Board's role towards promoting Corporate Sustainability Goals*
- *Embedding ESG Goals into Business Strategy for bringing positive impact on returns and shareholder sentiment.*

- *Incorporating ESG into corporate governance through shareholders*
- *Rise in conscience consumerism, board's priorities in entrenching Sustainability trends & reporting practices*

Chair **Diana Verde Nieto**
Co-Founder & Non-Executive Director, Positive Luxury, USA

Speakers **Cyril Garcia**
Member of the Group Executive Board, Capgemini Group, France

Jugal Kumar Borah
Director (Technical), Mahanadi Coalfield (MCL), Coal India Limited

Ciarán Fenton
Director, Ciaran Fenton Limited, UK

Interaction with audience (Q&A)

Networking Break (Tea / Coffee) **1500 – 1530 hrs**

Plenary Session - V **Board dynamics and enhancing efficiency of various Board Committees** **1530 – 1630 hrs**
Panel Discussion

- *Improving Board Effectiveness through Capacity-Building of Board of Directors*
- *Strengthening the Role of Independent Directors*
- *Strategic role of committees: Developing Board policies, effective performance & reviewing compliance*
- *Structuring Board Committees, their composition & best practices while deriving a link between the Board and Management*
- *Enhancing effectiveness of 'Audit & Risk management Committee' in the new digital economy.*

Chair **Mohit Ralhan**
Global CEO & Managing Partner, TIW Capital, Singapore

Speakers **Timothy Copnell**
Founding Chairman – UK Audit Committee Institute and Board Leadership Centre, KPMG UK

Dr. Randall S. Peterson
Professor and Academic Director, Leadership Institute London Business School, UK

M. P. Vijay Kumar
Executive Director & Group CFO, Sify Technologies, India

CS B. Narasimhan
Vice President, The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI)

Interaction with audience (Q&A)

Plenary Session - VI **Building a futuristic Board which is diverse, tech-savvy and understands Inclusion** **1630 –1730 hrs**
Panel Discussion

- *Board's role on 'G' in ESG to drive everything and making a Sustainable Board*
- *Board's role in converting risks into opportunities and build strategy from cyber threats and uncertainties*
- *Board's priorities towards 'net zero' sustainable development (NZSD) goals*
- *Board's role in ushering digitalization in the new world economy – moving with AI, ML, Blockchain, Metaverse, Augmented Reality with an effective cloud data governance framework.*
- *Building Diverse, Ethical and Inclusive Boards, (making the role of Independent Directors more effective) with new trends in Corporate Governance and regulatory requirements.*

Chair **Manish Tiwari FRSA**

Managing Director, Here and Now 365 Ltd., UK

Speakers

J. K. Arora

Chairman & CEO, Tradologie.com, India

Suja Chandrasekaran

Global, Operations, Digital, Technology and Business Transformation
Chief Executive and Board Member, USA

Krystyna Jarek

Chief Innovation Officer, Deloitte Central Europe

Interaction with audience (Q&A)

Plenary Session – VII

Special Presentations

1730 –1815 hrs

Chair

V. A. George

Executive Chairman, Thejo Engineering Limited, India

Topic

Strategies, Challenges, and Evolving Trends around ESG in the Boardrooms

A Joint Survey report by Diligent Institute & IOD India

Presentation by

Edna Frimpong

Director & Head of International Research, Diligent Institute, UK

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Topic

Measuring Organisational Culture: Why it Matters to Boards

A Joint Survey report by Culturelytics Pvt Ltd. & IOD India

Presentation by

Smita Tharoor

Co-Founder, Culturelytics Pvt. Ltd., UK

Topic

The Common goal of alleviating Human Suffering, promoting Environmental Responsibility and creating new opportunities for those in need.

Presentation by

Bhuvana Santhanam

CEO - Global Outreach, Sri Madhusudan Sai Global Humanitarian Mission, India

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Networking Reception

1815 - 1900 hrs

Plenary Session – VIII

GOLDEN PEACOCK AWARDS NITE

1915 - 2030 hrs

Introduction

Dr. Graham Wilson

Psychology & Counselling, University of Oxford, UK

Welcome Remarks

Lt. Gen. Surinder Nath, PVSM, AVSM (Retd.)

President, Institute of Directors, India

Chairman - UAE Remarks

Dr. Tayeb Kamali

UAE Chairman, Institute of Directors, India;
Chairman of the Board of Trustees,
Abu Dhabi School of Management, UAE

Special Remarks

Christine du Toit

Chief Operating Officer - Americas, World Gold Council, USA

Special Remarks

Helen Brand OBE

Chief Executive, ACCA, UK

Guest of Honour Address

Lord Dominic Johnson of Lainston CBE

Minister of State in the Department for Business and Trade
Govt. of UK

The Rt. Hon. Sir Alok Sharma KCMG MP

Chief Guest Address President, COP26 and Member of Parliament for Reading West, UK

Felicitation of Institutional Awards *Presentation of Golden Peacock Awards by the Chief Guest*
Corporate Governance, ESG and Sustainability (Global & National) and Risk Management

Vote of Thanks **Manoj K. Raut**
CEO & Secretary-General, Institute of Directors, India

Banquet

2045 hrs

End of the Programme on 17th Oct.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2023

VENUE:- HOTEL THE MONTCALM, MARBLE ARCH, LONDON, W1H7TN (UK)

Morning Tea / Coffee

0830 hrs

Plenary Session – IX **Organisational Resilience for Growth** **0900 – 1030 hrs**
Case Studies on 'Risk Management'

Special Address & Chair **Peter Waziri**
Healthcare CFO & Financial Strategist, USA

Presenters

- Tata Capital Limited**
Nitin Dharma, Chief Risk Officer
- Poonawalla Fincorp Limited**
Abhay Bhutada, Managing Director & CEO
- The Indian Hotels Company Limited**
S Y Raman, Vice President – Group Internal Audit
- Edelweiss Tokio Life Insurance Company Limited**
Saddam Hossain, Chief Risk Officer
- REC Limited**
V. K. Singh, Director (Projects)

Interaction with audience (Q&A)

Keynote Address ***How to Survive a Crisis: Lessons in Resilience and Avoiding Disaster***

Prof. Sir David Omand GCB
Visiting Professor on Security strategy and counter-terrorism & former Permanent Secretary of the Home Office, UK

Networking Break (Coffee/ Tea)

1030 - 1045 hrs

Plenary Session – X **Building Resilient Organisations through effective Corporate Governance & Sustainability** **1045 –1200 hrs**
Panel Discussion

- Building an Ethical Business Culture: what boards need to know and do.*
- Expectations of COP28, and G20-Delhi Declaration*
- Creating and preserving long-term value through global stewardship*
- Building high performance diverse Boards for Corporate Transformation*
- Steering Boards through effective Climate Governance and 'Net Zero mission'*
- Addressing Board's strategic business priorities and managing risks towards excellence*

Chair **Prof David Grayson CBE**
Emeritus Professor of Corporate Responsibility, Cranfield School of Management & Chair, Institute of Business Ethics, UK

Speakers **Carl Hess**
Chief Executive Officer, Willis Towers Watson, USA

Ovais Sarmad
Former Deputy Executive Secretary, UN Climate Change, Germany

Deepak Ojha
Managing Director, Waldies Ltd., India

Mark Fawcett
Chief Executive Officer, Nest Invest, UK

Interaction with audience (Q&A)

Plenary Session – XI
Panel Discussion

ESG at cross roads: The way ahead

1200 – 1315 hrs

- *Developing a meaningful commitment to Sustainability and ESG*
- *Board's strategy on ESG from smoke and mirrors*
- *Board's priorities in enhancing role of CSOs to manage sustainability risks and opportunities*
- *Navigating the changing landscape of ESG investing through DE&I (Diversity, Equity & Inclusion)*
- *Making ESG Real: Strategy & Management*

Chair **Terry Heymann**
Chief Financial Officer, World Gold Council, UK

Speakers **Francois Dossa**
Executive Director - Strategy & Sustainability, Jaguar Land Rover Ltd., UK

Vishakha R. M.
Managing Director & CEO, IndiaFirst Life Insurance, India

Sanjay Kumar
Chief Strategy & Sustainability Officer, Granules India Ltd.

Interaction with audience (Q&A)

Networking Lunch

1315 - 1415 hrs

Plenary Session – XII
Case Study Presentations

The Business Case for Good Corporate Governance
Case Studies on 'Corporate Governance'

1415 – 1530 hrs

Special Address & Chair

Dr. Keijo Varis
Professor of Practice, Turku University of Applied Sciences, Finland

Presenters

1. **Evalueserve Holdings AG, Switzerland**
Pratyush Prabhat, Executive Leadership Team
2. **Sona BLW Precision Forgings Limited**
Ajay Pratap Singh, General Counsel & Company Secretary
3. **Birla Corporation Limited**
Manoj Kumar Mehta, Company Secretary & Legal Head.
4. **Dr. Reddy's Laboratories Limited**
Kumar Randhir Singh, Company Secretary, Compliance Officer and Head- CSR

Interaction with audience (Q&A)

Plenary Session – XIII

Strategising Sustainability: Lessons learned & the way forward
Case Studies on 'Sustainability' & 'ESG'

1530 –1730 hrs

Prof. Colin Coulson-Thomas

Special Address & Chair

Director-General- UK and Europe Operations,
Institute of Directors, India

Presenters

Case Study Presentations on
Sustainability

- 1. Amara Raja Batteries Limited**
Narasimhulu Naidu C, Chief Operating Officer
- 2. Allianz Technology SE**
Indranil Basu, Head – Operations & Strategy
- 3. Bangalore International Airport Limited**
Lakshminarayanan Sankaran, Deputy Chief Project Officer
- 4. The Dun & Bradstreet Corporation, USA**
Simon Rodaway, Director, Business Unit Operations

Case Study Presentations
On **ESG**

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- 1. EXL Service Holdings Inc., USA**
Ashu Kalra, V.P- Global Corporate Real Estate and Environmental Sustainability
 - 2. Western Digital Corporation, USA**
Michael Ray, EVP & Chief Legal Officer
 - 3. Tristar Group, UAE**
Balaji Nagabhushan, Group Chief Administrative Officer
 - 4. IDFC FIRST Bank Limited**
Akhil Anilkumar, Head-Environmental Social and Governance
 - 5. Niva Bupa Health Insurance Company Limited**
Partha Banerjee, Director and Head - Legal Compliance and Regulatory Affairs

Interaction with audience (Q&A)

Networking (Tea / Coffee)

1730 hrs

End of the Programme on 18th Oct.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2023

VENUE: -HOUSE OF LORDS, UK PARLIAMENT, WESTMINSTER, LONDON SW1A 1LR

GLOBAL LUNCHEON BUSINESS MEET

Arrival of Guests

1145 hrs

Welcome Reception at Cholmondeley Room & Terrace

1215 – 1245 hrs

Business Meet for Promoting Trade & Investment

1245 – 1600 hrs

(Includes series of short speeches, and one-to-one business promotion meeting opportunities)

Opening Remarks

Ashok Kapur IAS (Retd.)

Director General, Institute of Directors, India

Welcome Remarks

The Baroness Verma

Global Chair, Advisory Council, Institute of Directors, India,
Member of the House of Lords and former Minister, International
Development and Energy & Climate Change, Govt. of UK

President's Remarks

Lt. Gen. Surinder Nath, PVSM, AVSM (Retd.)

President, Institute of Directors, India

Special Remarks

Dr. Tayeb Kamali

UAE Chairman, Institute of Directors, India;
Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Abu Dhabi School of
Management, UAE

Keynote Address

Sadguru Sri Madhusudan Sai
Spiritual and Social Leader, India

Lunch**1330 –1415 hrs**

**Presentation of IOD
Distinguished Fellowship
& Acceptance Speech**

Shriti Vadera
Chair, Prudential plc and The Royal Shakespeare Company,
Co-Chair, World Bank Private Investment Lab, UK

1415 – 1615 hrs

Mohit Ralhan
Global CEO & Managing Partner, TIW Capital, Singapore

Dr. Ronald Colaco
Founder Chairman, Clarks Exotica, India

**Guest of Honour
Keynote Address**

The Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor Nicholas Stephen Leland Lyons
Lord Mayor of the City of London, UK

**Guest of Honour
Remarks**

Prakash P. Hinduja
Chairman, Hinduja Group, Europe

Special Remarks

Lord Karan Bilimoria CBE, DL
Founder & Chairman, Cobra Beer &
Vice President, The Confederation of British Industry (CBI), UK

Special Remarks

The Rt. Hon. Lord Swraj Paul of Marylebone, PC
Founder & Chairman, The Caparo Group Plc. UK

Special Remarks

Dr. Sushma Paul Berlia
Chairman, Apeejay Styra & Svrana Group and Chancellor,
Apeejay Styra University, India

Special Remarks

Viral Gathani
Senior Managing Director – Strategy & Finance, Essar Energy
Transition, Essar Capital, UK

Special Remarks

J. K. Arora
Chairman & CEO, Tradologie.com, India

Special Remarks

Loknath Behera IPS (Retd.)
Managing Director, Kochi Metro Rail Ltd., India

Special Remarks

Srinivasan Sathyamoorthy IA&AS (Retd.)
Advisor, TIW Capital, India

Special Remarks

Navin B. Chawla IAS (Retd.)
Former Chief Election Commissioner of India

Special Remarks

Deepak Ojha
Managing Director, Waldies Ltd., India

Special Remarks

Mehrnavaz Avari
Area Director, UK, & General Manager, Taj Hotels, London

Special Remarks

Sanjay Kumar
Chief Strategy & Sustainability Officer, Granules India Ltd.

Vote of Thanks

Desh Deepak Verma IAS (Retd.)
Principal Advisor, Institute of Directors, India
Former Secretary General, Rajya Sabha, Parliament of India

Afternoon Tea / Coffee**1600 hrs**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2023

**VENUE: - REGENT STREET CINEMA, 307 REGENT STREET, LONDON, W1B 2HW
(HOSTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTMINSTER)**

Special Session

**Great Boards for Economic Growth and Resilience
Programme****

Welcome Reception & Networking Tea/ Coffee 1000 – 1030 hrs

Opening Session 1030 – 1145 hrs

Welcome Remarks **Prof. Brendon Noble**
Professor of Regenerative Medicine, School of Life Sciences,
University of Westminster (UK)

Welcome Remarks **Ashok Kapur IAS (Retd.)**
Director General, Institute of Directors, India

Keynote Address **Dr. Peter Bonfield**
Vice-Chancellor, University of Westminster, UK

Keynote Address **Prof David Weir**
York St John University, University of Oxford (intercultural
Management)

Special Address **Desh Deepak Verma IAS (Retd.)**
Principal Advisor, Institute of Directors, India
Former Secretary General, Rajya Sabha, Parliament of India

Special Presentations *A Video presentation on the Institute of Director, India* 1145-1200 hrs
A Video presentation on the University of Westminster, UK

Panel Discussion **Accelerating ESG strategies through Innovative Technology** 1200 – 1315 hrs

Chair **Jason Loh**
CEO and Founder, Piece Future Pte Ltd., & Managing Partner and Co-
Founder, True Vine Capital Partners

Speakers **Srinivasan Sathyamoorthy IA&AS (Retd.)**
Advisor, TIW Capital, India

Liam Healy
CEO, FE Fundinfo, UK

David W. Duffy
Founder & CEO, The Corporate Governance Institute, Ireland

Manoj Sonawala
Chairman, Manoyog GRC Advisors Pvt. Ltd., India

**Closing Remarks &
Vote of Thanks** **Prof. Colin Coulson-Thomas** 1315 hrs
Director-General- UK and Europe Operations,
Institute of Directors, India

Lunch & Networking with 1330 – 1500 hrs
Alumni of The University of Westminster

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* Confirmation awaited