

Climate Governance Initiative Global Summit

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Organized and hosted by the Chapters of the Climate Governance Initiative, including Brazil, Brussels, Canada, Central Europe, Chile, France, Germany, Italy, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, Russia, Sweden, Switzerland, UK and others.



How to Set Up Effective Climate Governance on Corporate Boards
Guiding principles and questions

In collaboration with PuC



The Challenge

The urgent need to address climate change is shaping a new reality, creating risks and opportunities for businesses in diverse ways.

Investors, regulators and other stakeholders are challenging companies to take responsibility by adopting an integrated, **strategic approach to addressing the climate emergency. Boards of directors play a critical role** in this process by ensuring the long-term stewardship of the companies they oversee.

The World Economic Forum launched a set of [Climate Governance Principles](#) for boards of directors in 2019, with a view to enabling non-executive directors to embed climate considerations into board decision-making.

The Climate Governance Initiative has established a **global network of local 'Chapters'** to promote the adoption of the Forum's Principles by **mobilizing, educating and equipping non-executive directors** with the skills and knowledge necessary to address climate change at board level.

The Opportunity

The **inaugural global summit of the Climate Governance Initiative** will convene board members, regulators, experts, academia and other corporate governance leaders to understand and **act upon the risks and opportunities that the climate emergency poses to the long-term resilience and business success of their companies.**

Over four days covering multiple time zones the program will cover key areas of the **Principles for Effective Climate Governance:**

1. Climate accountability on boards
2. Command of the subject
3. Board structure
4. Material risk and opportunity assessment
5. Strategic integration
6. Incentivization
7. Reporting and disclosure
8. Exchange

What is the impact?

To fulfil their fiduciary duties, boards need to be fully aware of the implications of climate change, have the skills, tools, processes and information to act and commit to steward their companies through the challenges climate change entails.

The Climate Governance Initiative Global Summit will mobilize a critical mass of board members across the globe to ensure that boards are equipped with the knowledge and resources necessary to **steer their companies towards a net zero carbon economy by 2050**. Members will be enabled to effectively identify:

- challenges and opportunities presented by climate change,
- tools to support effective governance of climate risks, and
- approaches to incorporate climate change into company strategies and protect enterprise value.

Who is participating?

Participation at Summit is open to **senior business leaders from across the globe**, many of which are members of the Chapters of the Climate Governance Initiative.

Several **inspiring chairpersons and board members** of leading global companies have confirmed participation.

Other senior executives, regulators, experts, academia and leaders in corporate governance are welcome to join the discussions.

Why take part?

- Join over **1000 non-executive directors and top executives from business**, regulators, academia as well as leading corporate governance experts to have **firsthand access to the latest thinking** on how to address climate change on boards
- More than a single meeting, the Summit is an **opportunity for non-executive directors to connect with peers from different countries** and industries and engage in a personal development journey
- **Actively debate or simply learn** from rich content anchored in successful experiences and diverse perspectives
- **Interactive sessions** designed for participant engagement with multiple time zone options
- Digital networking with ample **opportunities to connect informally** on a shared interest or purpose
- Globally diverse peer board members to allow **learning across different regulatory and cultural contexts**

How to join?

Our website: climate-governance.org will be launched shortly, where attendees can review the program and register to concrete sessions on the topics of your strategic interests. For ongoing content and opportunities to engage with other non-executive directors, visit the websites of the following chapters:

- [Canada](#)
- [France](#)
- [Germany](#)
- [Italy](#)
- [Malaysia](#)
- [Russia](#)
- [Switzerland](#)
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