

Dates: Wednesday, 18 – Thursday, 19 November 2026 (24-hour continuous virtual programme)
Format: Three consecutive 8-hour sessions, timed for global accessibility, covering nine critical themes
Note: *All programme times below are stated in UTC | Please convert each session time to your own local time zone.*

SESSION 1

Geopolitics, AI Governance & Cybersecurity
- *Live for: Africa, Europe & the Middle East*

SAST (Johannesburg) 14:00–22:00 | **CET (Brussels)** 13:00–21:00 | **GST (Dubai)** 16:00–00:00 (+1)

Time (UTC)	Format	Topic
12:00	*Host*	Conference Opening & Welcome **Jeremy Maggs** – Broadcaster, Media Specialist, Author
12:10	*Speaker*	Opening Address from GNDI Chair **Mark Rigotti** – Chair, Global Network of Director Institutes (GNDI) | CEO, Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD)
12:15	*Speaker*	Governance Around the World **SIMON** – International Correspondent
SUB-THEME: GEOPOLITICS & THE FRACTURED WORLD ORDER		
12:25	*Keynote*	Mad World A Geostrategy Survival Guide for Leaders **Tina Fordham** - Founder & Geopolitical Strategist & Author, Fordham Global Foresight
13:15	*Speaker*	China under its 15th Five-Year-Plan (2026-2030) and MNC strategy trends for Boards **Markus Herrmann Chen** - Co-Founder and Managing Director, China Macro Group
13:45	*Panel*	Governing Through Geopolitical Uncertainty: A Global Directors' Roundtable ***Moderator*: Neil Parekh** – Group Deputy Chairman & Board Director, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN) ***Panel*:** **Rob Ford** – Head of Governance & Professional Development, GCC Board Directors Institute **Prof Biodun Adedipe** – Economist, Financial Consultant & Educator **Marisol Sierra** – Directora Independiente , Presidente de la junta directiva del Instituto de Gobierno Corporativo Panama

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14:40	*Break*	
15:10	*Speaker*	Governance Around the World **SIMON** – International Correspondent
SUB-THEME: AI GOVERNANCE & THE INTELLIGENT BOARDROOM		
15:20	*Speaker*	Beyond Oversight: How Boards Must Actively Govern AI, Accountability, Bias & Director Liability **Professor Emeritus David R. Beatty** - Director Johnson Institute of Corporate Governance Innovation, Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto
16:00	*Panel*	AI Ethics, Algorithmic Risk & Director Responsibility: Where Does Accountability Sit? ***Moderator*: Simo Lushaba** – Managing Consultant, DrLushaba.com ***Panel*:** **Erman Karaca** - Deputy Chair of the Board & CTO, Cloudone AI Venture Studio **Asad Ali Shah** – Professional Accountant and Entreprenuer **Sérgio Maria** – Cheif Executive Officer, 42ENGINE
16:50	*Break*	
17:20	*Speaker*	Governance Around the World **SIMON** – International Correspondent
SUB-THEME: CYBERSECURITY, DIGITAL TRUST & BOARD RESILIENCE		
17:30	*Speaker*	Cyber Warfare, State-Sponsored Attacks & the Board's Responsibility **Sami Khoury** - Former Government of Canada Senior Official for Cyber Security (Ret'd)
18:10	*Panel*	Building Board-Level Cyber Resilience: From Frameworks to Practice Across Jurisdictions ***Moderator*: Kirsten Patterson** – Chief Executive Officer , Institute of Directors New Zealand ***Panel*:** **Dr Murad Ardac** – Digital Transformation Leader **Bushra Abu Salem** – Group Chief Governance Officer, Nesma & Partners Contracting Company Ujsc **Sadia Khan** - Global Governance Leader | Board Advisor | Author | Advocate for Female Leadership & Ethical AI | Former SECP Commissioner
19:00	*Speaker*	Apply and Explain vs Comply and Explain: How Governance Codes Have Evolved **Ilaria Lavalle Miller** – Chief Governance & Policy Officer, Institute of Directors UK
19:30 — SESSION HANDOVER		

SESSION 2

ESG After the Hype, Board Composition & Human Capital

- *Live for: the Americas & Western Europe*

EST (New York) 15:00–23:00 | **PST (Los Angeles)** 12:00–20:00 | **GMT (London)** 20:00–04:00 (+1)

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20:00	*Host*	Welcome & Session 2 Opening **Lebo Mokoena** – Mood Engineer and Host
20:15	*Speaker*	Governance Around the World **SIMON** – International Correspondent

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SUB-THEME: ESG AFTER THE HYPE — GOVERNANCE, REPORTING & ACCOUNTABILITY		
20:25	*Speaker*	ESG After the Hype: Has the Backlash Changed Anything That Matters for Boards? **Sandra Guerra** - Founder & Partner, Better Governance Consulting
21:05	*Dialogue*	Double Materiality, ISSB & the New Sustainability Reporting Landscape: What Boards Must Know **Chiara Del Prete** – Chair: Sustainability Reporting Technical Group, EFRAG **Carina Wessels** – Chief Governance, Risk and Compliance Officer, Alexforbes
21:35	*Panel*	Climate Governance in Practice: Is the Board Truly Accountable? ***Moderator*: Shafaq Fauzil Azim** – Chief Executive Officer, Pakistan Institute of Corporate Governance (PICG) ***Panel*:** **Maheen Rahman** – Chief Executive Officer, InfraZamin **Aedín Ní Laoire –** Independent Non-Executive Director, TG4, Chapter Zero, Irish Fund Directors Association, Haven Green IM, Green Team Network **Geoff Summerhayes** – Chair, Zurich | Chair, Marsh Investments **Reinushini Chandrasegaram** – Managing Director, RC Compliance | Chair: Professional Development, Malaysian Alliance of Corporate Directors (MACD)
22:25	*Break*	
22:55	*Speaker*	Governance Around the World **SIMON** – International Correspondent
SUB-THEME: BOARD COMPOSITION, DIVERSITY & RENEWAL		
23:05	*Dialogue*	The Future-Ready Board: Skills, Composition & Renewal in a Disrupted World **Lale Saral Develioglu** – Independent Board Director, Anadolu Efes **Louise Broekman** – Founder & Director, Advisory Board Centre
23:45	*Panel*	Building a Board Fit for the Future: NED Remuneration, Independence & Appointment Practices ***Panel*:** **Dr Roger Barker** – Chief Research and Thought Leadership Officer, Center for Governance **Andre Visser** – Director Issuer Regulation, Johannesburg Stock Exchange **Heather Watson** – Chair, UntingCare Australia
00:35	*Break*	
01:05	*Speaker*	Governance Around the World **SIMON** – International Correspondent
SUB-THEME: HUMAN CAPITAL GOVERNANCE, CEO SUCCESSION & THE FUTURE OF WORK		
01:15	*Dialogue*	The CEO Lifecycle: What Boards Must Master About CEO Selection, Performance & Transition **Guy Lundy** – Country Manager, Spencer Stuart South Africa (Pty) Ltd **Dr Ty Wiggins** – Global Lead – CEO Transition Practice, Russell Reynolds Associates
01:55	*Panel*	Governing the Future of Work: Automation, Human Capital Strategy & Board Oversight of Talent ***Moderator*: Fermin Diez –** Council Member, Co-Chair of Accreditation and Professional Development Committees, Singapore Institute of Directors ***Panel*:** **Khim Tan** – Chief Executive Officer, Pinnacle Connexion **Przemysław Aleksander Schmidt** – Chairman of Supervisory Board of EWL S.A., Poland **Mehmet Sami** - Chairman, Board Directors Association, Türkiye | Founding Partner, Pretium Corporate Advisory

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02:45	*Interview*	NACD Blue Ribbon Commission 2026: Board Oversight of Strategy Execution ***Interviewer:*** **Mohamed Younis**, SVP of Content, National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD) **Dorlisa K Flur** & **Jay D Miller** – NACD Blue Ribbon Commission Co-Chairs
03:25 — SESSION HANDOVER		

SESSION 3

Emerging Markets, Trust, Ethics & The Future-Ready Board

- *Live for: Asia-Pacific & Australasia*

SGT (Singapore) 12:00–20:00 | **JST (Tokyo)** 13:00–21:00 | **AEDT (Sydney)** 15:00–23:00

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04:00	*Host*	Welcome & Session 3 Opening **Leanne Manas** - Broadcast Anchor, Businesswoman and UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador
04:15	*Speaker*	Governance Around the World **SIMON** – International Correspondent
SUB-THEME: GOVERNANCE IN EMERGING & FRONTIER MARKETS		
04:25	*Speaker*	Rising Investor Expectations in Emerging Markets: Transparency, Trust & Board Readiness **Simon Wong** – Chair, Academic Advisory Council, Vietnam Institute of Directors (VIOD)
05:05	*Speaker*	Governing Through Volatility: Corruption, Political Risk & Institutional Resilience Across Borders **Jorge Luis Real** – Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and Corporate Secretary, BLADEX
05:50	*Break*	
06:25	*Speaker*	Governance Around the World **SIMON** – International Correspondent
SUB-THEME: TRUST, ETHICS, MISINFORMATION & GOVERNANCE CULTURE		
06:35	*Speaker / Interview*	The 2026 Edelman Trust Barometer: What Boards Must Know About Misinformation, Institutional Trust & Social Cohesion **Kirsty Graham** – US Chief Executive Officer, Edelman
07:15	*Speaker*	Governance Culture: Courage, Ethics & the Responsibility of the Ethical Board Under Pressure **Dr Juliet Bourke** – Chair, Ovarian Cancer Australia | Independent Chair, NSW Parliamentary Advisory Group on Bullying, Sexual Harassment and Serious Misconduct
08:05	*Break*	
08:35	*Speaker*	Governance Around the World **SIMON** – International Correspondent

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SUB-THEME: THE FUTURE-READY BOARD & CONFERENCE CLOSE		
08:45	*Dialogue*	Governance of Family Businesses: Succession, Conflict & Professionalisation in a Multigenerational Landscape **Prof Dr Michael Hilb** – Chair, Board Foundation **Prof Dr Harry Korine** – Researcher, Educator, Board Advisor
09:15	*Closing Keynote*	The Confident Board: Human Judgement, Adaptive Leadership & the Director of the Future **Cristina Tuna** – Chief Executive Officer | Board Member, 2na Think Tank
10:10	*Panel*	Global Governance Snapshot 2026: Key Trends, Challenges & Priorities From Around the World ***Moderator*: Leanne Manas** - Broadcast Anchor, Businesswoman and UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador ***Panel*:** **Parmi Natesan** – Chief Executive Officer, Institute of Directors in South Africa **Maria Pierdicchi** - President, ecoDa **Shai Ganu** – Council Member, Singapore Institute of Directors **Laurent Degabriel** – President, Institut Français des Administrateurs **Santiago Gallichio** – Chair, IGEP – Institute of Directors of Argentina
11:10	*Speaker*	Governance Around the World **SIMON** – International Correspondent
11:20	*Speaker*	Closing thoughts and wrap up by GNDI Deputy Chair **Valeria Café** - Deputy Chair, GNDI | CEO, Brazilian Institute of Corporate Governance (IBGC)
11:45	*Host*	Conference Close **Leanne Manas** - Broadcast Anchor, Businesswoman and UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador

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