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Welcome to the **October 2026** edition of the Global Network of Director Institutes (GNDI) newsletter. As we step into the second half of the year, this edition sets the tone for the governance priorities, opportunities, and challenges shaping the road ahead. Across our global membership, director institutes are engaging with the critical shifts redefining boardrooms worldwide.

This edition explores how boards can navigate uncertainty, sharpen their strategic focus, and build resilient organisations equipped for what lies ahead.

To feature your organisation's latest updates in an upcoming edition, please contact the GNDI Secretariat at communications@yourhub.co.za

GNDI CONFERENCE 2026: THE GLOBAL CORPORATE GOVERNANCE CONFERENCE

Good Governance Never Sleeps - Book Your Spot Today!

The Global Network of Director Institutes invites directors, board leaders, executives and governance professionals to join the Global Corporate Governance Conference 2026 – Good Governance Never Sleeps, taking place virtually on 18–19 November 2026.

Under the theme "Governing in a Fractured World: Boards at the Crossroads of Trust, Technology & Transformation," this 24-hour global conference will bring together leading governance experts from six continents to explore the challenges shaping today's boardrooms.

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GNDI ANNUAL GLOBAL MEETING 2026

GNDI Strengthens Global Collaboration at Annual Meeting in Argentina

The Global Network of Director Institutes (GNDI) held its Annual Global Meeting in Argentina from 18–21 August 2026, in collaboration with IGEP.

Representing a global community of over 180,000 directors, this meeting brought together international representatives to strengthen partnerships, share insights and advance GNDI's commitment to good governance and effective board leadership worldwide.

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MEMBER LEADERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to David Chang on His Appointment as CEO of HKIoD

The Global Network of Director Institutes (GNDI) extends its warmest congratulations to Mr David Chang on his appointment as Chief Executive Officer of the Hong Kong Institute of Directors (HKIoD), effective 1 October 2026.

With over three decades of leadership and board governance experience, David brings valuable expertise to his new role. We wish him every success as he leads HKIoD into its next chapter, advancing director professionalism, board diversity and corporate governance excellence in Hong Kong and beyond.

GNDI Member News & Updates

The Autumn Edition of the Director Magazine

When organisations face pressure, the instinct is often to focus on costs, processes and performance metrics. Yet leadership quality, decision-making and organisational capability remain some of the most important drivers of long-term success. This issue of Director explores the ideas challenging conventional thinking.

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Crisis Communication Handbook for Boards

The CIPR and the IoD have published a Crisis Communication for Boards handbook, guiding boards on the crucial role of communications before, during, and after a crisis. Designed as a practical resource for board members across sectors, the handbook examines what constitutes a crisis, the potential impact on an organisation, and communications at each stage of the crisis lifecycle.

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CIoD Nigeria Women Directos Biennial Conference

On 1 July 2026, CIoD Nigeria brought together over 500 women directors, business leaders and governance professionals for its 2026 Women Directors Biennial Conference, themed “From Power to Presence: Advancing Women’s Influence in the Boardroom.”

CIoD Nigeria Half Year State of Corporate Governance Outlook

On 14 July 2026, CIoD Nigeria hosted its Bi-Annual State of Corporate Governance Press Conference, bringing together media representatives and stakeholders to examine critical governance challenges and opportunities across Nigeria. Led by CIoD Nigeria President and Chairman of Governing Council, **Otunba Adetunji Oyebanji, F.CIoD,** the event featured the launch of the Institute’s inaugural Governance Health Check of the Nation report, highlighting key findings and practical recommendations on board effectiveness, AI, cybersecurity, ESG, regulatory developments and institutional resilience.

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SLID Explores Employee Development and Human-Centred Innovation in a Changing World

The **Sri Lanka Institute of Directors (SLID)** highlights the importance of balancing technological advancement with investment in people as AI continues to reshape the business landscape.

Through two insightful articles, SLID explores employee training, strategic resource allocation and human-centred innovation, emphasising how continuous learning, technology integration and empathetic leadership can strengthen organisational competitiveness, resilience and sustainable growth.

Explore the articles:

- Training, Technology and Resource Allocation – Read More
- Human-Centred Innovation: The Competitive Edge for Modern Organisations – Read More

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Chairman of BDA Türkiye Mehmet Sami Participated in the GNDI Annual Meeting in Buenos Aires

At the GNDI Annual Meeting, BDA Türkiye (YÜD) highlighted its commitment to advancing board effectiveness through continuous development and knowledge sharing. Mehmet Sami presented the association's annual director survey, which identifies emerging governance priorities. He also introduced the new Masterclass Series, featuring interactive sessions developed with leading industry partners to address critical topics such as AI governance, data management, regulatory developments and emerging risks. The discussion further emphasized the growing importance of sustainability and sustainable finance in Türkiye, particularly in response to evolving European regulations.

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ecoDa and Accountancy Europe Publish Ten Principles for Effective AI Governance

The European Confederation of Directors Associations (ecoDa), in collaboration with Accountancy Europe, has published "AI Governance: Ten Principles for Effective Board Oversight," offering practical guidance to help boards navigate the growing influence of artificial intelligence in corporate governance.

The publication outlines ten key principles to strengthen board oversight, accountability and strategic decision-making.

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ecoDa Expands European Governance Network with New Members from Ireland and Cyprus

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The European Confederation of Directors' Associations (ecoDa) has welcomed the Institute of Directors Ireland (IoD Ireland) as a full member and the Cyprus Institute of Directors & Corporate Governance (CyIoDCG) as a candidate member for a two-year period.

The addition of these two institutes reflects the diversity and continued growth of Europe's corporate governance landscape.

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Transparent Governance: A Foundation for Vietnam's Market

Following Vietnam's upgrade to Secondary Emerging Market status, the Vietnam Institute of Directors (VIOD) emphasised the importance of strong corporate governance and transparency in attracting international investment.

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IBGC releases special publication with key takeaways

The IBGC has released a special publication highlighting key insights from its Annual Congress, held on 7–8 October 2026 in São Paulo. The free publication features event highlights and participant poll results, offering valuable perspectives on the governance landscape.

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IBGC shares new research on AI, governance & ethics

The IBGC launched its latest study, "Artificial Intelligence, Governance and Ethics on the Boards of Brazilian Companies," in October 2026. The study examines the growing role of AI in Brazilian boardrooms, exploring its benefits, risks and ethical implications.

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