Attend the ICGN Policy Committee Meetings!
All are welcome to attend to hear about the work of the committees and their and put forward their questions.

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ICGN POLICY

Widely regarded as a reliable source of investor opinion, the International Corporate Governance Network is regularly invited to provide advice and expertise to help raise governance standards around the world.

COMMITTEES

ICGN Committees are regularly invited to provide comment letters, viewpoints and guidance statements in response to national and international regulatory developments.

Each committee aligns with an ICGN policy priority - the key overarching themes that are most relevant with regard to global corporate governance and responsible investment practices – and which therefore have relevance for ICGN members.

08:30 - 09:30
Board Governance Committee
Disclosure and Transparency Committee
09:30 – 09:50
Networking Refreshments
09:50 – 10:50
Shareholder Responsibilities Committee
Ethics and Systemic Risk Committee
10:55 – 11:55
ICGN Nomination Committee
Shareholder Rights Committee
12:05 – 13:20
Hosted Lunch Session
13:30 – 15:30
ICGN Annual General Meeting*
* Anyone can attend our AGM but only ICGN members can vote.
transparency through robust reporting, audit and metrics. It will do so by responding to regulatory consultations, producing and promoting ICGN Guidelines, Viewpoints and other relevant, ad hoc projects. Specific topics can include accounting issues, audit quality, integrated reporting, and ESG disclosure.

**Ethics and Systemic Risk**

The Ethics and Systemic Risk Committee promote high standards of ethical behaviour aimed at reducing risk and promoting long-term sustainable returns. It is also concerned with the way companies approach their relations with external stakeholders and their response to matters of public concern such as taxation, fraud, bribery, corruption or unethical behaviour, political donations, and lobbying. A growing focus is on systemic risks facing investors and markets.

**Board Governance**

The Board Governance committee focuses on the quality of the board of directors as the primary oversight body of the company, taking the perspective of institutional investors. The committee’s priorities will include issues relating to board structure, diversity, remuneration, independence and oversight of risk management.

It can also broaden to include newer themes that directors need to be aware of, which can relate to issues such as cyber risk and tax policy. Committee outputs can help to inform company executives, boards and regulators about institutional investor expectations of good board governance.

**Disclosure and Transparency**

The Disclosure and Transparency committee seeks to influence policymakers and other stakeholders to enhance company

**Shareholder Responsibilities**

The shareholder responsibilities committee advocates high standards of investor governance as well as their external stewardship responsibilities. Current priorities include promoting stewardship codes globally, including the ICGN Model Mandate, and continuing focus on fiduciary responsibilities as well as securities lending.

**Shareholder Rights**

Shareholder rights committee seeks to protect minority shareholder rights – in both widely-held and controlled companies. It seeks to influence policymakers and other stakeholders relating to shareholder rights on behalf of ICGN members. This includes: voting rights, dual class share structures, shareholder participation in general meetings, shareholder director nomination, the interaction between shareholders and boards, engagement amongst shareholders and cross-border voting practices.