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## **Judge Professor Mervyn King, Receives Prestigious ICGN Lifetime Achiever Award at London Conference**

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The ICGN, an investor-led body with members representing assets under management in excess of US\$26 trillion, has announced its 2016 Lifetime Achiever Award winner as Judge Professor Mervyn E. King, in honour of his exceptional achievements towards improving corporate governance. ICGN Award candidates are nominated by ICGN Members who send recommendations to the ICGN Awards Committee for consideration.

Peter Butler, Committee Chair, commented *“The King Committees on Corporate Governance in the 1990s played an important role in educating the recently democratized South African public on the principles of working in a free economy. He has worked tirelessly on promoting global sustainability initiatives. He is a truly great contributor to the development of corporate governance.”*

ICGN Chair Erik Breen said: *“Mervyn King stands for unconditional commitment to true stewardship and a holistic view on the real economy. In his career he has shown remarkable leadership and he has consistently used his influence for the progress of the many rather than of the few.”*

Judge Professor Mervyn King is widely regarded for the ground-breaking King Report on Corporate Governance for South Africa (1994) and subsequent editions. His contribution towards integrated sustainability reporting and recognition of a wider stakeholder approach to corporate governance received widespread acclaim. Former Chairman of the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) and now Chairman of the International Integrated Reporting Council (IIRC), Professor King received his Awards at a joint ICGN-IIRC Conference in London on 6-7 December.

Upon hearing the announcement, Philip Armstrong, Director of Governance, Gavi Alliance and ICGN Vice Chair said: *“Mervyn has proven to be an ardent advocate of reform in pushing the boundaries of corporate governance towards responding to issues and challenges that confront the 21st Century corporation and its legitimacy in an ever sceptical world. This takes courage, foresight and considerable wisdom.”*

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### **EDITORS' NOTES**

- Established in 1995, the International Corporate Governance Network (ICGN) is an investor-led organisation of governance professionals with members including institutional investors based in 47 countries and collectively responsible for assets under management in excess of US\$26 trillion. Our membership also includes other stakeholders including company directors, professional advisors and academics. ICGN's mission is to promote effective standards of corporate governance and investor stewardship to advance efficient markets and sustainable economies world-wide. [www.icgn.org](http://www.icgn.org).
- Full details of the ICGN-IIRC London Conference programme be found at: <https://www.icgn.org/events/icgn-iirc-conference-Dialogue-for-longer-term-value-creation-Bridging-the-gap-between-participants-in-the-capital-markets>
- References:

- [ICGN Awards](#)
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