

REGIONAL CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN COLLABORATION WITH THE ORGANISATION FOR ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

AGENDA

Hybrid workshop on Promoting good corporate governance

18-19 May 2023

Venue: The Westin Turtle Bay Resort & Spa, Balaclava, Mauritius

Link for physical registrations: To register (physical participation will be on a first come

basis)

Link for virtual registrations: To register

Event login code: 1819

Day 1: Thursday 18 May

13:00-15:30 hrs (Mauritius Time)



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Mauritius Time				
12.15 - 12.45	Networking break (applicable for physical participants)			
12.45	Kindly login (virtual participants)			
OPENING SESSION				
13.00 - 13.05	Note by Master of Ceremony, Mrs Kheertee Ramsohok Heerasing , Head, Regional Centre of Excellence			
13.05 - 13.15	Welcome Address by Mr Mardayah Kona Yerukunondu , Chairperson, Financial Services Commission, Mauritius			
13.15 - 13.30	Keynote Address by Mr Carmine Di Noia , Director for Financial and Enterprise Affairs, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development			







First issued in 1999 and now a global standard for corporate governance, the G20/OECD Principles of Corporate Governance help policy makers evaluate and improve the legal, regulatory and institutional framework for corporate governance, with a view to supporting market confidence and integrity, economic efficiency, sustainable growth and financial stability.

OECD and the G20 countries have recently reviewed the G20/OECD Principles, in light of recent evolutions in capital markets and corporate governance policies and practices. An important overarching goal of the review is to support corporate sector resilience and to improve companies' access to finance from capital markets.

The keynote address will focus on the role of the G20/OECD Principles and key issues in corporate governance and capital markets that the review aims to address.

SESSION 1 - THE G20/OECD PRINCIPLES OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE: GLOBAL RELEVANCE AND PRIORITY AREAS OF THE REVIEW

13.30 - 14.10

OECD and G20 countries collectively identified a range of priority areas to take into consideration during the review of the Principles, including the management of environmental, social and governance risks, digitalisation, corporate ownership and concentration, and institutional investors and stewardship, among others. These priority areas have guided the work of the OECD and the G20 countries throughout the review and are reflected in the revised Principles.

SPEAKERS:

13.30 - 13.40

 Presentation by Ms Fianna Jurdant, Senior Policy Analyst, Capital Markets and Financial Institutions Division, Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs, on the global relevance of the Principles

13.40 - 13.50

 Presentation by Mr Thomas Dannequin, Policy Analyst, Capital Markets and Financial Institutions Division, Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs, on the main revisions to the Principles

13.50 - 14.10

Questions & Answers

MODERATOR: Mrs. Kheertee Ramsohok Heerasing, Head of RCE

14.10 - 14.25

Coffee Break

SESSION 2 – CORPORATE GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORKS IN AFRICA: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

14.25 - 15.30

This session will be a roundtable exchange between African countries on corporate governance frameworks. Speakers will discuss evolutions in policies and practices in corporate governance and capital markets, as well as challenges and opportunities.

SPEAKERS:

- Ms Tumi Dlamini, Chairperson, Committee on African Principles and Guidelines on Corporate Governance, African Peer Review Mechanism
- Mr Rockson Dogbegah, Chairman, African Corporate Governance Network & President, Institute of Directors (Ghana)
- Mr Rami El Dokany, Executive Chairman, The Egyptian Exchange
- Mr Tarfa Makyur, Deputy Director and Head of Financial Standard & Corporate Governance Department, Securities and Exchange Commission, Nigeria
- Ms Mutumboi Mundia, Director, Market Supervision and Development, Securities and Exchange Commission, Zambia
- Ms Aruna Radhakeesoon, Chairperson, National Committee on Corporate Governance, Mauritius

MODERATOR: Ms Fianna Jurdant, Senior Policy Analyst, Capital Markets and Financial Institutions Division, Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs, OECD

CLOSING REMARKS FOR DAY 1

Day 2: Friday 19 May

13:00-15:00 hrs (Mauritius Time)



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13.10 - 13.20	Address by Mr. Rodrigo Buenaventura , Chairman, Spanish Securities Market Commission & Vice-Chair, OECD Corporate Governance Committee				
SESSION 3 - SUSTAINABILITY AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE					
13.20 - 15.00	A major objective of the revision of the G20/OECD Principles of Corporate Governance has been to promote corporate governance policies that support the sustainability and resilience of corporations. A sound framework for corporate governance with respect to sustainability matters can help companies recognise and respond to the interests of shareholders and different stakeholders, as well as contribute to their own long-term success. The transition to a low-carbon and more sustainable economy will only be possible if companies have the incentives to innovate and the flexibility to respond to rapidly changing circumstances. This requires a corporate governance framework that allows investors and companies to consider and manage the risks and opportunities of this transition. A crucial question for climate change and the green transition is how to improve company disclosures of the environmental risks they face, as better disclosure will allow market participants to make more informed decisions and capital markets to close the information gap between today (the decisions boards and investors are making) and the long-term (a future of carbon neutrality). Other important questions are what should be expected from directors and shareholders to support the green transition, and what corporate governance policies would best enable an orderly transition for companies as well as for societies. This Panel will discuss these questions.				

