

Corporate Governance and Board Effectiveness



One-week professional development workshop
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About the workshop

Corporate governance is rapidly gaining the profile and prominence it deserves. Corporate governance is about how an organisation acts, agrees its strategic framework (vision, mission and values) and ensures that it meets its objectives. It is concerned with the pursuit of high performance. In both public and private sectors, it has been shown that organisations and countries applying good corporate governance perform substantially better than those that do not.

Sound resource and performance management and high standards of probity are vital to good corporate governance and achieving the objectives set. This workshop will examine best practice in forming and monitoring a strategic approach to the application of human, financial, information and asset resources. The impact of the pandemic has brought about new ways of working for many organisations and some of these changes seem as if they will be long-lasting. The workshop will cover the changes that this has brought about and how these changes can be beneficial and how we can also deal with the challenges they bring.

Effective decision making and performance management are key elements of corporate governance and form a substantial part of this workshop. Bringing together human resource, risk, financial and asset management into a coherent overall plan is a key part of that approach. If these strategies are pulling in the right direction the prospects of success are much improved.

Effective boards are also key to good governance. They make a big difference to organisational focus and performance and to ensuring that objectives are effectively and appropriately pursued. Boards should give powerful examples of the way organisations respond to outside influences and internal challenges. The structures, processes and behaviours underpinning this are critical. This workshop examines and explores the ways in which boards should be constructed, including their sub-committees. We will look at the skill sets that board members need to have and will examine the roles and responsibilities of Directors, including that on non-executive board members.

Who is the workshop for?

The workshop is aimed at people operating at or around Board level. It is highly interactive and will feature appropriate visits and case studies looking at good and bad examples of corporate governance. You will be encouraged to work together with other participants and to develop an action plan to take back to your working environment.

How participants will benefit

During the week you will explore:

- The critical elements of corporate governance
- The decision-making structures supporting corporate governance
- The processes and support mechanisms underpinning corporate governance
- The necessary behaviours and organisational culture
- The role of the board and board effectiveness
- Non-executive board members – advice and challenges
- Risk and performance including contingency planning for crises
- Examples of corporate governance failures where the board should have acted....and what *should* have happened.

What the workshop will cover

The workshop will include seminar sessions, discussions, case studies, practical work and visits. It has been designed to be flexible so that it can be adjusted wherever practicable to your requirements and those of your organisation.

You will be able to:

- Appreciate the contribution of good corporate governance
- Understand the role and function of a board
- Contribute to board effectiveness through teamwork
- Recognise the importance of vision, mission and values
- Appreciate the need for leadership
- Improve reporting and decision-making structures
- Understand processes and support mechanisms underpinning corporate governance
- Understand the role of non-executive Directors
- Understand how effective resource planning contributes to better governance
- Recognise the importance of improved risk and performance management, including lessons learned from the COVID-19 crisis
- Contribute to improved overall accountability and openness.

Programme outline

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| Day 1 | Welcome and introductions An overview of corporate governance: definition and scope Principles and features of effective corporate governance and Boards | Participants' informal presentations Setting the vision, mission statement and values Stakeholder engagement |
| Day 2 | The supporting strategies: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Human resources• Finance• Assets• Information | Performance management Personal reflections on corporate governance: a view from a former Chief Executive |
| Day 3 | Reporting and decision making | <i>Visit or an online link to a Government Department or a Select Committee in Parliament</i> |
| Day 4 | Risk management and the control environment Crisis contingency planning Internal and external audit | Developing an effective Board <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Roles and responsibilities• Non-Executive Directors• Skills and qualities• Developing capability |
| Day 5 | Action planning: participants' reports Developing the organisational change requirements | Participants' development needs analysis Evaluation of the workshop Presentation of certificates of attendance |

We reserve the right to change the programme if necessary.

Workshop Director

The Workshop Director will be Ken MacNeill.

Ken is a leading expert in public financial management and is a Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) accountant with a long track record of successful consultancy assistance to the public sector. He has worked with local and central government and the health service and has also advised a number of private sector partners of the public sector. His work has included: undertaking efficiency reviews and feasibility studies on shared services; design and implementation of financial and administrative systems; procurement of a wide range of services, including strategic partnerships; identifying process improvements for a public sector organisation. Recent work includes working on international accounting standards in Africa and the Caribbean. He has also worked with UK central government Ministries, including the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, HM Customs and Excise, the Ministry of Justice and the Department for Work and Pensions, as well as the National Health Service.

Ken will be supported by experienced guest speakers who will undertake key sessions during the workshop.

How to apply

Please complete the PAI application form online via our website: <https://public-admin.co.uk/booking-form/>

You can also complete our hard copy application form. Please contact us at pai@public-admin.co.uk to obtain a copy. Once completed return to Amanda Anderson, Programme Manager, at the same email address.

If you would like to discuss this workshop, any of our other international workshops or our consultancy services, please contact Claire Cameron, Director.

We also have extensive experience of designing tailor-made training (from one day to two or three weeks) which can be run in your own country or in the UK to meet the specific needs of groups or individuals at all levels within your organisation. Please contact us if you would like further information.

Language

The workshop is conducted in English. You will need to have a good working knowledge of the language.

Location and arrival arrangements

The workshop is based in central London. We can arrange travel to and from one of the London airports into central London if you let us have your flight arrival details in good time. The cost of airport transfers is included in the workshop fee.

Fees

The fee for this workshop is £2,400. It includes tuition, travel to and from the airport in London, travel on scheduled visits which form part of the programme¹, presentation material and other documentation. It also includes an Android tablet for you to use during the workshop and take home with you for future reference and follow up. We provide a light lunch and refreshments during each working day as part of the fee.

Other costs

Airfares and daily travel to and from the workshop venue are not included. Our workshops are non-residential and you are responsible for your accommodation costs. We can help you with booking hotel accommodation so please let us know if you would like us to advise you or make a reservation. We suggest that you should allow approximately £160 per day for a modest standard of hotel (for example, three-star), local travel in the UK, meals (apart from a light lunch on working days) and other incidental expenses.

Value Added Tax

We do not have to charge UK Value Added Tax (VAT) if you can provide written confirmation from your government or its accredited representative that you are “employed by the government in furtherance of its sovereign activities”. In all other cases, we will have to charge VAT (currently 20%) in addition to the fee.

Ways to pay

You, or your government agency, can pay by bank transfer or by cheque, made payable to Public Administration International. We accept payment by credit or debit card but there is a surcharge for this way of paying. Please contact us if you would like to pay by credit or debit card.

Discounts

We offer a 10% reduction on the full tuition fee if we receive payment no later than 28 days before the first day of the workshop. If we receive payment after that, we will charge the full tuition fee.

Cancellation

If you have to cancel your booking, you must let us know in writing and we will acknowledge in writing your cancellation. For cancellations received up to 29 days before the start of the workshop we will refund the tuition fee, minus a charge of £200 to cover our administration costs. For cancellations received within 28 days of the start of the workshop, we will charge the full tuition fee. If you have paid the tuition fee and have subsequently been refused a visa to enter the UK, we will refund the tuition fee, minus a charge of £200 to cover our administration costs, providing you send us the original letter from the British High Commission/ Embassy confirming refusal of a visa and providing you have not entered the UK.

Substitutions and transfers

If you have booked a place on a workshop and are not able to attend, we will accept an appropriate substitute at any time without penalty but our normal terms and conditions will apply. Also, it is possible to transfer to a future workshop but only one transfer is permitted. Please get in touch with us and we will advise you about transfers.

Please see our website for our full terms and conditions. If you would prefer a hard copy of our full terms and conditions, please let us know.

<http://www.public-admin.co.uk/terms-and-conditions-for-booking/>

Insurance

We advise you to arrange travel and health insurance cover before you leave your home country.

¹Travel to and from the airport in London and on scheduled visits in the programme are provided at cost.

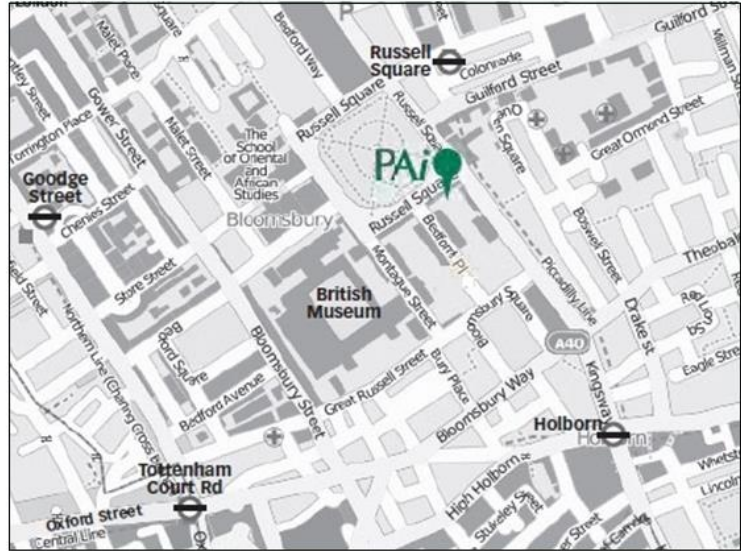
Who we are

PAI (Public Administration International) specialises in management consultancy, training and development services for organisations in, and associated with, the public sector worldwide. We provide advice and support for governments going through political, economic, structural and legislative change. Our extensive network of associates includes practitioners, academics and independent consultants. Our key objectives are promoting good governance and good practice in delivering public services. This workshop is one of a number of specialist UK-based professional development workshops designed to meet the needs of public services worldwide.

We pride ourselves on our:

- High quality, practical advice and support for our clients
- Professionalism and integrity
- Ability to offer excellent value for money
- Sound experience and track record internationally
- Networks and partnerships across the world
- Flexible, collaborative approach
- Friendliness and focus on putting people first.

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