

Programme 2020

Dates and Topics

Date	Time*	Topic
Thursday, 23 January 2020	08.30-10.30	Key Governance Topics 2020
Thursday, 30 January 2020	08.30-10.30	Board Secretaries' Network
Thursday, 13 February 2020	08.30-10.30	Information Governance – Issues, Risks, Assurance
Thursday, 12 March 2020	08.30-10.30	Department Agency Relations
Thursday, 26 March 2020	10.00-13.00	Chairpersons' Network
Thursday, 30 April 2020	09.30-13.00	Assurance Supporting Good Governance – getting the most value from internal and external assurance providers
Thursday, 7 May 2020	09.30-16.30	Board Members Roles and Responsibilities (Training)
Thursday, 14 May 2020	16.30-18.30	Board Effectiveness
Tuesday, 28 May 2020	12.30-14.30	ARC Chairpersons' Roundtable
Thursday, 11 June 2020	08.30-10.30	Effective Communications and Stakeholder Relations
Thursday, 25 June 2020	09.30-13.00	Finance and Financial Reporting (Training)
Thursday, 10 September 2020	10.00-13.00	The State Body Code – 4 years later
Thursday, 17 September 2020	12.30-14.30	Board Secretaries' Network
Thursday, 24 September 2020	08.30-10.30	Strategy – Consultation and Development
Thursday, 8 October 2020	08.30-10.30	Culture and Good Governance
Thursday, 22 October 2020	10.00-13.00	Chairpersons' Network
Thursday, 12 November 2020	08.30-10.30	Risk Management
Thursday, 10 December 2020	08.30-10.30	Governance Issues for Non-Profits

*Times may be subject to change in exceptional circumstances



Membership

The Forum programme for 2020 is designed, once again, to give enhanced value to the membership. The benefits for each Forum member include invitations for Board and Committee members, senior executives and staff to a series of highly relevant briefing events, conferences, training and roundtable discussions. The Forum also includes the Chairpersons' Network and a Board Secretaries' Network (run in association with the ICSA – The Governance Institute), both of which successfully launched in 2019. Members can also receive customised in-house governance advice, board and committee training, related consultancy services and access to advice and support from IPA governance specialists.

Membership to the Governance Forum is €4,950 for non-corporate members of the IPA and €4,500 for corporate members.



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The Governance Forum at the Institute of Public Administration provides advice, training, information and a range of supports on good governance, with a particular emphasis on state, public interest and public benefit organisations. The member organisations of the Forum include state bodies and agencies, regulatory bodies, higher education institutions, government departments, local authorities and not-for-profit organisations.

Since its establishment in 2007, the Forum's services have grown and evolved in response to the needs of the members and in response to governance developments over the years. Recent topics addressed have included governance and culture, cyber security, risk appetite, Board effectiveness, strategy and implementation of various codes of practice and governance standards.

The programme is kept under constant review to ensure topicality and relevance and member feedback is always welcomed. We are particularly pleased with the positive feedback and engagement of members at the 2019 events and we are also indebted to the many expert speakers who shared their high levels of practical knowledge, experience and important lessons learnt at the events.



Chairpersons' and Board Secretaries' Networks

In light of feedback from members and the shared benefits of such networks, 2019 saw the launch of a new Chairpersons' Network and a Board Secretaries' Network, as additional features of Governance Forum membership. These networks allow for periodic roundtable and workshop events relevant to both Chairpersons and Secretaries, respectively, on topics of importance to these specialist positions. They also enable a useful peer network for members and the promulgation of good practices and approaches. Our annual Audit & Risk Committee Chairpersons' round table will also take place once again in 2020.

Looking Back on 2019

2019 was a particularly busy year for the Forum, with a record 18 events taking place over the year. This included 10 morning events, 5 Network events, a half-day conference and 2 training events. In all, 53 speakers contributed to the Forum, including chairpersons, CEOs, senior executives and subject matter experts. Attendance numbers were again very strong, bringing added benefits in terms of audience engagement and networking. Slido, as an audience participation tool was also introduced.



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Governance Team Services

The Governance team at the IPA provides a range of value added services to state, public interest and public benefit organisations. A selection of these services are outlined below and the Governance Team is available to discuss how we can assist you and your organisation during the forthcoming year.

- Board Evaluation – during 2019 the team undertook Board and Committee evaluations and effectiveness reviews for a range of state bodies, government departments, higher education institutions, and not-for-profit organisations. We provide a genuine value added service, comprising, in each case, a survey of members, one-on-one interviews, documentation review and a Board/Committee workshop on the findings and next steps.
- Governance Reviews – the team supports organisations in assessing the adequacy and effectiveness of their governance frameworks, manuals, policies and documentation. We provide clear reports with recommendations and areas for improvement.
- Risk Management – our specialists support organisations through external evaluations of their risk management frameworks and processes, the development of risk registers and consideration of risk appetite.
- Strategy Development – our team supports organisations in the development of new strategic plans and reviewing the effectiveness of their implementation.
- Board, Committee and Member Training – during 2019 we supported numerous Boards, Committees and senior teams with bespoke training, from coverage of governance roles and responsibilities, risk management, audit and assurance, the contents and implications of respective codes of governance and new member induction.

Our other services include control effectiveness and assurance reviews, providing professional advice and support to Board committees, and governance gap analysis exercises. We also provide, as necessary, confidential advice and support for boards and those in key governance and leadership roles.