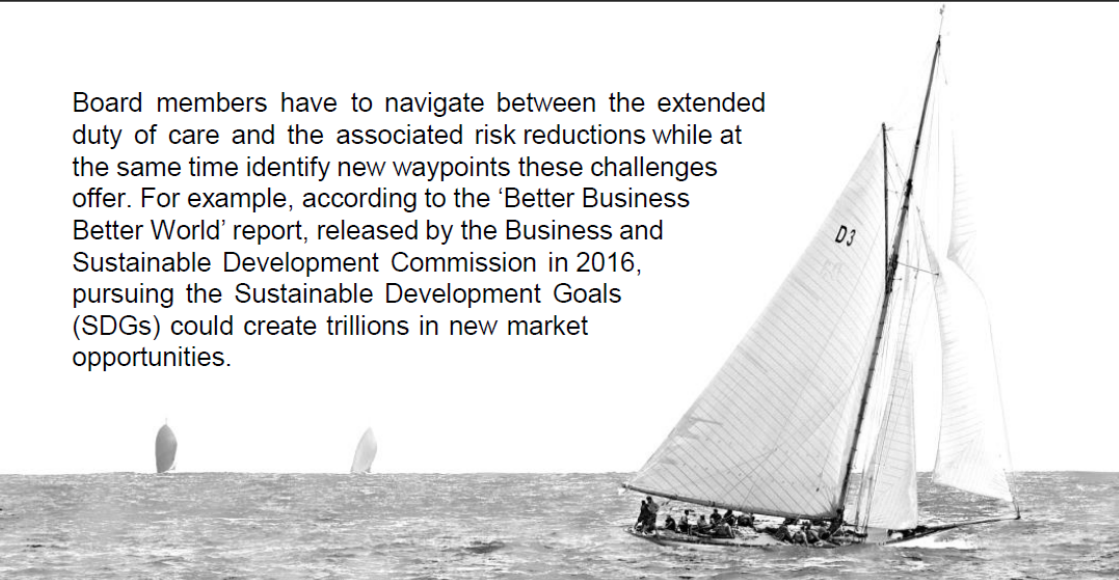


Responsible Impact Boards

The search for solutions to global megatrends and challenges – be they cyber-attacks, climate change or poverty – is increasingly influencing the work of board of directors.

Board members have to navigate between the extended duty of care and the associated risk reductions while at the same time identify new waypoints these challenges offer. For example, according to the 'Better Business Better World' report, released by the Business and Sustainable Development Commission in 2016, pursuing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) could create trillions in new market opportunities.



To ensure that Board members can continue to perform their duties optimally and gain access to this growth market, they have to:

- Be aware of regulatory changes and new challenges relevant to their companies.
- Ensure the composition, mandate and competencies of board members are adequate to remain a responsible and impactful board.
- Develop a relevant framework for the operational team so that the business strategy is aligned with current local and global megatrends and related risks and opportunities.
- Identify new business opportunities addressing the SDGs by considering the products, services or competencies of their companies that are particularly relevant in this respect.

Questions to ask to ...

... be aware of regulatory changes and new challenges

- Do we have regular access to the information needed to assess the implications of new or emerging legislation and evaluate risks emerging from global challenges including environmental and social trends?
- How frequently do we discuss these risks?

... have the right governance structure in place

- Is there a gap between existing versus desired stakeholder engagement processes at the board and directors levels?
- Do we have a board committee focused on global challenges?
- Do we have an understanding on how we're meeting the needs of critical stakeholders as a means of driving shareholder and stakeholder value?
- How can we use existing corporate governance structures to monitor and address significant global challenges?

... develop a relevant context framework

- Do we have a board committee focused on global challenges?
- Who on the board has relevant strategic, innovation and sustainability-related competences?
- What is the process of clarifying, discussing and responding to megatrends, emerging societal and environmental issues in the company's short- and long-term strategy?

... identify new innovative business models and communicate about it

- Do we have a clear message on how our long-term strategy considers significant global risks and opportunities?
- How can our duty of care lead to an increase in performance and identify new innovative business models that contribute to tackling today's challenges?
- What external sustainability disclosures do we provide and how confident are we that they are complete, accurate and reliable?

Your opportunity to become a Responsible Impact Board

We offer

Periodic updates



about regulatory framework developments of relevance to board members and information about new innovative business models addressing today's challenges (at least twice per year).

Free online assessments



analysing the change readiness as well as the sustainability status of your organization.

Responsible & impactful board events



in collaboration with the Global Compact Network Switzerland

Advanced half day trainings



in collaboration with partners

Customized in-house workshops

Board crash courses (2 hours)

covering the duty of care, the role of board members identifying new innovative business models as well as specific topics such as UK Modern Slavery Act, child labor, etc.

Strategy workshops (0.5 to 1 day)

allowing for the identification of new innovative business opportunities, the focus on specific topics and for strategic discussions.

The initiators and facilitators of Responsible Impact Boards

The program is lead by professionals with sustainability credentials and long-standing business experience. We are motivated to facilitate workshops for responsible impact boards or complement the composition of your board and offer access to cutting-edge tools & resources.



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