

Building Investor Confidence Through Governance

2022 Hawkamah Institute Annual Conference

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Hybrid conference

(Session timings are based on UAE time zone, GST)

- 11:20 – 11:30 **Opening Address:** HE Dr. Ahmad Bin Hassan Al Shaikh, Hawkamah Chair, UAE
- 11:30 – 11:45 **Keynote Address:** Prof. Stephen Davis, Senior Fellow Harvard Law School, Associate Director of the Corporate Governance Program, Co-Chair, Hawkamah International Advisory Board
- 11:45 – 13:00 **Panel Discussion (1): Setting A Regulatory Framework: New Standards For ESG**
Letting the market find its equilibrium on ESG is a thing of the pre-COVID past. Regulators worldwide have been hard at work setting new ESG expectations and requirements both for companies and financial institutions. What are the latest trends, and lessons learned?
- 13:00-13:15 **Graduation Ceremony of Director Development Program & Company Secretary Certificate**
- 13:15-14:15 Lunch Break
- 14:15-15:45 **Panel Discussion (2) What Do Institutional Investors look For in Board Governance?**
How do investors assess a board as a low or high governance risk? What are the key factors investors advocate for on board composition and performance when engaging with directors? What priorities are investors placing on companies around issues related to ESG? What new or emerging issues regarding ESG should boards be considering according to investors? Given the diverse range of ESG issues, standards, and regulations increasingly confronting companies, how do boards best respond?
- 15:45-17:15 **Panel Discussion (3) How Do Boards Oversee ESG Implementation?**
What is the role of the board and the role of the management in driving ESG in corporates? If a company is new to ESG, where does it begin? What are the key steps in developing an ESG framework in a company? What practical lessons can be taken from the experiences of boards and companies that have successfully undertaken this journey?
- 17:15 - 17.25pm **Closing Remarks**