

Press Note

IOD GLOBAL VIRTUAL SESSION

Directors' Dialogue Series - 5th Edition

ESG Strategy for the Board: *Turning Rhetoric into Reality in a VUCA World*

Special Sessions on Defence & Tourism sectors in India

Wednesday | February 23, 2022 | 1030 - 1830 Hrs (IST)

In a rapidly evolving digital world, the past pandemic year saw many significant evolutions in innovations and birth of new business models. It also witness how top global companies married ESG and leadership development initiatives, to build exceptional leadership capabilities while transforming communities and building a more sustainable future for all. As ESG moves up to the top of the Board agenda, it is also important for Boards to focus on the governance structure they will put in place to oversee ESG.

To deliberate in depth on the ESG Strategy for Future Boards, Institute of Directors, India is organising a special Global Webinar on Wednesday, **23rd February, 2022**. The main theme is: **'ESG Strategy for the Board: Turning Rhetoric into Reality in a VUCA World'**. A dedicated Session has been designed on Defence-**'Preparing the Defence Sector for Future: Self Reliant India'**, along with a Special Session on **'Tourism'**.

Lt. Gen. J S Ahluwalia PVSM (retd.), President, IOD, India will deliver the Special 'Keynote Address'.

H.E. Mr. Alex Ellis, CMG, British High Commissioner to India, **Mr. Amitabh Kant IAS**, CEO, NITI Aayog, **Mr. Sanjay Jaju IAS**, Additional Secretary, Defence Production, and **Mr. Ashok Lavasa**, Vice-President, Asian Development Bank, Manila will be the **'Guests of Honour'** and deliver **'Special Address'**.

Some of the other distinguished speakers and global experts, who will also deliver Special Address, include:

Mr. Arvind Singh, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Tourism, **Dr. Rajesh Kumar IAS**, Chief Secretary, Manipur, **Lord Karan Bilimoria CBE DL**, President, Confederation of British Industry (CBI), Chairman of the Cobra Beer Partnership, UK, London, **Mr. Atanu Chakraborty**, Chairman, HDFC Bank and former Finance Secretary, India, **(Ms.) Helen Brand OBE**, Chief Executive, Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), UK, London, **Mr. Puneet Chhatwal**, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, The Indian Hotels Company (IHCL), **Mr. William L. Blair**, Vice President and Chief Executive-India, Lockheed Martin, USA, **Mr. Banmali Agrawala**, President, Infrastructure, Tata Sons, **Mr. Ravi Nirgudkar**, Managing Director, India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, BAE Systems, **Mr. Rajesh Choudhary IOFS**, Chairman cum-Managing Director, Advanced Weapons and Equipment India (AWEIL), **Mr. Dinesh Waghmare, IAS**, Principal Secretary, Energy,

CMD, Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission (MSETCL), **Mr Praveen Kumar, IAS (retd.)**, DG and CEO, Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs, Ministry of Corporate Affairs (IICA), **Dr. Sanjay Mukherjee IAS**, Vice Chairman and Managing Director, The City and Industrial Development Corporation of Maharashtra (CIDCO), **Mr. Rajiv Anand**, Deputy Managing Director, Axis Bank, **Mr. Ravi Kant**, IOFS, Chairman & Managing Director, Munitions India (MIL), **Mr. Rajinder Singh Bhatia**, President & CEO – Defence & Aerospace, Bharat Forge, **(Ms.) Carrie Sabin**, Vice President, Corporate Sustainability, Stantec Inc., Canada, **(Ms.) Helle Bank Jorgensen**, Founder & Chief Executive, Competent Boards, Canada, **Mr. Kamran Khan**, Managing Director, Head of ESG-Asia Pacific, Deutsche Bank, Hong Kong, **Prof. Colin Coulson-Thomas**, Director-General- UK and Europe Operations, Institute of Directors & President, Institute of Management Services, UK, **Dr. P. K. Jha IAS**, Secretary, Tourism, Government of Manipur, **Col. Ashvini Pundir**, Additional Chief Executive Officer (ACEO), Uttarakhand Tourism Development Board (UTDB), **Rear Admiral R. K. Shrawat, AVSM (retd.)**, Chairman and Managing Director, Naval Group India, **Mr. Addepalli Krishna Sai Kumar**, Whole-Time Director-Operations, Apollo Microsystems et al.

Principal Strategic Partner will be Association of Certified Chartered Accountants (ACCA), UK, Principal State Partner – Govt. of Manipur; Principal Partners are The Indian Hotels Company & Bharat Forge. Platinum Partners are-Apollo Microsystems, Tata Sons, the City and Industrial Development Corporation of Maharashtra (CIDCO) etc. The Gold Partners include: Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Co. (MSETCL), Advanced Weapons and Equipment India, Munitions India, Uttarakhand State. The Silver Partners are India Optel & Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers & Tamil Nadu Tourism & Associate Partners are- BAE Systems India & MIDHANI (Mishra Dhatu Nigam) of India.

Members of ACCA from around 180 countries worldwide are likely to participate, along with several hundred directors & IOD associates from all over India & abroad.

Shri. Pradeep Chaturvedi, Vice-President, IOD, India will propose a ‘Vote of Thanks’.

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