

# Promoting Good Governance in the Public Interest



## Governance Forum | Programme 2025

The Governance Forum at the Institute of Public Administration is a unique forum, established in 2007 to support good governance in public bodies and public benefit entities. Since that time, the Forum has grown considerably in its programme of events and supports to its members, which comprise a large number of government departments, state bodies, local authorities, higher education institutions and non-profit organisations.

The centrepiece of the Forum is an 18-event programme over the course of the year, which includes a series of online webinars on topics of current importance along with in-person networking and training events. Our events bring together board and committee chairs and members, senior executives, department officials and governance personnel, affording unique opportunities to learn from experts and network with peers on governance matters. Members also have access to the IPA Governance Team for ongoing advice and guidance and to the Forum website, which is a repository for reference material and event content. The Forum also has its own podcast series, *In the Chair*.

### The benefits of Governance Forum Membership are:

- **Exclusive Access to a Comprehensive 18-Event Training Programme** designed to promote and share good governance practices and insights.
- **Access to Key Networks and Roundtables:** Key office holders can join the Chairpersons' Network, Board Secretaries' Network, and the Audit & Risk Committee Chairs' Roundtable, providing opportunities for peer engagement and sharing good practices.
- **Peer-to-Peer Networking:** Members gain access to a valuable network of member organisations and key governance professionals, facilitating collaboration and knowledge exchange.
- **Expert Advice and Guidance:** Receive tailored support from the IPA Governance Team, offering expert advice and insights on governance-related matters.
- **Exclusive Access to the Members' Area:** Gain access to the Governance Forum website members' area, which offers updates and resources.
- **10% Discount on Advisory Services:** Membership offers a 10%\* discount on IPA Governance Team advisory and consultancy services.

Annual subscription is from January to December each year. Membership is on an organisational basis, and the fee for 2025 membership is €5,800 (IPA Corporate Members €5,050).

\*Subject to an annual discount cap of €1,500

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## SCHEDULE OF DATES 2025

Date	Topic	Time	Venue
Tue <b>21</b> Jan 2025	Governance Outlook 2025 Economy, Budget, Reform and Sustainability	09:30-13:00	IPA (in person only) 
Thur <b>27</b> Feb 2025	Building Resilience: Cyber and Data Governance (Masterclass)	11:00-12:30	Online 
Wed <b>05</b> Mar 2025	Board Secretaries' Network (in association with the CGI Ireland)	11:00-13:00	IPA (in person only) 
Thur <b>20</b> Mar 2025	Features of Effective Boards and Governance	11:00-12:30	Online 
Thur <b>10</b> Apr 2025	Risk Appetite, Culture and Operating Style	11:00-12:30	Online 
Wed <b>07</b> May 2025	Key Legislation Training	09:45-13:00	IPA (in person only) 
Thur <b>15</b> May 2025	Artificial Intelligence (Masterclass)	11:00-12:30	Online 
Wed <b>21</b> May 2025	ARC Chairpersons' Roundtable	11:00-13:00	IPA (in person only) 
Thur <b>12</b> Jun 2025	Department-Agency Relations: oversight, assurances and PCRs	11:00-12:30	Online 
Wed <b>18</b> Jun 2025	Chairpersons' Network	11:00-13:00	IPA (in person only) 
Wed <b>02</b> Jul 2025	Finance and Assurance Training	09:45-13:00	IPA (in person only) 
Wed <b>17</b> Sept 2025	Board Secretaries' Network (in association with the CGI Ireland)	11:00-13:00	IPA (in person only) 
Thur <b>25</b> Sept 2025	Sustainability for Public Bodies	11:00-12:30	Online 
Wed <b>08</b> Oct 2025	Boards and Board Members: Roles, Responsibilities and Effectiveness	09:45-16:15	IPA (in person only) 
Thur <b>23</b> Oct 2025	People and Culture – Organisation of the Future	11:00-12:30	Online 
Thur <b>13</b> Nov 2025	Public Bodies, Public Value-Strategy and Evidencing Performance	11:00-12:30	Online 
Wed <b>26</b> Nov 2025	Chairpersons' Network	11:00-13:00	IPA (in person only) 
Thur <b>04</b> Dec 2025	Building Resilience – Business Crises and Lessons Learned	11:00-12:30	Online 

\*Times may be subject to change in exceptional circumstances