

Roles and Responsibilities

Overview

This course is a 'must' for all new directors and directors that have not received any training. It clearly sets out the basics of what directors need to know, do and how they should behave.

Objectives

This workshop will equip participants with the understanding to:

- make a more effective contribution to the board and business performance
- recognize the role and purpose of the board, its responsibilities and duties
- participate in the prime task of setting strategic direction
- appreciate the features of the board's corporate governance role
- fulfill their obligations under the major laws and regulations, including the duties and liabilities of individual directors and the board.

Duration

One day, commencing at 10.00am and ending at 4.00pm.

Indicative Programme

Welcome and introductions	Introductions, objectives and programme.
The context of directorship	Recent developments in business, agriculture and economics as they impact on FCB directorship.
The key duties, roles and functional responsibilities of directors	Case studies and syndicate work examining the issues of stewardship, direction setting, planning and control methods.
The role of the board in successful business operation	Syndicate work.
Legal and constitutional responsibilities	Case studies examining key points of UK law, director liabilities and constitutional duties; e.g. qualifications, fair dealing, accounting, personal liability, insolvency, disqualification.
Management, direction and ownership	Syndicate task and report-back focusing on the crucial differences between the three functions.
Board communications	Communicating the vision, objectives and strategies to different stakeholder groups, to secure support and buy-in.
Action planning	Individually identifying and documenting relevant improvement actions.