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WEBINAR 
ON

PERSPECTIVES OF WOMEN ON BOARDS IN INDIA AND AUSTRALIA

MONDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER 2021



INDIA (IST)

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM



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INTRODUCTION AND VOTE OF THANKS

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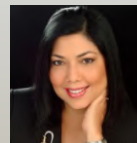
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KEY THEME

“Helping women overcome the barriers they face and make the most of their potential is a global priority. IMF research finds that empowering women is also good for the economy- it boosts growth, makes economies more resilient and reduces income inequality”

—Christine Lagarde, Managing Director
The International Monetary Fund (2011-2019)

The webinar celebrates achievements of women directors. It is a tribute to their journey, hard work and resilience. Entrusted with crucial responsibility to manage the affairs of a company or organisation, directors play a key role in corporate decision-making. Research has demonstrated that women directors provide fresh perspectives to the board that positively impact corporate risk management and returns. Yet, empirical evidence shows a disproportionate number of female directors in comparison to their male counterparts.

The topic of gender diversity is not new and has been explored through various paradigms. The webinar adds a different dimension by combining anecdotal experience of Australian and Indian women directors with contemporary legal and industry practices with the aim of strengthening corporate governance for proportionate gender diversity in leadership (key managerial roles) and governance (directorial roles). It considers opportunities received, and challenges faced by women directors on their journey as board members.

Through their unique journey, women directors will weave personal or organisational factors that have helped them achieve positions as directors and their contribution in this role. Panellists are invited to share their views on potential policy or legal recommendations for improving vertical mobility of women within leadership and governance. Additionally, the webinar seeks to highlight the importance of policies for incentivising and equipping women to undertake senior roles.

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