

# Mobilising whole boards to address climate change



## Climate Governance Competence

Chapter Zero Southern Africa is a Chapter of the Climate Governance Initiative. This initiative, in collaboration with the **World Economic Forum**, provides a platform for governing bodies to confidently and competently drive climate action from the boardroom.

From sustainability and climate-related **disclosure requirements and materiality assessments** to executive compensation, boards are exploring ways to convert climate ambition and turn climate risk into climate opportunities.

Chapter Zero Southern Africa equips boards to make a difference.

## Connecting Governing bodies with key knowledge

Chapter Zero Southern Africa is hosted by **Wits Business School** and its programmes are endorsed by the Good Governance Academy. We engage regional and international thought leaders, advisory firms, and the Climate Governance Initiative itself to deliver a **responsive, on-demand, structured** educational programme.

**Topics include** sustainability and climate terminology and taxonomy basics, regulatory and legislative requirements, assurance and avoiding greenwashing, sustainability and climate, governance, directing business systems, and meeting reporting disclosures and targets.



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# Making an impact with collective competence in unity

## Corporate Membership

Chapter Zero Southern Africa offers more than individual education, it offers a comprehensive corporate programme to drive leadership-wide immersion.

### Corporate cohesion and competence

While individual membership is limited to governing body members, we recognise the importance of cohesion in an organisation. Our corporate membership is designed to ensure that all personnel who support the governing body in their duties, including the company secretary and sustainability officer, are included in the governing body's educational journey. This ensures cohesion and integration during Chapter activities as well as during the embedment of these learnings in the organisation itself.

### Accountability and transparency

Chapter Zero Southern Africa is equipped to track the Corporate Member's climate and sustainability competency progress as its participants attend the learning presented. Annual reports on this progress are provided to Corporate Members in their preferred formats for inclusion in the organisation's annual reports as certification of the achievement of learning objectives. Attendees are issued with Certificates of Attendance for continual professional development purposes.

### Global affiliation and support

Corporate members of Chapter Zero Southern Africa can confidently disclose their affiliation to, and support for, the global Climate Governance Initiative and the World Economic Forum's Climate Governance Principles.

## Membership fees

Chapter Zero Southern Africa charges an annual Corporate Membership fee.

### Discounted Members

Non-profit organisations as well as certain small and medium sized organisations can apply for discounted membership fees.

### Premium Members

Organisations subscribing for three or more years are eligible for subscription discounts as well as additional member services.

### Founding Members

Only available for those joining in 2023, this membership involves a once-off sponsorship and extended opportunities.

## Additional services

Governing bodies necessarily change over time and Chapter Zero Southern Africa offers additional services to ensure that governing bodies continue to meet their organisations' climate governance needs.

### Onboarding programme

An initiation programme to ensure that the whole governing body is aligned in the fundamental principles of sustainability and current climate intelligence.

### Induction updates

Chapter Zero Southern Africa provides subscribers with annual relevant updates summarising the changes which occurred during the year, ideally crafted for inclusion in the induction programme.



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