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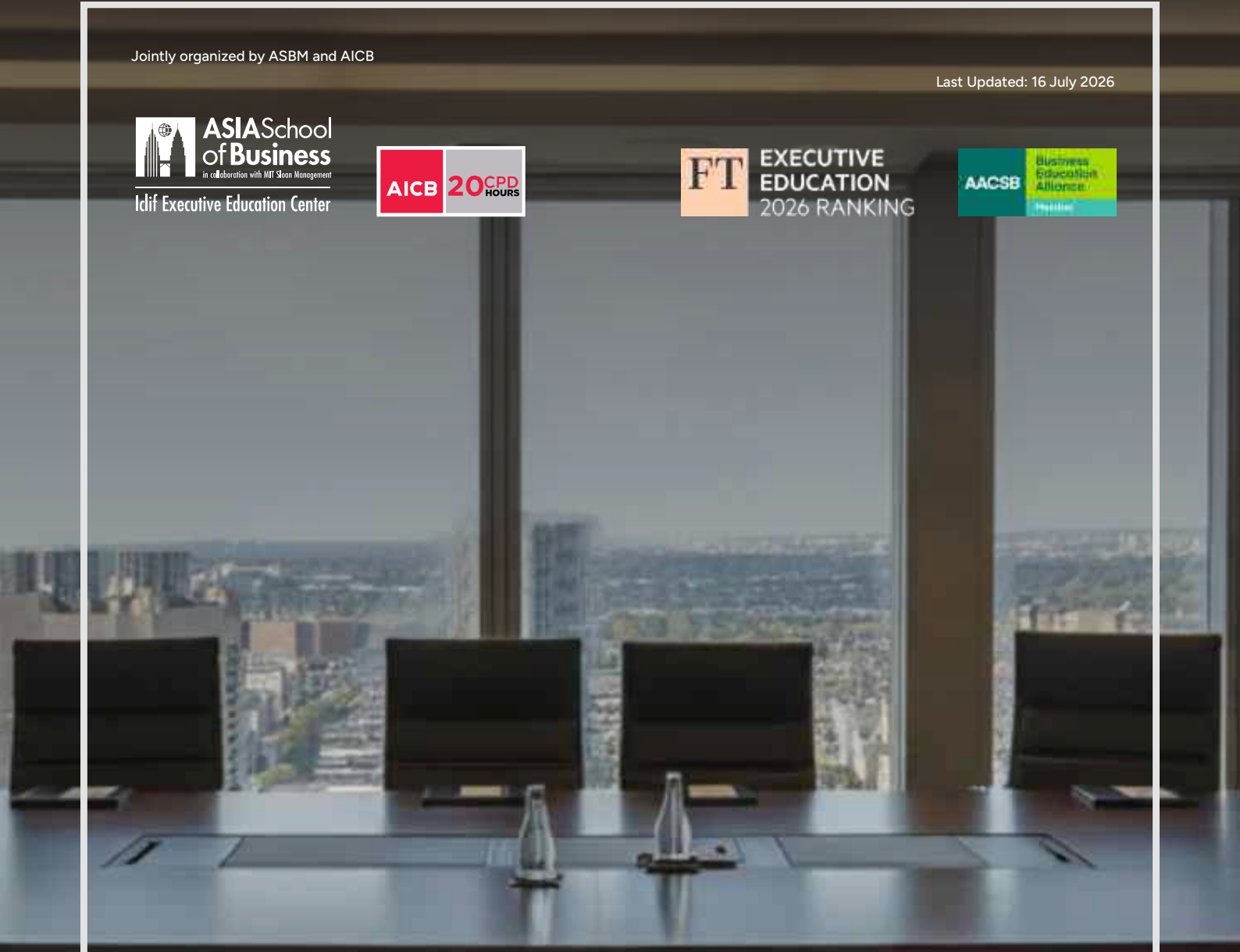

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PROGRAM

for Board of Directors and Senior Leaders

LOCATION	DATE *	FEE *
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	2026 1st Run 26 - 30 April 2nd Run 6 - 10 September	RM 10,750 | USD 2,500

*** Note:**

- Dates and venues are subject to change.
- Excludes Sales & Service Tax (8%).
- USD pricing is indicative pricing. All fees are invoiced in Malaysian Ringgit (RM). USD amounts are shown for reference only and will vary based on the prevailing exchange rate at the time of payment.

OVERVIEW

Unlock cutting-edge governance strategies in a unique 5-day in-person immersion. Designed for board members and senior leaders, this program fuses strategic oversight, sustainability, risk and ethics, AI foresight, and cultural intelligence. Through interactive sessions, real-life cases, dynamic site visits, and boardroom simulations, you'll acquire practical, actionable insights relevant to both global best practices and the African context.

Immersive visits will showcase local initiatives that bring the program's themes to life and connect with participants' profiles.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

At the end of the program, participants will be able to:

- **Master global & regional governance frameworks** to navigate complex board challenges.
- **Enhance oversight capabilities** in strategy, ESG, ethics, and risk management.
- **Optimize board decision-making** and foster dynamic board dynamics.
- **Grasp AI's transformative impact** on future boardroom roles.
- **Cultivate culturally aware leadership** with deep behavioral insights.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Board Members and Non-Executive Directors
- C-Suite Executives
- Governance, Risk, and Compliance Leaders
- Aspiring Board Members

PROGRAM FEES

INCLUDES:

- Inclusive of accommodation
- Daily lunch and refreshment breaks
- Curated offsite immersion visits and cultural experiences
- Program materials and certificate of completion

PROGRAM AGENDA

Day 1 **Cultural Immersion & Networking**

- Immersion Offsite Visit (AM)
- Free and easy (PM)
- Welcome Networking Dinner

Day 2 **Foundations of Robust Governance**

- Importance of Corporate Governance — Gillian Ng
- Legal & Regulatory Frameworks — Dr Elsa Satkunasingam
- Immersion Offsite Visit

Day 3 **Effective Boards & Sustainable Leadership**

- Sustainability & Climate Change — Dr Gary Theseira
- GenAI and the Future Boardrooms — Dr David Asirvatham
- Immersion Offsite Visit

Day 4 **Navigating Risk, Ethics & Board Culture**

- Governance & Culture of Boards — Dr Elsa Satkunasingam
- Ethics Simulation & Reflection
- Immersion Offsite Visit

Day 5 **Future-Focused Governance**

- Oversight & Fraud Prevention: A Board's Role — Kahumbya Bashige
- Driving Board Effectiveness: Risk Management & Internal Control
- Fireside Chat: Future of Board Leadership in a Complex World
- Certificate Ceremony

FACULTY

Gillian Ng serves as the Executive Director at the Iclif Executive Education Center within the Asia School of Business. She leads a dynamic team responsible for overseeing various corporate governance and leadership programs. Among these are the Financial Institutions Directors' Education (FIDE) program, the Mandatory Accreditation Program (MAP), the Money Services Business Directors' Education Program (MDEP), and the Shariah Leaders Education program catering to shariah committee members of Islamic financial institutions. Notably, Gillian holds the role of Lead Faculty for MDEP. She also teaches in the Pathway to a Governance Practitioner Program namely the Risk Management module and other custom-built programs.

Her prior experience includes a tenure at Bank Negara Malaysia, where she played a pivotal role in the Prudential Financial Policy Department. Her primary focus involved elevating Corporate Governance within the financial sector. With over 20 years of expertise encompassing Statutory and Internal Auditing, Forensic Investigations, and the establishment of Enterprise Risk Management Systems across various Public Listed Companies, Gillian brings a wealth of knowledge to her roles.

Gillian's commitment to governance extends to her involvement in key national committees. She was recently appointed to the National Mirrors Committee under the Governance, Integrity, and Anti-Corruption Centre (GIACC) and leads the Secretariat team for the National Special Committee on Corporate Governance (NSCCG), reporting to the Special Committee on Anti-Corruption led by the Prime Minister.

Her educational background comprises a Bachelor of Arts in Accounting and Business Administration from the Strathclyde Business School in Glasgow, where she earned a prestigious Best in Class Scholarship. She is a Certified Public Accountant (MICPA) and received the PWC Silver medallist recognition for Management Information Systems. Gillian's dedication to continuous learning was highlighted by her achievement of the FT Non-Executive Director Program (Level 7) Diploma, securing a perfect score across all modules in November 2017.

Dr. Elsa Satkunasingam is the Senior Director, Corporate Governance & Sustainability and Senior Lecturer, Executive Education at the Iclif Executive Education Center at Asia School of Business. She conducts training and research in areas related to corporate governance, compliance and organizational culture for financial institutions and companies.

She was formerly the Deputy General Manager, Corporate Secretariat Division at the Malaysia Deposit Insurance Corporation (PIDM) specializing in research and training on corporate governance and compliance. Prior to that she headed the Corporate Governance Department at Bursa Malaysia and was involved in the development of corporate governance and sustainability programs and publications.

Elsa was formerly an academic at Monash University in Sunway. She has published several book chapters and journal articles in the area of corporate governance, in local and international publications. Elsa has also been featured on BFM,the Star and Astro Awani for her expertise on governance in sovereign wealth funds. She holds a PhD from Monash University and a Master of Laws and Bachelor of Laws from University Malaya. She is an advocate and solicitor of the High Court of Malaya.

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Prof. Ts. Dr. David Asirvatham is Professor of Practice (AI & Technology) at the Asia School of Business (ASB), which was established in collaboration with MIT Sloan. He has been in the academic leadership and CIO roles for 30 years. His areas of expertise include Digital Neural Network, E-Learning Technologies, ICT Project Management, Multimedia Content Creation and AI.

Prior to joining ASB, he was the executive dean for the Faculty of Innovation and Technology at Taylor's University, director of the Centre of Information Technology at the University of Malaya, and CIO/senior director of the Centre for Information Technology at Multimedia University. He has held numerous posts, including Associate Dean for Faculty of Information Technology (Multimedia University), Project Manager for the Multimedia and IT Infrastructure Development university campus (US$14 million project), and SAP Advisory for High Education Council (Germany).

He was the Chairman of the ICT Human Capital Development for 11th Malaysia Plan 2016-2020, Secretary for the Artificial Intelligence Society Malaysia, President of the Data Science Association (Malaysia) 2022-2025, Country Representative for the Asia E-learning Network (Japan), Steering Committee Member for the Implementation of E-Learning for Malaysian Public Sector, and Member of the Malaysian Grid for Learning's Standards Expert Group 2003-2004.

He also worked on various ICT Projects and conducted workshops in South Africa, Sudan, Iran, Ghana, Kenya, Vietnam, Maldives, Bangladesh (World Bank Project), UAE, India, and Brunei. David completed his Ph.D. from Multimedia University, M.Sc. (Digital System) from Brunel University (U.K.), and B.Sc. (Hons) Ed., and Post-Graduate Diploma in Computer Science from the University of Malaya. He has published over 70 academic papers and graduated 10 PhD students.

Dr Gary Theseira is a director and council member at Climate Governance Malaysia (CGM), an Adjunct Associate Professor at the Asia School of Business (ASB), serves on the board of the Centre for Environment, Technology and Development Malaysia (CETDEM), and is advisor to the Malaysian Green Technology and Climate Change Corporation (MGTC).

Following his tenure at the Forest Research Institute of Malaysia (FRIM), where he conducted forest carbon quantification, supported the National Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) program, and led the development of the biodiversity clearing house mechanism, he was seconded to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (NRE) as Deputy Undersecretary for Climate Change and negotiated for Malaysia at fourteen UN Climate Conferences (COPs).

In 2012, the G-77 and China appointed him to coordinate negotiations leading to the 2015 Paris Agreement, and in 2018, he was appointed by the Minister of Energy, Science, Technology, Environment and Climate Change, YB Yeo Bee Yin, as Special Functions Officer on Environment and Climate Change.

He currently assists the Joint Committee on Climate Change (JC3) on the development of the National Climate Data Catalogue and serves on the Selangor State Action Council on Climate Change (IKLIM) as a subject matter expert.

Dr Theseira has B.Sc. and M.Sc. degrees in Agriculture from Southern Illinois University, received his Ph.D. in Agronomy from Mississippi State University, and conducted Post Doctoral Research at the University of Minnesota.

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Kahumbya Bashige is a fellow of the Institute of Directors, UK (IoD) and a seasoned professional in governance, development finance, fundraising, banking and corporate finance.

Her educational background includes a master's in finance from the University of Strathclyde and a Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting from the Catholic University of Eastern Africa. She holds advanced certification such as Chartered Director from the Institute of Directors, UK and has completed Havard's Business School's Audit Committees program in 2023 as well as Making Corporate Boards more effective in 2024.

Kahumbya is an Independent Board Member and Chairperson of the Audit Committee of CRDB Bank Burundi S.A. and sits on the Advisory Board of SESDCorp. She was recently recognised as a 2024 Honoree of the Angaza Awards, a prestigious award that celebrates women leaders in the African Banking and Finance sector who have created value for their firms, industry and society.

Her leadership has led to significant achievements including raising of USD 100 Million capital over four years, during a period where the world was grappling with COVID 19 pandemic, geopolitical wars, rise in commodity prices as well as various natural disasters. Kahumbya's strategic initiatives have driven a 160% growth in Bank assets, product and market diversification as well as generated a USD 1 billion pipeline.

Her effective oversight in her board role has contributed to doubling the profit of the bank in 5 years, moving the bank from 10th position to 1st position in the industry in terms of profitability, expansion of the bank network (4 branches and 1,530 agents across the country) as well as raising of affordable debt to fund the Bank's pipeline of viable projects.

Kahumbya enjoys sharing her knowledge in leadership and governance through publishing of various articles which can be found on the IoD website as well as participating as a speaker in various conferences and forums.

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