

CGI Global Press Release: The Chartered Governance Institute Announces the Appointment of a New Global President and Global Vice Presidents

London, Tuesday 19 May 2026. The Chartered Governance Institute (CGI) is proud to announce the election of Gill Meller FCG HKFCG (PE) as the President of The Chartered Governance Institute (CGI). Ms Meller will succeed the incumbent President, John Heaton, commencing on 1 July 2026.

Ms Meller has been an influential leader of the Hong Kong/China Division, serving as a member of the HKCGI Council for over six years (2016 to 2023), including two years as President from 2020 to 2021. A highly regarded figure in Hong Kong's corporate and legal landscape, Ms Meller currently serves as the Legal & Governance Director at MTR Corporation Limited.

In response to the election, Ms Meller remarked, *"It is a profound honour to be elected as CGI President. I am eager to engage with our global members and stakeholders, working together to elevate governance standards and advocate for the critical role governance professionals play in ensuring transparency and accountability in organisations worldwide."*

CGI also confirmed the election of two Vice Presidents being Dr Denis Mowbray FCG FGNZ, who extends his term as Vice President for a second tenure; and Datuk Suseela Menon FCG (CS, CGP) who serves as Vice President for the first time.

A Fellow of the New Zealand CGI Division, Dr Mowbray remarked: *"I look forward to working with Gill and Datuk Suseela in strengthening the position, accountability, and depth of the global governance profession. Especially as we operate within a dynamic environment, shaped by geopolitical volatility, economic uncertainty, and pressing environmental challenges. Together, I am confident we will continue to advance CGI-Global's mission in service of governance practitioners worldwide."*

Datuk Suseela Menon is a Past President of the Malaysian Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators (MAICSA) where she served as the President from October 2020 to June 2022. On being elected, Datuk Suseela remarked: *"Stepping into the role of Global Vice President is a profound honour for MAICSA. Together with Gill and Denis, I look forward to championing the vital role of governance professionals, supporting our global membership, elevating governance standards, and reinforcing the importance of accountability, resilience, and sustainable value creation worldwide."*

The CGI President, John Heaton, congratulated the new appointments and remarked, *"These are both exciting and challenging times for the Chartered Governance Institute and global governance in the current political and economic climate, but the Institute is well placed to respond with such an experienced and respected governance professional as Gill at the helm, working with our Vice Presidents, Datuk Suseela and Denis, together with our Director General, Kerrie Waring, and representatives of our membership from around the globe, inspiring good governance for a sustainable world."*

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Editor Notes

Biographies

Gill Meller FCG HKFCG (PE) is a representative of the Hong Kong/China Division on the Council of the Global Chartered Governance Institute, a former President of The Hong Kong Chartered Governance Institute and a Fellow of both institutes. She is MTR Corporation Limited's Legal & Governance Director and qualified to practise as a solicitor in Hong Kong and England and Wales. She is the chair of the Legal Committee of The Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Listing Committee of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited and an independent director of Hong Kong, China Rugby.

Dr Denis Mowbray FCG, FGNZ is a governance practitioner with experience across the corporate, governmental, not-for-profit and sports sectors on five continents. His PhD research introduced the "Third-Team" concept — the interplay between boards and executives that drives performance — moving governance beyond compliance toward behavioural dynamics and team effectiveness. Denis designs training programmes, conducts governance reviews and facilitates strategic planning for Government Ministries in New Zealand and Australia, listed corporates and not-for-profits. An active chair, director and advisor, he is also a frequent speaker, writer and educator. He is Vice-President and Fellow of The Chartered Governance Institute (CGI Global) and a Fellow of CGI New Zealand.

Datuk Suseela Menon FCG (CS, CGP) is a distinguished governance professional and Past President of MAICSA, having served from 2020 to 2022. Since joining the Council in 2017, she has held key leadership roles in various MAICSA committees, contributing greatly to the continuance of MAICSA as a premium governance body in Malaysia. She had an illustrious career in the UMW Group, a public listed Malaysian conglomerate where she was appointed as its first ever female Executive Director. Suseela has over 30 years of experience in corporate governance, company secretaryship, branding, investor relations, and overall corporate leadership.

About The Chartered Governance Institute

Established in 1891 under Royal Charter in the United Kingdom, the Chartered Governance Institute (CGI) is the world's premier qualifying institute for Company Secretaries and Governance Professionals. Our nine divisions include the Hong Kong Chartered Governance Institute, the Malaysian Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators, and the New Zealand Chartered Governance Institute. Together, with another six divisions, the collectively support 28,000 Members and 12,000 Students and Graduates globally.

CGI's vision is to inspire good governance for a sustainable world. We do this by enabling organisations to unlock the value of good governance for long-term success and resilience through public advocacy, chartered governance qualifications and continuous professional development programmes for Company Secretaries and Governance Professionals.

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