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- Professor Pierce is the Chief Executive Officer of Global Governance Services Ltd and a corporate governance training consultant for the Institute. He works with policy makers, directors and boards in Europe, the Middle East, Asia, Africa, the US and South America.
- Prior to becoming CEO, he was the Director of Professional Standards and Professional Development at the Institute of Directors (IoD) in the UK. He has also held senior management positions in the Overseas Development Administration, British Airways and Leeds Business School.
- Professor Pierce has a particular interest in international corporate governance development. He is currently a trainer of corporate governance trainers for the Global Corporate Governance Forum and in the last two years has led training of trainer programmes in Africa, Europe, the Middle East and Latin America to over 300 trainers. He is also a leading contributor to the Forum's publications which include:
 - Building director training organizations (2003)
 - Developing corporate governance codes of best practices (2005)
 - Corporate governance board leadership training resource kit (2007)
- He was the chairman of the Forum's initiative to develop corporate governance codes in the Middle East and North Africa region which led to the development of many national corporate governance codes in the region.
- Chris has written extensively on director and board development issues and regularly speaks at international conferences. His books include: "The Effective Director" in 2001, "The Handbook on International Corporate Governance" in 2003 and "Corporate Governance in the Middle East and North Africa" (August 2008). His most recent publication is "Corporate Governance in the European Union" which was published in April 2010.
- He is the principal corporate governance trainer for Mudara based in Dubai and has been involved in designing and delivering their director development programmes in Bahrain, Jordan, Oman, Qatar and the UAE.
- Chris has conducted a number of corporate governance assessments and board evaluations. In addition, he has been involved in the training and development of executive directors in many successful large multi national companies and has been involved in developing non executive directors in some of the largest Investment Authorities and Sovereign wealth Funds in the World.
- His qualifications include: an Economics degree, a Post Graduate Certificate in Education, a Masters degree in Science, a Masters degree in Philosophy and an MBA. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Company Secretaries, a Visiting Professor at City University, an Executive Fellow of Henley Management College, a Visiting Fellow at Cranfield Management School and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts.