

## EMPOWERING WOMEN AND ELEVATING RISK GOVERNANCE: THE DCRO INSTITUTE AND THEBOARDROOM AFRICA JOIN FORCES

Groundbreaking partnership announced to advance distinguished women leaders on the African continent.

GLOBAL, ORGANIZATION, October 25, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The DCRO Institute, the esteemed global collaborative of board members and Clevel executives that offers comprehensive risk governance credentialing programs for leaders, proudly announces its partnership with TheBoardroom Africa (TBrA), a leading organization dedicated to advancing women in leadership across the African continent. Together, they aim to enhance risk governance practices and empower women to serve on boards, marking a significant milestone in fostering diversity and excellence in corporate leadership.



Marcia Ashong, Founder and CEO of TheBoardroom Africa

Under this groundbreaking partnership, TheBoardroom Africa's community of over 2,700 women executives will have the opportunity to distinguish themselves through the prestigious DCRO Institute <u>credentials</u>, including the <u>Qualified Risk Director</u><sup>®</sup> designation, the Certificate in Risk Governance<sup>®</sup>, and the Certificate in Cyber Risk Governance<sup>™</sup>. These credentials, recognized worldwide, signify a commitment to fostering better risk governance practices, enhancing director development, and encouraging the sharing of best practices among organizations of all types.

"Cultivating gender diversity in the boardroom isn't just about representation; it's a strategic imperative deeply intertwined with effective risk management," said Marcia Ashong, Founder and CEO of TheBoardroom Africa. "TBrA was created because we recognize that inclusive

decision-making, fostered by diverse voices and perspectives, is paramount to robust risk management strategies. By embracing the wealth of talent and insights that women bring to the boardroom, organizations not only enhance their ability to identify and navigate risks but also fortify their foundations for sustainable success in today's dynamic business landscape."

"I am thrilled about our new partnership with TheBoardroom Africa," stated David R. Koenig, QRD®, President and Chief Executive Officer of the DCRO Institute. "When I first met Marcia Ashong, I quickly realized how closely our missions and goals align. Since then, we have been working collaboratively with her team to ensure this partnership is a great success for women leaders across the African continent."



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Recognizing the nuanced nature of risk is paramount in deepening Africa's integration into the global economy. Through this collaboration, there is a unique opportunity to empower the

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region's most talented women leaders with essential expertise in risk management, equipping them to thrive in the boardroom. This knowledge is instrumental in guiding organizations through expansion, ensuring they are well-prepared to navigate the complexities of growth and make meaningful strides in the global business arena.

One of the flagship programs offered by the DCRO Institute is 'The Board Members' Course on Risk®,' a comprehensive certificate program taught by leading figures in risk governance from around the world.

Graduates of this program are awarded the Certificate in Risk Governance®, a testament to their expertise in risk management and governance. Additionally, the DCRO Institute offers the Certificate in Cyber Risk Governance™, addressing the growing demand for cyber and technology knowledge on boards. The institute also grants the prestigious Qualified Risk Director® professional designation, recognizing exceptional individuals who link corporate strategy to the

positive governance of risk-taking. DCRO Institute credential holders now serve on boards in more than 45 countries on five continents.

What sets the DCRO Institute apart is its commitment to diversity and inclusion in developed and developing markets. More than half of its credential holders are women, reflecting a dedication to empowering women in leadership positions globally.

To learn more about the programs of the DCRO Institute, please visit <a href="https://courses.dcroi.org">https://courses.dcroi.org</a> or <a href="https://courses.dcroi.org">www.dcroi.org</a> to learn more about the organization. Read testimonials about our programs at <a href="https://courses.dcroi.org/testimonials">www.dcroi.org/testimonials</a>.

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About TheBoardroom Africa – TheBoardroom Africa (TBrA) is the largest regional community of 2700+ women executives in Africa and the diaspora. Our goal is to improve access to board and other leadership opportunities for women and accelerate the presence of women on boards while transforming the presence, voice, and influence of African women on a global stage. We bring together businesswomen of diverse occupations and sectors, providing them access to board opportunities and resources for them to grow personally and professionally through various initiatives, including but not limited to board effectiveness and other executive & personal development initiatives and more. Through events, research, and publications, TBrA inspires and educates the business community on the power of diverse leadership—and raises the bar for board service and diversity in Africa. We're driving the movement to recognize that when women and men lead side by side, business succeeds, and society thrives. Our members include C-Suite, VP, and director-level executives from every major industry spanning more than 65 countries across Africa.

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