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Qoncept - ICGN and India: A New Chapter in Global Governance Dialogue

What is ICGN?

The International Corporate Governance Network (ICGN) is a well-recognized and an esteemed global organization that is dedicatedly involved in advancing corporate governance and investor stewardship initiatives worldwide. Its global membership includes pension funds, sovereign wealth funds, and institutional investors that collectively oversee approximately USD 90 trillion in assets. ICGN's mission is helping shape principles that guide transparency, board accountability, shareholder rights, ESG practices, and long-term value creation.

Why India Is on ICGN's Global Agenda?

ICGN pursues to engage with policymakers, regulators and key stakeholders in crucial financial centres, such as Australia, Brussels, London, New York, and Tokyo to address emerging governance challenges and align market practices globally, thereby helping promote strong governance systems worldwide.

India's capital markets have expanded in scale, participation, and international relevance. Alongside this growth, the regulatory and governance landscape has been evolving — with stronger disclosure norms, clearer stewardship expectations, and greater emphasis on ESG integration. ICGN's visit to India may largely be indicative of its potential interest in India's ongoing transition toward enhanced governance and stewardship frameworks, a journey that is being closely observed by the global investor community. As a result, the need for alignment between India's governance frameworks and international expectations becomes increasingly important. Against this backdrop, ICGN's engagement with India carries meaningful significance.

The Upcoming Visit

In November 2025, ICGN's Chief Executive Officer, Jen Sisson, will visit India for a series of select, high-level meetings with key policymakers and regulatory leaders. These discussions are designed to facilitate a constructive exchange of perspectives between global investor expectations and India's governance imperatives.

The meetings will not be public; instead, they will focus on:

- The evolution of corporate governance practices,
- Transparency and disclosure standards,
- The role of long-term global capital in shaping governance systems.
- Stewardship responsibilities in India's market context,
- Emerging ESG trends, and

Role of Quantum

As ICGN's first Indian signatory, Quantum Advisors Private Limited – Sponsor Quantum Mutual Fund (Quantum) is privileged to curate Jen's travel plan during her visit. Since the mid-1990s, Quantum has been at the forefront of advocating for good governance investing, having launched its proprietary Integrity Screening framework to evaluate governance quality alongside traditional financial assessments. As an active contributor to ICGN's global policy committees, Quantum represents the emerging market perspective in global governance dialogues, and on the other hand, helping set standards and foster greater participation within India. Through this engagement, Quantum continues to highlight India's evolving governance landscape while integrating global best practices that strengthen its investment process. Hosting ICGN stands as yet another testament to Quantum's alignment with international governance and stewardship principles, deeply rooted in its long-standing investor-first philosophy across the Quantum Group . Quantum ESG Best In Class Strategy Fund, first ESG fund built on a proprietary framework, invests in companies that are focused on conserving the environment, on positively impacting communities that they operate in, and conducting business ethically.

Further, Quantum is the only Indian signatory to the UK stewardship code highlighting its pioneering nature in setting highest governance and stewardship standards.

What This Means for the Indian Market?

ICGN's decision to deepen its engagement with India signals a broader shift:

India's governance and regulatory evolution is now a subject of active interest among the world's most influential long-term investors.

This engagement offers India an opportunity to:

- Benchmark its governance frameworks against global standards,
- Highlight domestic progress, and
- Understand emerging global expectations
- Participate more actively in the global governance conversation.

If these interactions progress, India could eventually host ICGN signatory engagements in the future — further strengthening its visibility in global governance and stewardship networks.

Conclusion

ICGN's upcoming visit represents an important step in India's integration with global governance standards.

As the Indian market grows in size and complexity, alignment with internationally recognised stewardship practices will play an increasingly crucial role in attracting long-term, responsible capital.

This dialogue between ICGN and India's policymakers marks the beginning of a deeper, more structured engagement — one that supports India's journey toward a strengthened and globally connected governance ecosystem.

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