



Join IESC's Board of Directors and Help Make a Difference

About IESC:

Improving Economies for Stronger Communities (IESC) is a leading U.S. nonprofit organization that catalyzes private sector growth and creates economic opportunity for people and communities across the economically developing world. Since our founding in 1964—by David Rockefeller, Sol Linowitz, and Frank Pace, with US President Lyndon Johnson announcing IESC's founding in the White House Rose Garden—we have delivered lasting solutions across 139 countries.

We share proven business skills and experience with entrepreneurs, jobseekers, businesses, farmers, cooperatives, and governments. We also offer resources—human, technological, financial—that sustainably build capacity and empower communities. Our long legacy of strengthening developing economies is matched by our vision for the next generation: a world with economic opportunity for all, where people and communities thrive.

We achieve our mission primarily through the efforts of long-term staff, who are principally from the countries where we work. We also partner with local organizations to ensure our impact will endure. These efforts are supported by our home office staff in Washington, DC, and consultant and volunteer experts, as well as select international partners.

Our eight core areas of expertise consist of the following: access to finance and investment; agriculture-led growth; business enabling environment; institutional capacity strengthening; enterprise development and entrepreneurship; market linkages; trade facilitation; and workforce development.

Our major funders today are the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), among many others over the years.

Board Director General Duties and Responsibilities:

- Assures the long-term fiscal and organizational health of the organization in concert with other members of the IESC Board of Directors.
- Shares knowledge and/or connections related to IESC's areas of expertise that helps IESC improve on its program implementation and associated impact.
- Attends and participates in board meetings – generally four per year (a mix of remote and in-person).

- Serves on and participates in one or more IESC Board committees (committees include Audit; Finance and Pension; Nominating and Governance; and Executive).
- Casts a vote on the organization’s proposed annual budget, resolutions, and other matters as consistent with IESC’s Bylaws.
- Directly donates a limited amount to IESC on an annual basis (amount is voted upon by the IESC Board each year).
- Reviews documents and responds to requests for input in a timely manner.

Board Director Terms:

Terms are three years. IESC Voting Directors can serve up to four consecutive three-year terms, or twelve consecutive years.

Board Director Qualifications:

- Interest and dedication to the mission of helping people improve their lives by strengthening the private sector in economically developing countries.
- A willingness to devote reasonable time to the organization.
- A high-level background with larger firms related to IESC’s areas of expertise and associated economic sectors, in one of the following areas:
 - Agribusiness; agricultural banking; technology and startups; digitalization/ information technology (IT) systems; corporate workforce development in IT and/or hospitality (ideally a chief people officer type role); green business/ sustainability; legal (general counsel type background with agricultural, finance/investment, hospitality, IT, or light manufacturing firm); and Chief Financial Officer or Chief Audit Officer (with a company operating in a sector as included above under legal).
- Prior nonprofit board experience preferred but not required.

Candidates that promote the diversity of IESC’s Board are particularly welcomed.

No Director shall be compensated for serving IESC in this capacity. A Director may be reimbursed for direct out-of-pocket expenses for attending meetings of the Board in accordance with IESC’s policies, as adopted or approved by the Board.

For questions or to express interest, please contact IESC President & CEO David Hartingh at dhartingh@iesc.org.