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## **Effective Governance made easier in light of the King III Report**

In the wake of the global economic recession and the resultant funding crisis facing the non-profit sector, an invaluable resource has been published for NPO leaders and individuals who serve on the boards of civil society organisations.

The release of this publication, entitled “Effective Governance for Non-Profit Boards”, coincided with the 1<sup>st</sup> September launch in Johannesburg of the final King III Report on Corporate Governance and its accompanying Code of Governance Principles. This new policy framework will apply to both corporate and non-profit entities, and will require NPOs to step up their governance processes in ensuring sustainability and compliance.

The publication stresses that effective non-profit governance and a track record of good board oversight are key to cultivating donor confidence – and are thus critical factors in securing long-term organisational sustainability.

“A well-run board is a valuable asset to any non-profit organisation. It can enable the organisation to achieve its goal and face challenges in constructive and informed ways... What’s more, if the board members are carefully chosen, these individuals may bring with them a wealth of experience and insight, which will only strengthen the organisation,” the publication states.

The informative and easy-to-read publication is published by Inyathelo - The South African Institute for Advancement, and is the third book in their Good Governance series.

The publication notes that an organisation that is governed effectively can be identified by a set of characteristics that support and maintain organisational accountability - to both donors and beneficiaries. Such organisations:

- Are accessible and responsive to beneficiaries, donors and staff;
- Support transparency – freely and accurately discloses information about governance, finances and operations;
- Educate board members about their roles and responsibilities;
- Promote public education on the work and value of the organisations;
- Embrace diversity and inclusiveness;
- Involve stakeholders in planning and evaluations;

- Engage in regular, objective assessments of its board, the executive director and the overall organisational performance.

Key issues covered in the document include understanding effective governance, external factors that impact on non-profit governance and core disciplines for effective governance.

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