

Notes for IoD Bermuda Conference remarks:

Good afternoon! I hope the day is going well so far.

I'm Sean Moran from the BDA and we're your Lunch Sponsor today...so eat up and enjoy! I also hope you enjoy the blue BDA tote bags. Fun fact: they can hold up to three frozen pizzas from the grocery store!

The BDA, as many of you know, works to actively promote Bermuda as a unique, elite centre for high-quality international business.

When we're out on the road talking up Bermuda, we always lead with Bermuda's reputation, and the credibility that Bermuda has built over many decades for being a well-regulated and compliant jurisdiction.

One of the key elements of this story is the focus on, and the commitment to, the highest standards of corporate governance over companies that operate in and from Bermuda.

Also, the quality of the Directors that are available here. With such a deep pool of expertise across multiple industries and sectors – insurance and reinsurance, asset management, banking, telecoms, private wealth and trust, shipping, tourism and hospitality, technology, etc. – Bermuda can boast some of the most diverse and talented Boards of any jurisdiction, onshore or offshore. Experienced people who understand the balancing act between risk management and business growth...the things the last panel talked about.

So, the BDA is absolutely supportive of events such as this that bring together those in the Governance space for discussions that will boost your knowledge, develop your skills further, and ultimately enhance Bermuda's profile and competitiveness in this important area.

Thank you for coming and I hope the rest of your day's agenda is productive.

Now, it is my great pleasure to welcome our Keynote Speaker, Fiona Luck. Fiona has held senior positions and directorships at many prestigious firms over the years (her full bio is in your conference booklet), and in March of this year she was appointed as a Non-Executive Director to the Lloyds of London Franchise Board. She will share with us some of her experiences, perspectives, and real-life lessons learned from her years of active participation on several corporate boards.

Welcome, Fiona.