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Charity governance code update: Practical implications for INGOs

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Key updates

- Why INGO governance is different
- Charity Governance Code – what good looks like
- Governance: a guide for international NGOs
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[governance - a guide for international ngos by buzzacott bond.pdf](#)

Governance in INGOs



Red flags

HQ-centric board discussions

Little visible challenge

Safeguarding treated as compliance only

Weak visibility of country and partner risk

Strategy chasing funding

Weak beneficiary voice

Some practical priorities

- Refresh the board skills matrix
- Strengthen board reporting
- Test assurance over key risks
- Align strategy, model, and localisation
- Run an apply-or-explain review

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