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CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHY

Mr. Macrae's involvement in GRM goes back to its inception in 2009 and he has been a co-Coordinator of the group since.

From 1975 to 2007, he was a lawyer in the UK government where he worked across a series of nine ministries and rose to the rank of Director General. This has given him a deep understanding of the working of government and the role of law (both civil law and common law); he was one of the elite team of EU legal experts within the UK government. His focus has been on legislation rather than litigation, i.e. using law as a policy tool which is essentially what "regulation" is about. He has been one of the leading players in pioneering "better regulation" within the UK government.

Since 2007, he has worked as a freelance consultant in Policy and Regulation, building a practice that has covered around 30 countries, working for various international organisations and international consultancies, primarily with the World Bank. This has required an understanding of different world views which he has been able to build up with five years (off and on) in Sharia States in Northern Nigeria, ten years in the former Soviet Union countries and eight years in China. He has also advised ASEAN on STRACAP (standards, technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures) as well as working in border posts in Mongolia (with China and Russia). This experience has been about making regulation work in practice (known now as "regulatory delivery").

He has also run for 15 years a lottery business in the UK which is part of the very heavily regulated gambling sector, providing a solid experience of operating businesses under regulation.

Within the range of his regulatory work, product safety regulation and international regulatory cooperation have both figured quite prominently. He has been visiting consultant to Brazil's technical regulator, Inmetro which was going through a "golden age" of innovation and best practice. He has also experienced product regulators at the other extreme in the Balkans and South-East Asia.



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Virtual webinar

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