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Current work plan

1. IFRS Amendments expected 2019
2. Consultation documents
3. Maintenance projects—issued and upcoming Exposure Drafts
4. Work in progress 2019
5. Completed projects
1. IFRS Amendments expected 2019

The Board expects to issue the following IFRS amendment in 2019:

Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current

The Board expects to issue the following Exposure Draft and IFRS amendment in 2019:

IBOR Reform and its Effects on Financial Reporting
### 2. Consultation documents

The Board expects to issue the following consultation documents:

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4. Work in progress 2019

Board considering feedback on Exposure Drafts
- Accounting Policies and Accounting Estimates
- Accounting Policy Changes
- Availability of Refund
- Property, Plant and Equipment: Proceeds before Intended Use

Exposure Draft (expected 2020)
- Targeted Standards-level Review of Disclosures

Research in progress
- Pension Benefits that Depend on Asset Returns
- Provisions
- Extractive activities
- Dynamic Risk Management
5. Completed projects

The Board expects to issue the following project summaries in 2019:

- Discount rates
- Improvements to IFRS 8 Operating Segments
- Disclosure Initiative—Principles of Disclosure
Better Communication in Financial Reporting

1. Primary Financial Statements
2. Disclosure Initiative
3. Management Commentary
4. IFRS Taxonomy
Objective of the Primary Financial Statements project

Targeted improvements to the primary financial statements with a focus on the statement(s) of financial performance

Primary Financial Statements

- Statement(s) of financial performance
- Statement of financial position
- Statement of cash flows
- Statement of changes in equity
Respondents identified the project as a priority and recommended focusing on the statement(s) of financial performance.

Board discussions on topics in project scope

Board decision on project scope
Targeted improvements, mainly to the presentation of the statement(s) of financial performance

Publish Exposure Draft or Discussion Paper

Agenda Consultation
PFS—Stakeholder feedback and key tentative Board decisions

- **Users**: Statements of financial performance are not sufficiently comparable between different companies
- **Users**: Non-GAAP measures can provide useful information, but transparency needs to be improved
- **Preparers**: I need flexibility to tell my company’s story
- **Users**: There is insufficient disaggregation in financial statements

**Introduce** defined subtotals in the statement(s) of financial performance

**Introduce disclosure of Management Performance Measures**

**Improve** disaggregation
2. Disclosure Initiative—the disclosure problem

- The Board has identified three main concerns about disclosures in financial statements:
  - not enough relevant information
  - too much irrelevant information
  - ineffective communication
Disclosure Initiative—completed projects

- Amendments to IAS 1 and IAS 8—Definition of Material
- Materiality Practice Statement
- Better Communication Case Studies
- Amendments to IAS 1 to remove barriers to application of judgment
- Amendments to IAS 7 to improve disclosure of changes in liabilities (including non-cash flows) in financing activities
Disclosure Initiative—Definition of Material (Amendments to IAS 1 and IAS 8)

Information is material if **omitting, misstating or obscuring** it could reasonably be expected to influence decisions that the primary users of general purpose financial statements make on the basis of those financial statements, which provide financial information about a specific reporting entity.

**New definition**

- Some think the threshold ‘could influence’ is too low and could be applied too broadly.
- Focused only on information that cannot be omitted (material information).
- Referred to ‘users’ but does not specify their characteristics.

**Replaces with ‘could reasonably be expected to influence’**

- Includes ‘obscuring’ to clarify that the effect of including immaterial information should also be considered.

**Uses the wording of the definition in the Conceptual Framework**

*Consistent with existing requirements in IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements*
Disclosure Initiative—Materiality Practice Statement

IFRS Practice Statement 2 *Making Materiality Judgements*

Gathers in one place all the requirements on materiality from IFRS Standards and adds practical guidance and examples

**Objective**

Provides reporting entities with guidance on making materiality judgements when preparing financial statements in accordance with IFRS Standards

**Form of the guidance**

The Practice Statement does not change any existing requirements nor introduce any new requirements; it is a non-mandatory document developed by the Board
Disclosure Initiative—Better Communication case studies

Objective

• demonstrate that better communication is already possible
• inspire others to improve communication

Content

• focuses on the seven principles of effective communication from the Principles of Disclosure Discussion Paper
• shows how companies disclosed information before and after enhancing communication in their financial statements.
• describes how companies improved the way they communicate (the process)
Disclosure Initiative—active projects

Disclosure Initiative

Research project

Principles of Disclosure

Preparation Project Summary

Maintenance projects

Targeted Standards-level Review of Disclosures

Accounting Policy Disclosures
Disclosure Initiative—Principles of Disclosure

Objective

• identify disclosure issues

Main outcomes

• added a project on **targeted standards-level review of disclosures**
• added a project to help entities apply materiality judgments to **accounting policy disclosure**
• consider broader implications of technology for financial communication in the Board’s Technology Initiative
• consider performance measures topic in the Board’s Primary Financial Statements project
Disclosure Initiative—Targeted Standards-level Review of Disclosures

Objective

• help stakeholders improve the usefulness of disclosures for the primary users of financial statements
• develop guidance for the Board to use when developing and drafting disclosure objectives and requirements (as a set of Board decisions)
• not to change the volume of disclosure requirements, although this may be a consequence

Next steps

• test the draft guidance for the Board by applying it to IAS 19 Employee Benefits and IFRS 13 Fair Value Measurement
• publish an exposure draft of amendments to the disclosure requirements in IAS 19 and IFRS 13, where formal stakeholder feedback on the draft guidance for the Board will be obtained
3. What is management commentary?

The **Management Commentary Practice Statement (MCPS)** provides a broad, non-binding framework for the presentation of management commentary that relates to financial statements prepared applying IFRS Standards. The MCPS focuses on what’s relevant to the unique circumstances of the business. It does not prescribe detailed industry or issue-specific disclosures.
Reasons for updating the Management Commentary Practice Statement

- Proliferation of requirements with diverse objectives
- Incorporate relevant developments from other frameworks
- Close gaps in existing practice
- Growing importance of intangible business resources & relationships
- Complementary information to support longer-term decision making
- Better support for the interpretation of the financial statements
The current Management Commentary Practice Statement:
A principles based non-binding framework for presenting investor-relevant narrative content based on the specific circumstances of the business.

This is not expected to change, but the update could support a more rigorous approach to determining which matters to address and the information to provide in the management commentary.

Recent developments:
- Innovations from International Integrated Reporting Framework and national narrative reporting frameworks build on MCPS.
- Acknowledged gaps in practice, including:
  - inconsistent business model reporting
  - short-term strategic focus
  - continuing challenges in reporting pre-financial indicators
  - Growing frustration with investment and management short-termism.

Key concepts expected to drive the update:
- Value creation puts more emphasis on long term prospects.
- Business model and strategy provide a focus for building the report.
- Integration and linkage ensure key issues are followed across the report.
- Key resources and intangibles further support a long-term focus.
- Materiality—when to report a matter and the information to provide.

It is not envisaged that the update will prescribe detailed industry or subject-matter specific measures.
What could a revised Management Commentary Practice Statement cover?

Management commentary

Information relevant to understanding the future development of the financial statements

**Business model, risk, strategy and operating environment**

Qualitative and quantitative information on:
- the operational position of the business
- the factors affecting its future development

**Current year financial analysis**

- Explanation of current year financial performance and position
- Additional / non-GAAP financial analysis

**Pre-financial Information**

Pre-financial information and explanations that provide insight into:
- business progress
- implications for future financial performance

Covers resources and relationships key to value creation

**Forward-looking statements**

Explaining statements of forecast and target financial and non-financial expectations (*where made*)

+ Linkage to governance and remuneration disclosures

Insight into the company’s **strategy** for creating shareholder value over time, its **progress** in implementing it, and the **potential impact** on future financial performance **not yet captured** by the financial statements.
The IFRS Taxonomy reflects the presentation and disclosure requirements of IFRS Standards and related common reporting practice in a timely and accurate manner.

- consists of ‘elements’ used by preparers to tag the information in IFRS financial statements
- makes IFRS disclosures more accessible to users of structured electronic data
- facilitates communication between preparers and users
The IFRS Taxonomy (continued)

### Content improvements
- IFRS 13 *Fair Value Measurement* (common practice elements)
- 2018 General improvements
- Research XBRL fillings to identify potential improvements

### Implementation support
- Update of supporting materials eg *Using the IFRS Taxonomy—A preparer’s guide*
- Ongoing support for regulators on adopting IFRS Taxonomy, including translations

### Improving data quality
- Cooperation with XBRL International and other stakeholders on improving quality and accessibility of digital information

The impact of new or amended IFRS Standards on the IFRS Taxonomy in the next 12 months is expected to be limited
Research opportunities

1. Primary Financial Statements
   o Financial statement presentation - comparability; benefits of subtotals and disaggregation; benefits of MPMs (non-GAAP)

2. Disclosure Initiative
   o Disclosure objectives and quality of disclosure (completeness, usefulness)
   o Materiality (impact of IAS 1 changes and Materiality Practice Statement)

3. Management Commentary
   o Links between narrative information and financial information; costs and benefits of narrative reporting; explanations for best practice reporting

4. Taxonomy
   o FPI listed with SEC use IFRS taxonomy. Evidence about - Comparability in reporting; use of extensions; benefits for investors from taxonomy
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1. Business Combinations under Common Control (BCUCC)

Business Combinations under Common Control (BCUCC) are excluded from the scope of IFRS 3 *Business Combinations*.

In practice, companies account for BCUCC using:

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<td>but there is diversity in practice in how the method is applied</td>
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Concerns about the diversity in practice raised by various interested parties, notably security regulators.
BCUCC—methods of accounting

Decision process

- single method for all transactions within the scope?
- different methods for different transactions?

which method?
which methods?
how to choose?

Alternatives to explore

- acquisition method, as in IFRS 3?
- predecessor method? If yes, how to apply it?
- other methods?
2. Dynamic Risk Management (DRM)

Objective

• improve information regarding risk management and how risk management activities affect the entity’s current and future economic resources

Guiding principles

• transparency
• consideration of capacity constraints
• dynamic nature
• performance measurement

Focused on solutions involving both measurement and disclosure
### Approach to developing the Dynamic Risk Management model

#### Current stage
- develop ‘core areas’ that will underpin the DRM model (‘core model’):
  - asset profile
  - target profile
  - derivatives used for DRM purposes
  - performance assessment

#### Next steps
- Presentation and disclosure
- seek feedback on the ‘core model’ before developing ‘non-core areas’. These include:
  - financial assets at FVOCI
  - equity as a source of funding
3. Extractive activities

**Objective**

- The Board is gathering evidence to decide whether to start a project to develop proposals to replace IFRS 6 *Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources*
- IFRS 6 allows diversity in recognition and measurement which can affect primary users’ understanding of financial statements

**Current stage**

- The Board has asked National Standard-setters (NSS) that contributed to a 2010 Extractive Activities Discussion Paper to make the Board aware of developments since 2010
- The staff is also undertaking research on developments since 2010

**Next steps**

- The Board will:
  - discuss national standard-setters’ feedback
  - set the project’s scope
4. Financial Instruments with Characteristics of Equity (FICE)

Challenges

- IAS 32 *Financial Instruments: Presentation* works well for most financial instruments, but challenges applying it to complex financial instruments.
- limited information available to investors about equity instruments.
- no clear rationale for classification.

Board’s response—Discussion Paper 2018

- articulate classification principles—clear rationale
- limit changes to IAS 32
- propose additional information through presentation and disclosure.
FICE—the Board’s preferred approach to classification outlined in the Discussion Paper

A financial instrument issued by an entity is a financial liability if the answer is yes to one or both of the following questions:

- Can the issuer be required to pay cash or to hand over another financial asset before liquidation?
- Has the issuer promised a return to the instrument’s holder regardless of the issuer’s own performance or share price?

Otherwise, it is an equity instrument.
FICE—the Board’s preferred approach to classification in the Discussion paper (continued)

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5. Goodwill and Impairment—Project timeline

The Board sought stakeholder feedback on specified matters as part of the Post-implementation Review (PIR) of IFRS 3. Based on key findings from research project the Board decided to pursue three objectives for follow-up work (see slide 2) and to issue a Discussion Paper as the next step of the project.

- **2009**
  - Entities started implementing revised IFRS 3 *Business Combinations*.

- **2013**
  - The Board set as research objectives exploring whether to consider:
    - changing the subsequent accounting for goodwill;
    - allowing identifiable intangible assets to be included within goodwill;
    - providing better information about goodwill and impairment through disclosures; and
    - improving the impairment test in IAS 36 *Impairment of Assets*.

- **2015**
  - July 2018
  - The Board will continue its discussions on how to achieve the project objectives and work on drafting a Discussion Paper.

- **2019**
  - Based on key findings from research project the Board decided to pursue three objectives for follow-up work (see slide 2) and to issue a Discussion Paper as the next step of the project.
The Board has tentatively decided to pursue three objectives to address the interrelated problems identified in the research. The objectives are:

**Objective A**
Identifying **disclosures** to enable investors to assess:
- management’s rationale for the business combination; and
- whether the post-acquisition performance of the business combination meets expectations set at the acquisition date

**Objective B**
Simplifying the accounting for goodwill by exploring whether to:
- permit an **indicator-only** approach to determine when an impairment test is required; and/or
- **reintroduce amortisation of goodwill**

**Objective C**
Improving the calculation of **value in use** by exploring whether to:
- remove the prohibition on the inclusion in cash flow projections of future enhancements to the asset; and
- permit the use of post-tax inputs in the calculation of value in use
Staff’s ideas to improve disclosures for business combinations are as follows:

- Improving existing disclosure objectives of IFRS 3 to meet research objective A
- Making targeted improvements to existing disclosure requirements of IFRS 3
- Developing additional disclosure requirements on subsequent performance of business combinations
- Performing limited review of IFRS 3 disclosures in the light of the disclosure objectives
Goodwill and Impairment—Objective B - Work in progress: Indicator-only approach

✓ Exploring possible relief from mandatory annual quantitative impairment test
  - requiring impairment testing of goodwill only when there are indicators of possible impairment (indicator-only approach)

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<td>• shielding limits the effectiveness of the impairment test;</td>
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<td>• focus of the test if the unit does not include goodwill is the same but required if indicator present; and</td>
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<td>• risks loss of good governance mechanism and useful disclosures</td>
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Goodwill and Impairment—Objective B - Work in progress: Amortisation of goodwill

Rationale for reconsidering amortisation of goodwill

- Not possible to make impairment test effective enough to solve “too little too late” issue
- Improved information about post-acquisition performance to be provided through better disclosures
- Some still concerned by increasing amounts of goodwill
- Amortisation could be a pragmatic way to reduce the acquired goodwill balance

- Amortisation with impairment model vs Impairment-only model
  - Stakeholder views during the post implementation review were polarised
  - No significant new arguments or evidence to support the reintroduction of amortisation identified during the research project
  - Amortisation being reconsidered on cost-benefit grounds
  - Decision is whether to change IFRS 3
  - Staff think there needs to be a strong argument to reintroduce amortisation
**Goodwill and Impairment—Objective C - Work in progress: Improving calculation of value in use**

- Pursuing targeted changes to the value in use calculation by removing the requirement of IAS 36:
  - To exclude from the calculation of value in use those cash flows arising from a future restructuring or from a future enhancement
  - To use pre-tax inputs in calculating value in use

- Relatively straightforward improvements.
  - Reduce the costs and complexity of the impairment test in IAS 36.
  - Need to address concerns over ensuring cash flows from future restructuring or enhancement reasonable
6. Rate-regulated Activities—the regulatory agreement

- In **defined rate regulation**, the rate regulator intervenes to affect both the **amount** and the **timing** of the price \( P \) billed to customers.
Rate-regulated Activities—the model being developed

**Challenge**

- how should companies recognise assets and liabilities arising from the effects (timing and amount) of **defined rate regulation**?

**Project scope**

**Regulatory framework** that:
- is **binding** for both company and regulator; and
- establishes a **rate-setting mechanism** for goods or services that creates assets and liabilities due to **timing differences** arising when the regulated rate in **one period** includes amounts relating to required activities carried out by the entity in a **different period**

**Supplementary model**

- would not amend existing IFRS Standards

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**Output**

Discussion Paper or Exposure Draft in H2 2019

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**Ongoing Board discussions**
Research opportunities

1. Business combinations under common control
   - Which accounting methods are used? Factors associated with use?
     - Benefits for investors?

2. Dynamic risk management (macro hedging)
   - IFRS 7 How have investors benefited from additional disclosures about hedging?

3. Extractive activities
   - Extent of diversity in policy choice. Impact for investors. Is standard setting required?
   - One approach for all development expenses (irrespective of industry)
   - Role of additional information – which information in financial statements vs elsewhere?
Research opportunities (continued)

4. Financial instruments with characteristics of equity
   o Consistency between views in comment letters and academic evidence
   o Relationship of DP proposals and revised Conceptual Framework

5. Goodwill and impairment
   o Any new evidence?
   o Effectiveness of impairment tests; usefulness of goodwill amortisation
   o Reasons for non-compliance; factors promoting high quality disclosure (causality)

6. Rate regulated activity
   o Extent of diversity in practice; impact of diversity for investors
Research pipeline and post-implementation reviews
## Research pipeline

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Post-implementation reviews

- Completed —no action
  - IFRS 8
  - IFRS 13
- Completed
  - IFRS 3
- Future PIRs
  - IFRS 10, 11, 12
  - IFRS 5
Supporting Implementation
Why we support implementation

Objective in supporting the Standards

We…
help stakeholders obtain a common understanding of the requirements - ie what they are aiming for

In order to…
support consistent application of IFRS Standards

Because it…
protects IFRS Standards as a single set of global Standards for the benefit of users
The challenge

• In supporting implementation and application of the Standards, the challenge for a standard-setter is to balance:

- Helpful
- Responsive
- Not undermine principle-based nature of IFRS Standards
- Not disrupt practice (preparers, auditors, regulators)
Support for new Standards

New Standards

- Transition Resource Group
- Educational webinars and other materials
- Board and Committee public discussions
- Conferences
- Education—regulators, NSS, investors
- Narrow-scope standard-setting
IASB support for IFRS 17 implementation

- **Webinars**
- **Articles and other materials**
- **Conferences**
- **Transition Resource Group (TRG)**

**Education for**
- investors
- regulators
- standard-setters
- preparers

**IASB discussions**
- deferral of effective date to 2022*
- targeted amendments to ease implementation*

**Informal technical discussions with**
- regulators
- standard-setters
- audit firms
- preparers

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* proposed deferral of effective date to 2022 and proposed targeted amendments will be subject to public consultation in 2019
Purpose of the IFRS 17 TRG

- Public forum for discussion of submitted questions
- Helps companies to implement IFRS 17
- Helps the Board to identify if more support is needed
- Webcasts, papers and summaries available on web site
IFRS 17—
Overview of submissions received on IFRS 17

- 42 - Topic addressed in specific TRG papers
- 24 - Answered applying only the words in IFRS 17
- 6 - Did not meet the submission criteria
- 4 - Implementation challenges only
- 3 - Identified annual improvements or editorial corrections
- 2 - Resulted in educational materials

81 submissions as at September 2018
22 additional submissions received in October 2018
The Board has discussed 25 topics and has decided to propose some amendments to IFRS 17 to respond to the concerns and implementation challenges raised.
IFRS 17 timeline

Disclosure of expected impacts of IFRS 17

2017
- IFRS 17 issued

2018
- Expected publication of Exposure Draft

2019
- Expected finalisation
- Amendments to IFRS 17*

2020
- Start of IFRS 17 comparative period*

2021
- First IFRS 17 compliant annual reports published*
- Early application permitted

2022
- IFRS 17 is effective (1 January 2022)*

2023

* proposed deferral of effective date to 2022 and other amendments will be subject to public consultation in 2019

IASB support for IFRS 17 implementation
IFRS 17—Next steps

• The Board is expected to:
  – complete its discussions on potential amendments to IFRS 17 to help implementation of the Standard at the end of the first quarter 2019
  – publish the Exposure Draft on the proposed amendments at the end of June 2019

• Ongoing activities to support IFRS 17 implementation
  – TRG meeting scheduled on 4 April 2019
Support for Standards in effect

- Narrow-scope standard-setting
- Interpretations process
- Agenda decisions
- Working with other organisations such as regulators and NSS
- Educational materials

Standards in effect
Interpretations Committee
Overview of 2018 activities

23 topics addressed by Committee
- 21 agenda decisions with explanatory material
- 2 amendments or additions to IFRS Standards

28 topics discussed

1 No evidence that matter has widespread effect
1 Work in progress
3 Committee provided feedback on proposed amendments

6 Committee meetings held in 2018.
Maintenance projects
IBOR Reform and the Effects on Financial Reporting

Identified problem

- The potential discontinuation of interest rate benchmarks (ie IBOR reform) could have a significant and widespread impact across financial markets as they are embedded in a variety of financial instruments.

Approach

- Assess the nature and extent of the issues affecting financial reporting before IBOR reform is enacted.
- A later phase will address issues arising when IBOR reform is enacted.
IBOR Reform and the Effects on Financial Reporting (continued)

Board’s decisions

• Address concerns related to the uncertainties arising from IBOR reform by providing relief on the application of the following hedge accounting qualifying criteria required by IFRS 9 and IAS 39:
  – ‘highly probable’
  – ‘prospective assessment’ and
  – ‘separately identifiable risk components’

• That relief does not affect the actual economics of the transactions which should continue to be reflected in financial reporting

Next steps

• The Board issued an Exposure Draft in May 2019, with a comment deadline of 17 June 2019
The IFRS for SMEs Standard
The *IFRS for SMEs* Standard

**Previous reviews**

- *IFRS for SMEs Standard* first published July 2009
- amendments issued in May 2015 based on first comprehensive review
  - few significant issues were identified
  - a limited number of targeted improvements made

**Current stage**

- The Board has commenced the next review of the *IFRS for SMEs Standard* (2019 Review)
- The Board is developing a Request for Information focused on obtaining views on whether and, if so, how to update the *IFRS for SMEs Standard*

**Next steps**

- The Board expects to issue the a Request for Information in H2 2019
IFRS for SMEs 2019 Review—Status

**October 2015**
Issued amended IFRS for SMEs Standard effective 1 January 2017

**Q3 2015**

**2018**

**January 2019**
2019 Review begins

**February 2019**
The Board
- Project plan for 2019 Review
- Phase 1: issue RFI

**Q1 2019**

**October 2018**
Emerging Economies Group
Presented background to IFRS for SMEs

**January 2019**
SMEIG Consultative Group (Outreach requests)
- Advice on RFI\(^1\) content
- Issues affecting jurisdictions

**March 2019**
Advisory Council
- Advice on the scope of the IFRS for SMEs Standard

\(^1\) RFI = Request for information.
Implementation Support

• Implementation questions can be submitted at any time:
  – referred to SME Implementation Group (SMEIG) if likely to meet criteria in paragraph 15 of SMEIG Terms of Reference and Operating Procedures; or
  – considered when updating education materials.

• The questions are used to develop non-mandatory guidance to support the implementation of the *IFRS for SMEs* Standard.
Supporting *IFRS for SMEs* Standard—modules

**Purpose**

- designed to support anyone learning about, applying, or reading financial statements prepared using the *IFRS for SMEs* Standard

**A module for each section of the Standard includes:**

- the section’s requirements;
- significant estimates and other judgements;
- comparison with full IFRS Standards; and
- comprehensive examples and activities.
Research Opportunities – IFRS for SMEs

• Extent of use, expanding scope
  – Benefits of current scope

• Costs and benefits of use
  – Benefits for preparers
  – Benefits for investors and others

• Underlying principles: simplification vs convergence with IFRS Standards

• Obstacles to adoption
Supporting resources
Resources available on our website

New website
www.ifrs.org

Video

Leaflet
Supporting IFRS Standards

Supporting materials sorted by Standard

IFRS Standards

IFRIC Interpretations

News and events

For example, for IFRS 9 Financial Instruments

Webinars

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Transition Resource Group

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IFRS® Standards

IFRS Standards Required
1 January 2019 (Blue Book)

The Annotated IFRS® Standards
Required 2019 (Blue)
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