Agenda paper 5

International Financial Reporting Standards



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The agenda setting process

- One-off opportunity
 - 2005: focus on European, Australian, New Zealand adoption
 then: completion of US MoU and response to financial crisis
- Start of a new phase chance to openly discuss 'What next?'
- First time broad public consultation on agenda
- Will be an iterative process, need to probe and refine
- Outcome will provide important input to IASB's work plan



- Your views on the strategic direction and overall balance of our work
- Against a background of
 - a more diverse IFRS community
 - a complex market environment
- Understanding global financial reporting needs
 - what's important?
 - considering time and resource constraints:
 - priorities;
 - choices; and
 - Consequences.



What should we focus on?

Develop reporting...

- big picture thinking, time for reflection
- conceptual framework
- disclosure framework
- more research
- more projects if so, which ones?

Maintain existing IFRSs...

- implementation assistance
- develop interpretations
- annual improvements
- post-implementation reviews



What are the most urgent needs?

- We're asking investors what do you think needs to change...
 - in the income statement?
 - in the balance sheet?
 - in the cash flow statement?
 - in the segment disclosures?
 - in note disclosures?
- Investor input is key as the primary users of financial statements... but they rarely take part in the comment letter process, so...



Targeted investor outreach

- Online investor survey
 - ranking projects
 - understanding what's wrong with financial reporting
- Regional small group meetings

 getting input from a global perspective
- Investor-focused webcast
 - why they should care about what's on the IASB's agenda



What's next?





Questions or comments?

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