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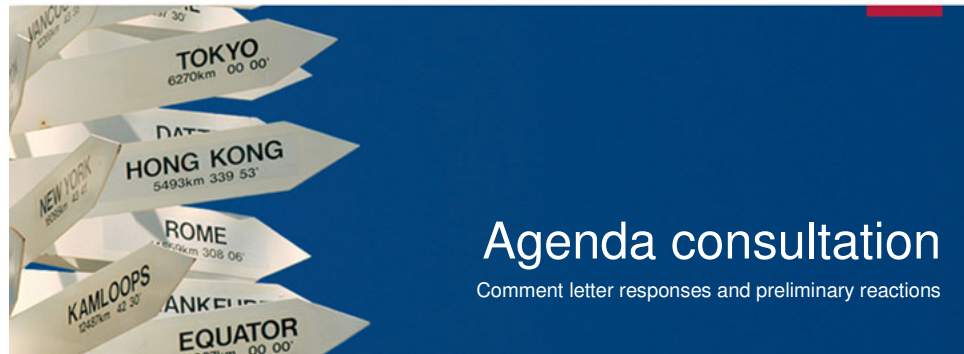
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Agenda consultation

Comment letter responses and preliminary reactions

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Agenda

Today:

Overview of comment letter analysis	3:00-3:20
Questions on the comment letter analysis	3:20-3:35
Agenda setting process	3:35-3:45
Break-out sessions	3:45-5:30
strategic balance	
agenda setting criteria	

Tomorrow:

Feedback session	9:00-10:00
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The agenda setting process

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- Unique opportunity
 - 2005: focus on European, Australian, New Zealand adoption
 - then: completion of US MoU and
 - response to financial crisis
- The Request for Views was published in July 2011; the comment period ended 30 November 2011
- The Board discussed the comment letter analysis and messages received from investors at the January 2012 Board meeting



Respondents - by geography

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Region	Number	Percentage
Europe	111	45.3
Asia and Oceania	56	22.9
North America	48	19.6
International	17	6.9
South America	9	3.7
Africa	4	1.6
Total	245	100



Respondents by type

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Type	Number	Percentage
Preparers	122	49.8
Auditors & firms	36	14.7
Standard-setters	35	14.3
Regulators	15	6.1
Investors	14	5.7
Individuals	12	4.9
Actuaries	5	2.1
Charities & NGOs	4	1.6
Academics	2	0.8
Total	245	100



Strategically - we asked what should we focus on

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Develop financial 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
- narrow, targeted amendments to IFRSs



Key messages received

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- Complete the four current projects as a priority
- Last 10 years represent significant change. Emphasis has been on development – emphasis should now be on maintenance
- But develop the conceptual framework, including a disclosure framework
- Wide-spread request for period of calm
- Go for a less ambitious agenda in future
- Board should use wider range of resources – including national standard setters



Strategy -conceptual framework

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- Most respondents thought the development of a sound conceptual framework is fundamental
 - It enables constituents to apply standards consistently
 - It forms the basis for revising and developing standards
- Address performance as a priority
 - Clarify concept of profit or loss; nature of OCI; basis for recycling
- Focus on topics in the conceptual framework that will address known problems
 - eg definition of asset for rate-regulated industries; emissions trading schemes



Strategy -research

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- Some confusion about what we mean by research
- Emphasis on evidence on which to assess the need for change
- More help from national standard setters and others
- Make more use of external research
- Facilitate global research
- Strengthen links with academics



Strategy - standards-level projects

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- Complete revenue, FI, leases and insurance
- Generally new standard-level projects not seen as an immediate priority
- Emphasis on evidence-based standard setting
- A number of factors suggested to consider when adding new projects to the agenda
 - feasible solution
 - urgent & important
 - balance resources required with benefits achieved



Strategy – post-implementation reviews

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- Consistent message with previous consultation
- Scope in due process is limited to contentious issues and unexpected costs
- Review of new IFRSs and major amendments
- Some suggested cohesive reviews of groups of IFRSs
 - eg consolidations, joint arrangements and joint ventures and associates
- Timing – too soon?
- Outcomes important; respondents want clear conclusions or recommendations



Strategy - implementation support

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- Consistent application of existing IFRSs is the goal
- Support should ensure:
 - consistent application and implementation
 - unexpected issues arising from new standards identified and addressed
 - issues responded to quickly
 - adopters need particular support



Questions or comments?

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Any questions or comments on the feedback received on the agenda consultation?



Break out session

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The staff would like to hear your views in two areas

- How should comments received about the Board's identified strategic areas affect the agenda setting process?
 - balance of strategic areas
 - conceptual framework
 - role of research in standard setting
- What factors should be considered when developing a framework for assessing the priorities of standards-level projects?

Balance of strategic areas

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Issue 1

- Do you think the IASB should give more emphasis to maintaining IFRSs, even if this means less time is available for the conceptual framework, research and standards-level projects?
- What importance do you think the Board should place on developing the conceptual framework? To which phases of the framework should the IASB give priority, or should a revised framework be developed in one phase?



Balance of strategic areas- research

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Issue 2

- Do you agree that items should not be added to the standards-level agenda until adequate evidence is gathered to properly define the problem and its scope, that solutions are feasible, of high quality and implementable and that the agenda criteria are met?



Priority assessment criteria

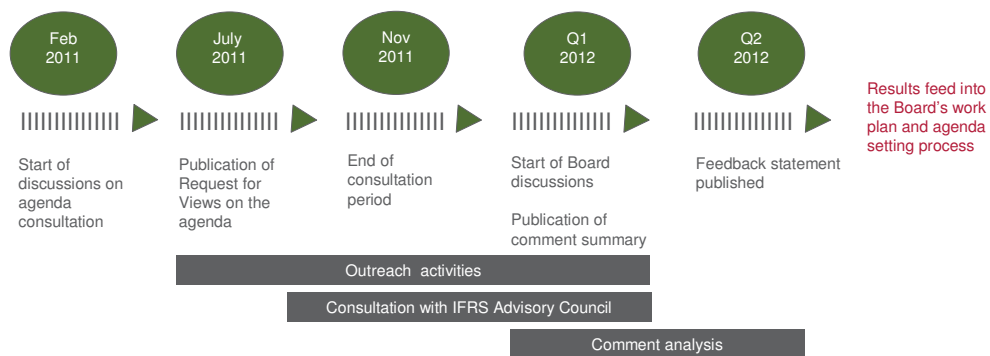
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- We've prepared an example of a matrix of factors that could be used in assigning priorities to standard-level projects.
- Do you think the type of assessment illustrated in the matrix is a good approach to prioritising the Board's work?
- Do you have any suggestions for other factors that should be taken into account in an assessment matrix?



What's next?

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Questions or comments?

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