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## **The IASB Emerging Economies Group Presentation for October 2012 IFRS Advisory Council meeting**



## The IASB Emerging Economies Group

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## Why have an Emerging Economies Group?

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- Consistent with the IFRSF Foundation Trustees' strategic direction
- Consistent with G-20 recommendations
- Can provide a high-quality technical contribution with a perspective sometimes absent in other forums

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## Who are the Group Members?

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- For now, the countries that are members of the G-20 and are designated as emerging economies, plus Malaysia
- Argentina, Brazil, China, India, Indonesia, Korea
- Malaysia, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey
- Two kinds of members:
  - Standard setters are permanent members
  - Subject-matter experts may be added depending on the subject



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## How do meetings work?

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- Ministry of Finance, PRC, provides secretariat function
- One-day, one-subject approach
  - Allows for a more in depth technical discussion than we find in some other meeting formats
  - Subjects are chosen in consultation with the members
  - Usually, one member country takes the lead in developing the material
- A half day devoted to emerging issues raised by members
- Usually two IASB Board members from EEG member countries attend



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## Meetings and topics

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- July 2011 – Beijing, PRC
  - Subject: fair value measurement
  - Lead: Ministry of Finance, PRC
  - Output: materials used in developing IASB educational publication (in process)
- December 2011 – New Delhi, India
  - Subject: foreign currency accounting issues
  - Lead: Korea Accounting Standards Board
  - Output: materials used in IASB agenda consultation



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## Meetings and topics

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- May 2012 – Buenos Aires, Argentina
  - Subject: IAS 41, Bearer Biological Assets
  - Lead: Malaysian Accounting Standards Board
  - Output: material incorporated into papers considered by the IASB at its September 2012 meeting
- December 2012 – Sao Paulo, Brazil
  - Subject: Business combinations under common control
  - Lead: Korea Accounting Standards Board
  - Output: ??



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## And some of the emerging issues

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- IFRIC 12, *Service Concession Arrangements*
- IFRIC 15, *Agreements for the Construction of Real Estate*
- Land use rights
- Telecommunication towers
- Translation issues in IFRSs



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## Comments and observations

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- From the beginning, the objective was to have something more than “just another meeting.” The EEG has met that objective.
- The contribution of the Ministry of Finance, both in the design and formation of the group and in the continuing secretariat role, has been invaluable.
- Plan for 2013 meetings in Korea and Malaysia.



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