

## International Financial Reporting Standards



## 2015 Agenda Consultation

World Standard-Setters meeting

28 September 2015

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# Agenda

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## Today

Background	11:15-11:45
<i>Trustees' Review</i>	
<i>2015 Agenda Consultation</i>	
Break-out sessions (A-E)	11:45-13:00
Feedback session	14:00-15:00

## Thursday

Feedback and contrast of differing views to ASAF  
on 2015 Agenda Consultation



# 2015 Agenda consultation

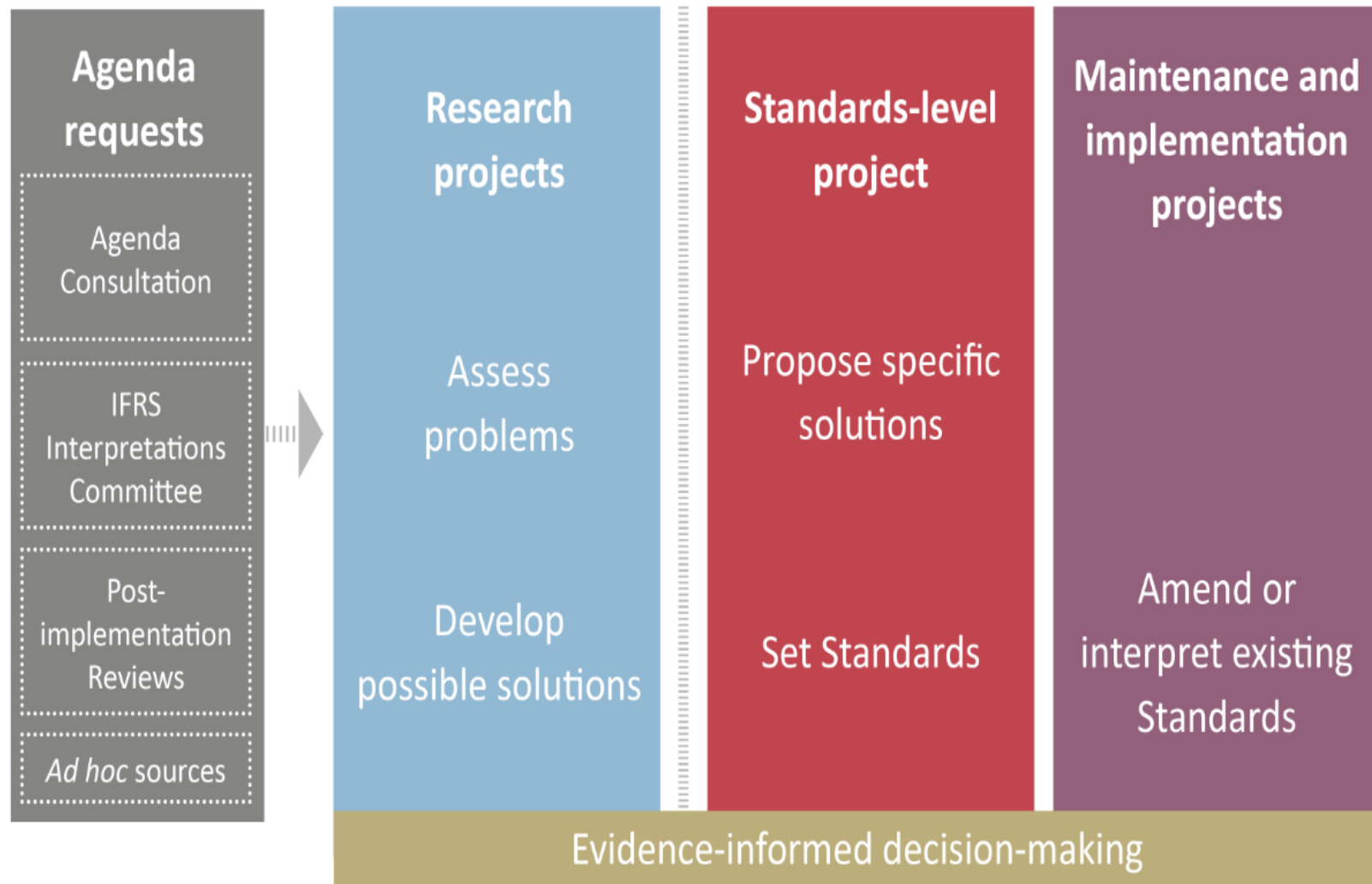
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- The 2015 Agenda Consultation provides an opportunity to comment on how the IASB prioritises and balances its work plan
- The Request for Views (RFV) was published in August 2015 and is out for comment until 31 December 2015
- The RFV includes 7 questions on the IASB's work plan as well as a question about the appropriateness of the three-yearly timing of the agenda consultation process.
- The full RFV is available on the website:  
<http://go.ifrs.org/AC-Request-for-Views>
- You can also submit a comment letter on the website:  
<http://go.ifrs.org/AC-Comment-letters>

# Standard-setting informed by evidence

- Three main categories of activity:
- **research projects:** designed to help the IASB better diagnose problem areas in financial reporting and to consider whether changes are warranted before proceeding;
- **standard-setting projects:** which the IASB moves forward by initiating a project to deliver fundamental improvements to IFRS—most likely resulting in amendments to existing requirements or the introduction of entirely new requirements; and
- **maintenance and implementation projects:** by which the IASB fine-tunes IFRS to deal with practical problems or a lack of consistency in applying the Standards.

# The standard-setting process



# Today's break-out sessions

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- Today we have 5 break out groups (A-E)
- Each group will be asked for their views on one of the Questions (A-E) that follow
- This input will be fed back to the group this afternoon and to ASAF later this week

## A: Work plan balance (*Q1 in the RFV*)

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- The IASB's work plan includes three categories of projects that correspond to the three phases of standard-setting activity:
  - the research programme;
  - the Standards-level programme;
  - maintenance and implementation projects; and
- two cross-cutting projects:
  - the *Conceptual Framework*; and
  - the Disclosure initiative.

A: What factors should the IASB consider when allocating resources to each of these 5 areas? Which areas would you prioritise?

## Assessment phase

- definition of a business
- discount rates
- goodwill & impairment
- income taxes
- pollutant pricing mechanisms
- post-employment benefits
- primary financial statements
- provisions, contingent liabilities and contingent assets
- share-based payment

## Development phase

- business combinations under common control
- principles of disclosure
- dynamic risk management
- equity method
- financial instruments with characteristics of equity

## On hold

- extractive activities; foreign currency translation and high inflation

+ Potential project on discontinued operations



## B: Research projects *(Qs2-3 in the RFV)*

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B: Considering the IASB's research programme at 31 July 2015:

Discuss the priority that you would ascribe to each, allocated between high, medium and low.

What factors led you to assign these rankings, especially for those items that you ranked high or low?

Are there any topics that you would add to, or delete from, the research programme?

- The Interpretations Committee addresses issues that:
  - are widespread and have a material effect on those affected
  - would improve financial reporting by reducing diversity
  - can be resolved within existing IFRS and the *Conceptual Framework*
- Since the last Agenda Consultation:
  - the IASB has issued 15 annual improvements, narrow-scope amendments or Interpretations relating to 21 Standards; and
  - the Interpretations Committee has issued 54 agenda decisions

## C: Implementation *(Q 5 in the RFV)*

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- The IASB also has a number of support activities, not reflected in the work plan, such as:
  - education activities;
  - endorsement and adoption support;
  - IFRS Taxonomy; and
  - the IFRS translation process

C: Are the IASB and the Interpretations Committee providing the right mix of implementation support to meet stakeholders' needs and is that support sufficient?

## D: Level of change *(Q6 in the RFV)*

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- Some suggest that we make too many changes to IFRS; others think that more improvements should be prioritised
- The IASB balances requests for fundamental improvements to IFRS and requests for fine-tuning of existing IFRS against the constraints that it and its stakeholders necessarily put on change

D: Does the IASB's work plan as a whole deliver change at the right pace and at a level of detail that is appropriate to principle-based standard-setting?

# Timing of Agenda Consultation

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- The IASB is required to carry out a public Agenda Consultation every three years
- It usually takes longer than three years, however, to complete a major research project and then a subsequent major Standards-level project
- Consequently, many of the major projects that form the basis of discussion for one Agenda Consultation will still be on the work plan three years later
- Some think every three years is excessive; others think that a three-yearly process provides timely input

# E: Frequency of agenda consultation

*(Q8 in the RFV)*

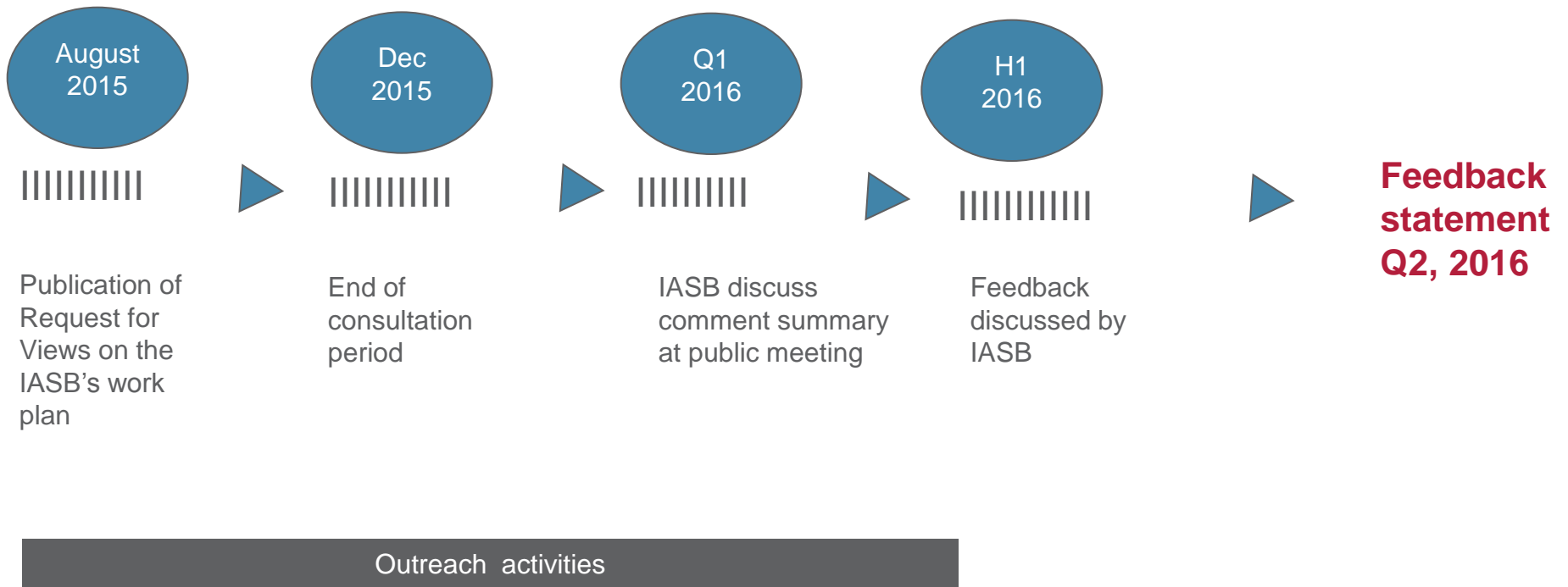
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E: Because of the time needed to complete individual major projects, the IASB proposes that a five-year interval between Agenda Consultations is more appropriate than the three-year interval currently required.

Do you agree? If not three years, what interval would you suggest?

# What's next?

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