

# AGENDA PAPER

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## Membership of the IFRS Taxonomy Consultative Group

#### Introduction and purpose of this paper

- 1. The purpose of this paper is to seek your approval of:
  - a) the proposed changes to the membership of the IFRS Taxonomy Consultative Group (ITCG): and
  - b) the staff recommendation to defer appointment of the new Vice-Chair of the ITCG until after the new members have been appointed.
- 2. The ITCG is a consultative group that provides guidance to the Board on the development of the IFRS Taxonomy. The ITCG charter states that the Board and the Trustees of the IFRS Foundation consider nominations and select members.<sup>1</sup> The charter also states that the Chair and Vice-Chair is appointed by the Trustees' Due Process Oversight Committee (DPOC) from members of the IFRS Taxonomy Consultative Group or from members of the Board
- In 2020, the terms of 15 members will end. This includes eight members whose terms cannot be renewed. A call for applications was issued on 8 August 2019 closing on 7 October 2019.

#### Proposed changes to the membership of the ITCG

4. The Board considered and agreed with the proposed changes at its January 2020 administrative session.

<sup>1</sup> The Charter is available at:

http://www.ifrs.org/groups/ifrs-taxonomy-consultative-group/#resources

- 5. In terms of the mix of members, we have tried to provide good coverage across geographic areas and functional backgrounds. Appendix A summarises the proposed geographical and functional composition of the ITCG.
- 6. The relatively large representation of members from Europe and North America can be explained by the more advanced stage of adoption of the IFRS Taxonomy in these markets. Also, many members from these regions represent an organisation which has a global presence.
- 7. The proposed composition of the ITCG provides for a range of members having different skill sets or functional backgrounds.

#### Chairmanship

8. Ann Tarca is currently chair of the ITCG while the position of Vice-Chair is held by John Dill whose term expires in April 2020. The staff recommends to the DPOC deferring the appointment of a new Vice-Chair until after the appointment of new members. This will allow the staff to seek nominations for the Vice-Chair position from both new and existing members.

### **Question to the DPOC**

- 1. Does the DPOC agree with the proposed changes to the membership of the ITCG?
- 2. Does the DPOC agree with the recommendation to defer appointment of the Vice-Chair of the ITCG?

Function	Number of members	Percentage	Relevancy of function to the IFRS Taxonomy	
Technology	2	10	Provision of XBRL and other technology related consultancy services and products	
Regulator/Standard Setter	5	25	Sets electronic reporting regulations within a country or region. Involved in the design of extensions to the IFRS Taxonomy where applicable.	
Consulting/ Preparer	3	15	Provision of XBRL advisory services to preparers directly relating to tagging of financial reports using the IFRS Taxonomy	
Preparer	1	5	Individual preparer involved in tagging of its financial report using the IFRS Taxonomy	
Accountancy firm or body	4	20	Provision of general consultancy services. Advisory services include auditing and/or tagging of electronic financial statements using the IFRS Taxonomy. Advisory services may also relate to taxonomy design and implementation.	
Data aggregator/User	4	20	Provide data feeds and applications to investors and credit analysts. Use the tagged electronic financial statements. Reflect IFRS Standards into their own proprietary taxonomies.	
Consulting	1	5	Provision of general taxonomy and XBRL consultancy services	
Total	20	100%		

Appendix A: Functional and geographical composition of the ITCG if staff recommendations are accepted

Geographical region	Number of members	Percentage
Europe	7	35
North America	5	25
Asia	5	25
South America	1	5
Africa	1	5
Oceania	1	5
Total	20	100%