Update on the establishment of the ISSB

Emerging Economies Group Meeting

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COP26 announcement

1. Formation of the International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB)
2. Consolidation with Climate Disclosure Standards Board (CDSB) & Value Reporting Foundation (VRF)
3. Publication of climate and general disclosure prototype requirements

Creates the necessary institutional arrangements and technical groundwork for a global sustainability standard-setter for the financial markets
1. ISSB

- Develop global baseline of sustainability disclosure standards
- Focus on meeting the information needs of investors
- Will enable companies to provide comprehensive sustainability information for the global capital markets
- Facilitate compatibility with requirements that are jurisdiction-specific or aimed at a broader group of stakeholders
2. Consolidation with VRF & CDSB

Becomes part of the IFRS Foundation

Additional members of Technical Readiness Working Group
3. Publication of prototype requirements

Climate-related Disclosures

General Requirements for Disclosure of Sustainability-related Information

- Recommendations – Technical Readiness Working Group to ISSB
- ISSB to consider as part of initial work programme
Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors from 40+ jurisdictions* from 6 continents joined the UK in publicly welcoming the announcement of the establishment of the ISSB and its work programme to develop a set of internationally consistent, high-quality, and reliable baseline standards for disclosure of sustainability-related information on enterprise value creation.

* Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Egypt, Ethiopia, European Commission, Fiji, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, South Korea, Luxembourg, Maldives, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Paraguay, Philippines, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Seychelles, Singapore, Spain, Switzerland, Tonga, Turkey, UK, Uruguay, USA
Global baseline approach

**Sustainability reporting (broader multi-stakeholder focus)**
Reporting on all sustainability matters that reflect significant positive or negative impacts on people, the environment and the economy

**Sustainability-related financial disclosures (investor focus)**
Reporting on those sustainability-related matters that may reasonably create or erode enterprise value over the short, medium and long term

**Financial reporting (investor focus)**
Reflected in monetary amounts in the financial statements
ISSB within IFRS Foundation Governance structure

Public accountability
- IFRS Foundation Monitoring Board

Governance, strategy & oversight
- IFRS Foundation Trustees

Independent standard-setting & related activity
- International Accounting Standards Board (IASB)
  - IFRS Accounting Standards
- International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB)
  - IFRS Sustainability Disclosure Standards
- IFRS Interpretations Committee

IFRS Advisory Council
(provides advice to Trustees, IASB & ISSB)
Compatible standards to meet investors’ needs

- International Accounting Standards Board (IASB)
- International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB)
- IFRS Accounting Standards
- IFRS Sustainability Disclosure Standards
- Financial statements
- Sustainability disclosures
- Investors and other capital market participants
ISSB composition

- 14 board members
- Majority full-time
- Diversity in expertise and experience
- Geographical balance
# ISSB locations

## Global footprint through multi-location presence

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<td>-  Frankfurt &amp; Montreal to host key functions, cooperation with regional stakeholders</td>
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<td>-  Frankfurt to serve as seat of the ISSB and office of the Chair</td>
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<td>-  San Francisco &amp; London to provide technical support and platforms for market engagement</td>
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<td>-  Further discussions with Beijing and Tokyo to finalise Asia-Oceania footprint</td>
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Engagement with developing and emerging economies a priority
Informed by expert advice

Sustainability Consultative Committee
- Technical expert advice to the ISSB
- Multilateral institutions & other technical experts

Sustainability Standards Advisory Forum (TBC)
- Formal mechanism for jurisdictional engagement
- Membership TBC, representing all regions, both developed, developing and emerging economies

IFRS Advisory Council
- Mandate extended to include strategic advice to ISSB (in addition to Trustees & IASB)
- Approx. 50 members representing cross-section of key stakeholder organisations
Steps to achieving global capital market standards

**ISSB**
Comprehensive global baseline of standards

**IOSCO**
Assess standards with a view to recommend adoption

**Audit standard-setters**
Develop assurance standards

**Jurisdictions**
Require by adopting or incorporating standards
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Call to action

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Continue applying existing frameworks

Get familiar with the prototypes – early indication of direction of travel

Be ready to share your views – public consultation early 2022

Sign up for alerts – ifrs.org/sustainability
Engaging with Emerging Economies
Engaging emerging economies

Engagement with emerging economies will be key to the success of the ISSB establishing a comprehensive global baseline of sustainability-related disclosure standards which has been illustrated in the Trustees press release upon the announcement of the ISSB and has been highlighted by many stakeholders including the G20 Sustainable Finance Working Group.

Recommendations on overcoming information challenges by improving sustainability reporting and disclosure


2. The International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB) should develop a baseline global sustainability reporting standard while allowing flexibility for interoperability with national and regional requirements.

3. Start from climate and extend to other sustainability factors over time. The ISSB should take a ‘climate first’ approach in the near term, based on the Taskforce on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) framework, in developing the reporting standards. However, the ISSB should develop standards covering other sustainability topics, which could include nature, biodiversity, and social issues.

4. Enhance efforts on capacity building for SMEs and emerging markets. While the standards to be developed by the ISSB may be adopted by a broad range of jurisdictions around the world as a global baseline for reporting, SMEs and emerging markets could benefit from additional capacity-building initiatives.
IASB and emerging economies

Emerging Economies Group

Other consultative bodies, including through the IFRS Advisory Council

IFRS for SMEs Standard

Engagement with regional standard-setting bodies

IASB engagement with emerging economies
The staff welcome the opportunity to utilise the expertise of the IASB’s Emerging Economies Group in the early consideration for how the ISSB can best engage with emerging economies as it begins its standard-setting work.

### General questions for consideration

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