

IFRS[®] Foundation Trustees

Summary of meeting held on 20 September 2021

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This document reports on a meeting of the Trustees of the IFRS Foundation, the oversight body of the International Accounting Standards Board (Board). The Trustees are responsible for governance of the IFRS Foundation and for delivery of the IFRS Foundation's objectives as set out in the IFRS Foundation Constitution.

Introduction

1. The IFRS Foundation Trustees met by video conference on 20 September 2021.

Sustainability-related disclosure standard-setting

2. The Trustees discussed progress on their work to establish a new board focused on sustainability-related disclosure standards (the proposed International Sustainability Standards Board—ISSB) under the IFRS Foundation's governance structure. In particular they discussed three areas.

Technical Readiness Working Group

3. The Trustees received a briefing on the work of the Technical Readiness Working Group¹ (TRWG), specifically:
 - The TRWG's work on planning for the appropriate transfer of technical expertise, content and resources to the proposed ISSB, with a view to facilitating consolidation in sustainability disclosure standard-setting.
 - The TRWG's preparatory work to provide the proposed ISSB with a 'running start' by providing technical observations and proposals that address matters relevant to potential standard-setting by the new board, including enhancing the prototype climate-related financial disclosure standard. This preparatory work would provide a basis for the proposed ISSB to consider in preparing its first exposure draft of proposed standards.

Jurisdictional engagement

4. The Trustees reviewed progress in achieving a sufficient level of global support from public authorities, global regulators and market stakeholders in key markets. In this regard, they welcomed the offers of seed capital funding and other support received from jurisdictions. The Trustees are carefully evaluating all offers of support, applying

¹ Further information about the Technical Readiness Working Group can be found on the IFRS Foundation [website](#) and in this [presentation](#) at the September 2021 IFRS Advisory Council meeting.

due diligence and principles of transparency and fairness in their consideration of the proposals.

Proposed amendments to the IFRS Foundation *Constitution*

5. The Trustees were briefed on the feedback in the comment letters on the proposed targeted amendments to the IFRS Foundation *Constitution*. The consultation was published in April 2021 and closed at the end of July. The Trustees noted the high level of interest in the consultation, with 176 comment letters being received. They also noted the recent engagement on the feedback with the IFRS Advisory Council and the Monitoring Board. The Trustees had an initial discussion about some of the possible refinements that might be made to the proposals in the light of the feedback, focusing on the proposed revised objectives for the Foundation and the terminology to be used for the new board and its standards. They will continue their discussions on the *Constitution* at their October 2021 meeting.

Next steps

6. The Trustees will meet in the week commencing 18 October 2021. At their meeting the Trustees will make a final determination about establishing the new board, subject to, amongst other things, satisfying the key requirements for success that were outlined in the April 2021 consultation on the proposed amendments to the IFRS Foundation *Constitution* and to making the necessary governance changes to the *Constitution*.