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IASB Technical Update

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Introduction

Content

- This document sets IASB's technical projects, highlighting the next milestone
- Such projects include research, standard-setting and maintenance
- This document was prepared after the IASB meeting in May 2022

Highlights

- In April 2022 the IASB published a Project Summary on its research project Pension Benefits that Depend on Asset Returns
- The IFRS Foundation Conference will take place on 23-24 June 2022 at the Leonardo Royal London Bridge Hotel (see slide 31)



Forthcoming documents

Project	Next steps
Post-implementation Review of IFRS 10, IFRS 11 and IFRS 12	Feedback Statement expected in June 2022
Third Agenda Consultation	Feedback Statement expected in July 2022
Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback	Narrow-scope amendment to IFRS 16 expected in Q3 2022
Second Review of the IFRS for SMEs Accounting Standard	Exposure Draft expected in Q3 2022



Post-implementation Review of IFRS 10, IFRS 11 and IFRS 12

Objective

Assess whether IFRS 10, IFRS 11 and IFRS 12 are working as intended

Topics in the Request for Information
Consolidation
Joint arrangements
Disclosures

IASB conclusions

- IFRS 10, IFRS 11 and IFRS 12 are working as intended
- No topics identified as part of the Review require immediate action or need to be added to the research pipeline

Next milestone

Publish Project Report and Feedback Statement



Third Agenda Consultation



Third Agenda Consultation





Strategic direction and balance of the IASB's activities



After considering cross-cutting themes, such as implications of connectivity with the International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB), and consistent with stakeholders' feedback, the IASB decided:

- to begin no new activities within the current scope of its work; and
- to leave its current level of focus on its main activities largely unchanged.

Activity	Current level of focus	IASB's decision
New Accounting Standards and major amendments	40%-45%	Slightly decrease
Maintenance and consistent application	15%–20%	Leave unchanged
The IFRS for SMEs Standard	5%	Leave unchanged
Digital financial reporting	5%	Slightly increase
Understandability and accessibility of Accounting Standards	5%	Slightly increase (indirect support of maintenance and consistent application)
Stakeholder engagement	20%-25%	Leave unchanged



Criteria for assessing priority of financial reporting issues that could be added to the IASB's work plan

The IASB decided:

- not to reprioritise projects on its current work plan, but to continue working on those projects.
- not to make any changes to the list of criteria but to proceed with the list as proposed in the Request for Information.

Overarching consideration

whether a potential project will meet investors' needs, while taking into account the costs of producing the information

- 1) the importance of the matter to **investors**
- 2 whether there is a **deficiency** in current reporting
- 3 the **type of companies** affected and jurisdictions where the matter is more prevalent
- 4 how **pervasive or acute** the matter is likely to be for companies
- 5 the potential project's **interaction with other projects**
- the **complexity and feasibility** of the potential project and its solutions
- the **capacity** of the IASB and its stakeholders to progress the potential project



Financial reporting issues to add to the IASB's work plan

The IASB decided:

- to add two projects to the research project pipeline;
- to add a project to the maintenance project pipeline to investigate whether narrow-scope standard-setting is needed in relation to climate-related risks; and
- to create a reserve list of two projects that could be added to the work plan only if additional capacity becomes available.





Redeliberations

Projects to be discussed at the Joint CMAC-GPF meeting



Primary Financial Statements



Main proposals



Objective

- Improve communication • in financial statements
- Focus on information included in the statement of profit or loss

- **1** Require additional **defined subtotals** in statement of profit or loss
- **2** Require disclosures about **management performance measures**
- B Strengthen requirements for disaggregating information



Primary Financial Statements

Objective

- Improve communication in financial statements
- Focus on information included in the statement of profit or loss

Main proposals in Exposure Draft (Dec 2019)

- Require additional defined subtotals in statement of profit or loss
- Strengthen requirements for **disaggregating information**
- Require disclosures about management performance measures

Next milestone

Issue IFRS Accounting Standard



Primary Financial Statements Key factors considered in redeliberations planning



Project objective and focus

Improve how information is communicated in the financial statements, with a focus on the statement of profit or loss



Linkages between topics

Decisions on one topic may affect approach on another topic

Timeliness

Deliver high quality IFRS Accounting Standard in a timely manner



Efficiency

Use staff and IASB time efficiently



Primary Financial Statements - Project status by topic

Required subtotals; Classification in categories, general model; Associates and joint ventures; Some of the proposals for entities with specified main business activities	Remaining proposals for entities with specified main business activities; remaining issues for investing and financing categories
Scope and definition; Disclosure of reconciliation, including tax and non-controlling interests; Single note and cross-referencing	Remaining aspects of disclosure of tax and non-controlling interests Use of columns, relationship with segments and other
Roles of primary financial statements and notes; General principles	Remaining aspects of definition of income and expenses with limited
Direction for and aspects of definition of income and expenses with limited recurrence (unusual income and expenses); Presentation of operating expenses; Direction for disclosure of operating expenses	recurrence and related disclosures; Disclosure of operating expenses; Proposals relating to 'other' and other small issues left, including relating to the statement of cash flows
	 with specified main business activities Scope and definition; Disclosure of reconciliation, including tax and non-controlling interests; Single note and cross-referencing Roles of primary financial statements and notes; General principles Direction for and aspects of definition of income and expenses with limited recurrence (unusual income and expenses); Presentation of operating expenses; Direction for disclosure

Statement of cash flows

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Goodwill and Impairment

Objective

• Improve information companies provide about their acquisitions at a reasonable cost

Preliminary views (2020 Discussion Paper)	Project update
 Disclose management's objectives for acquisitions and subsequently disclose the performance against those objectives Targeted improvements to existing standards 	 This information conceptually can be required in financial statements (IASB's tentative decision) Investigation of practical concerns with stakeholders using staff examples (in progress)
 Retain impairment-only model for goodwill Simplify impairment test 	 Analysis of specific aspects of the feedback on the subsequent accounting for goodwill (in progress)
Do not change recognition of intangibles separately from goodwill	 Feedback discussed in May 2021

Next milestone

Decide project direction



Post-implementation Review of IFRS 9— Classification and Measurement

Objective

• Assess whether the classification and measurement requirements in IFRS 9 are working as intended

April/May 2022	Q2/Q3 2022				
Contractual cash flow characteristics (including ESG, contractually linked instruments)	Business model assessment	Equity instruments and OCI	Modifications to contractual cash flows	Amortised cost and effective interest method	Other matters

Next milestone

Discuss Request for Information Feedback



Redeliberations

Other projects





Business Combinations under Common Control

Objective

• Develop reporting requirements to reduce diversity in practice and improve transparency

Preliminary views in Discussion Paper (Nov 2020)

- Specify which measurement method should be applied in which circumstances
- Use the **acquisition method** set out in IFRS 3 for combinations that affect investors outside the group
- Use a **book-value method** to be specified in IFRS Accounting Standards in all other cases

Next steps

- In March 2022 the IASB tentatively decided not to expand the project's scope
- Deliberations will focus on selecting the measurement method(s) to apply
- How to apply the measurement method(s) and other topics to be deliberated subsequently



Disclosure Initiative—Subsidiaries without Public Accountability: Disclosures

Objective

• To permit eligible subsidiaries to apply the disclosure requirements in the draft Standard and the recognition, measurement and presentation requirements in IFRS Accounting Standards

Feedback on Exposure Draft

- Support for:
 - the objective and finalisation of the draft Standard
 - the **approach** to developing the disclosure requirements in the draft Standard
 - the structure of the draft Standard with some suggestions on the use of footnotes
- Many suggestions for a **wider scope** to allow more companies to apply the draft Standard
- Many comments on the proposed disclosure requirements in the draft Standard

Next milestone

Decide project direction



Disclosure Initiative—Targeted Standards-level Review of Disclosures

Objective

 Improve the IASB's approach to developing disclosure requirements in a way that enables companies to enhance their judgement and provide more decision-useful information for investors

Main proposals in Exposure Draft (Mar 2021)

- New approach for the IASB to use when developing and drafting disclosure requirements in IFRS Accounting Standards (proposed Guidance)
- Replace disclosure requirements in IFRS 13 *Fair Value Measurement* and IAS 19 *Employee Benefits* with a new set of disclosure requirements developed applying the proposed Guidance
- Focus compliance on detailed disclosure objectives rather than prescriptive requirements, thus
 requiring companies to apply judgement

Next milestone

Discuss comment letter feedback



Dynamic Risk Management

Objective

 Develop an accounting model that will better reflect a company's dynamic risk management process in the financial statements. The process involves understanding and managing the amount, timing and uncertainty caused by interest rate risks

Overview of the DRM model

- Companies dynamically manage the **current net open risk position**—that is, the net of eligible assets and liabilities, including core demand deposits
- The **risk mitigation intention** is the extent of current net open position that the company dynamically manages using derivatives
- When designated derivatives are successful in mitigating the repricing risk due to changes in interest rates and achieving the entity's **target profile**, changes in the fair value of such derivatives are recognised in OCI and reclassified to the statement of profit or loss over time

Next steps

Continue the redeliberation of key issues identified in the meetings with preparers



Equity Method

Objective

 Assess whether application questions with the equity method as set out in IAS 28 Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures can be addressed in consolidated and individual financial statements by identifying and explaining the principles of IAS 28

Project plan

- Identify application questions in the equity method and decide which of these problems to address
- Address application questions by identifying and explaining the principles that underlie IAS 28

Next milestone

Decide project direction



Extractive Activities

Objective

• Provide more useful information about exploration and evaluation expenditure and activities accounted for applying IFRS 6 *Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources* by improving the transparency and comparability of this information

Project scope

- Explore developing requirements or guidance to improve a company's disclosures about its exploration and evaluation expenditure and activities
- Explore removing the temporary status of IFRS 6

Next steps

Decide project direction



Financial Instruments with Characteristics of Equity

Purpose

- Improve the information that companies provide in their financial statements about financial instruments that they have issued
- Address challenges with applying IAS 32 Financial Instruments: Presentation

Approach

- Explore clarifying IAS 32 classification principles (rather than rewriting IAS 32) to address practice issues (eg classification of financial instruments settled in the issuer's own equity instruments)
- Provide classification guidance and illustrative examples
- Improve presentation and disclosure

Next milestone

Publish Exposure Draft



Management Commentary

Objective

• Overhaul IFRS Practice Statement 1 to provide a **comprehensive framework** on management commentary—building on innovations in narrative reporting and focusing on capital market needs

Feedback on Exposure Draft

- Strong **investor support** for the project, as it addresses common shortcomings in reporting practice
- Support for focus on investors' information needs, but some calls for a broader focus
- Support for proposed **objectives-based approach**, disclosure objectives and areas of content
- Calls to work together with the ISSB with suggestions to pause the project to enable that connectivity
- Some suggestions for further integration with other reporting frameworks (eg <IR> Framework¹)

Next milestone

Consider project direction

¹ International Integrated Reporting Council (IIRC, now Value Reporting Foundation)'s International Integrated Reporting Framework



Rate-regulated Activities

Objective

• Provide information about the effects of regulatory income, regulatory expense, regulatory assets and regulatory liabilities on companies' financial performance and financial position

Main proposals in Exposure Draft (Jan 2021)

- Require recognition of regulatory assets, regulatory liabilities, regulatory income and regulatory expense
- Reflect compensation for goods or services supplied as part of a company's reported financial performance for the period in which it supplies those goods or services
- Measure regulatory assets and regulatory liabilities using a **cash-flow-based** measurement technique

Next milestone

Issue IFRS Accounting Standard



Second Review of the *IFRS for SMEs* Accounting Standard

Objective

• Update the *IFRS for SMEs* Accounting Standard for requirements in IFRS Accounting Standards that are in the scope of this comprehensive review

Approach

- Apply alignment approach to decide how to update the IFRS for SMEs Accounting Standard
- The alignment approach uses the principles of relevance to SMEs, simplicity and faithful representation, including the assessment of costs and benefits, to identify possible amendments

Next milestone

Publish Exposure Draft



Maintenance projects

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Lack of Exchangeability

Objective

• Improve usefulness of information provided by requiring a consistent approach to determining whether a currency is exchangeable into another currency and the exchange rate to use when it is not

Proposed amendments to IAS 21

- Specify when exchangeability between two currencies is lacking and how to make that assessment
- Estimate the spot exchange rate when exchangeability is lacking
- **Disclose** how the lack of exchangeability affects, or is expected to affect, the company's financial performance, financial position, and cash flows

Next milestone

Decide project direction



Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback

Objective

• Improve the measurement requirements for sale and leaseback transactions —particularly those with variable payments

Proposed amendments to IFRS 16

- Specify **subsequent measurement requirements** for the lease liability in a sale and leaseback transaction
- Require retrospective application of the amendments applying IAS 8
- Effective on 1 January 2024, with earlier application permitted

Next milestone

Issue amendment to IFRS 16



Non-current Liabilities with Covenants

Objective

• Improve the information about liabilities with covenants provided through classification (as current or non-current), presentation and disclosure in financial statements

Proposed amendments to IAS 1

- Specify that covenants with which a company must comply **after the reporting period** do not affect classification of a liability as current or non-current at the end of the reporting period
- Add presentation and disclosure requirements for non-current liabilities subject to covenants
- Clarify situations in which a company **does not have a right to defer settlement**

Next milestone

Discuss Exposure Draft Feedback



Provisions—Targeted Improvements to IAS 37

Objective

• Develop proposals for three targeted amendments to IAS 37 Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets

Targeted amendments

- Align requirements for identifying liabilities with Conceptual Framework
- Clarify which costs to include in measure of a provision
- Specify whether **discount rates** used should reflect company's own credit risk

Next steps

Staff will prepare a project plan for consideration by the IASB



Supplier Finance Arrangements

Objective

 Provide information that enable investors to assess the effects of supplier finance arrangements on a company's liabilities and cash flows

Proposed amendments to IAS 7 and IFRS 7

- **Describe** the characteristics of an arrangement for which a company would be required to provide the proposed disclosure
- Add qualitative and quantitative disclosure requirements for supplier finance arrangements to meet the disclosure objective
- Highlight the required disclosure of liquidity risk and risk management and of non-cash changes in financing liabilities arising from supplier finance arrangements

Next milestone

Discuss Exposure Draft Feedback



Work of the IFRS Interpretations Committee


The Interpretations Committee's process



Committee's work: Overview of 2021 and 2022 activities

Overview of 2021 activities



Overview of 2022 activities



2 addressed by Committee through agenda decisions (most including explanatory material)

work in progress

2 addressed through a narrow-scope amendment

8 addressed by Committee through agenda decisions (most including explanatory material)

Three Committee meetings held in 2022 to date



Six Committee meetings held in 2021

Sample of recent agenda decisions

Supply Chain Financing Arrangements—Reverse Factoring	Configuration or Customisation Costs in a Cloud Computing Arrangement (IAS 38)	Costs Necessary to Sell Inventories (IAS 2)
Demand Deposits with Restrictions on Use arising from a Contract with a Third Party (IAS 7)	Principal versus Agent: Software Reseller (IFRS 15)	Cash Received via Electronic Transfer as Settlement for a Financial Asset (IFRS 9)*
Negative Low Emission Vehicle Credits (IAS 37)*	Special Purpose Acquisition Companies (SPAC): Accounting for Warrants at Acquisition*	Transfer of Insurance Coverage under a Group of Annuity Contracts (IFRS 17)*

*) Tentative agenda decision



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Appendix – Primary Financial Statements

ED proposals and redeliberations by topic



Topics

Subtotals and categories (slides 39-42)

Management performance measures (slides 43-44)

Disaggregation and other topics (slides 45-48)



ED proposal for subtotals in the statement of profit or loss





Application of ED proposals to financial entities

Operating profit is intended to include income and expenses from companies' main business activities.

The Board proposes requirements for some companies, such as banks, to classify income and expenses in the operating category that would otherwise be classified in the investing or financing categories.





Redeliberations on subtotals and categories

What is confirmed from the ED?

What has changed?

- Requirement for operating profit or loss subtotal and profit before financing and income tax subtotal
- Definition of operating profit as a default category, includes, but is not limited to main business activities and includes volatile and unusual items
- Income and expenses to be excluded from operating: investing, financing, income tax and discontinued operations
- Classify in the investing category income and expenses from assets that generate returns individually and largely independently of other resources held by an entity, retain application guidance and label 'investing category'

- Classification of income and expenses from cash and cash equivalents changed from financing to investing category
- Change in classification within the financing category to 'all income and expenses from liabilities that arise from transactions that involve only raising finance' and 'specified income and expenses from other liabilities'
- Default category for gains and losses from derivatives & hedging instruments changed from investing to operating category
- Undue cost or effort relief for FX classification
- Distinction between integral and non-integral associates and joint ventures removed as well as related subtotal
- Add application guidance for some income and expenses in investing category, include objective in the Basis for Conclusions, and remove definition of 'income and expenses from investments'
- Income and expenses from associates and joint ventures classified in investing category

- Incremental expenses in investing category
- Other issues related to the financing category



Redeliberations on entities with specified main business activities

What is confirmed from the ED?

 Requirement for an entity to assess whether it invests in the course of main business activities or provides financing to customers as a main business activity

What has changed?

- Requirement to assess at the reporting entity level
- Changes in the outcome of the assessment are applied prospectively with disclosure that there has been a change in the outcome of the assessment and information about the effect of the change
- Investing in the course of main business activities or providing financing to customers as a main business activity is a matter of fact and not an assertion. An entity will need to apply judgement and the assessment should be based on observable evidence to the extent possible

- Issues specific to the investing and financing categories
- Consequences of the redeliberations on the investing and financing categories
- Consequences of the redelibeartions on classification of income and expenses from associates and joint ventures accounted for using the equity method
- Classification of interest and dividends in the statement of cash flows



ED proposals for management performance measures

Subtotals of income and expenses that: Definition are used in public communications outside financial statements complement totals or subtotals specified by IFRS Accounting Standards communicate management's view of an aspect of an entity's financial performance Other financial performance measures such as free cash flow, or nonfinancial performance measures such as number of subscribers, would not be included. Including: Amount & Disclosures reconciliation between the MPM and the most directly narrative comparable total or subtotal specified by IFRS description Accounting Standards; and income tax effects and effects on non-controlling interests (NCI)



Redeliberations on management performance measures

What is confirmed from the ED?

- Requirement for disclosure of MPMs in financial statements
- Scope of MPMs would not be beyond the income and expense subtotals

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- Reference to management's view of an aspect of an entity's performance in the definition of MPMs
- Requirement for an entity to disclose why an MPM communicates management's view of performance
- Requirement to disclose a reconciliation
- Requirement to disclose in single
 note
- Requirement to disclose income tax effect and effect on non-controlling interests

What has changed?

- Subtotal of income and expense used in the numerator or denominator of a ratio is MPM
- Remove the reference to 'complementing'
- Introduce a rebuttable presumption that a subtotal used in public communications represents management's view of an aspect of the entity's financial performance, and add application guidance on rebuttal
- Add application guidance, and refer to general requirement for faithful representation, removing specific requirement
- Application guidance for disclosure of why an MPM communicates management's view of performance
- Disclose, for each reconciling item, amount(s) related to each line item in the statement(s) of financial performance
- Revise requirement specifying how to calculate the income tax effect

- Disclosure requirements
 including remaining aspects of
 disclosure of tax and non controlling interests
- Disclosures relating to changes in MPMs
- Timing of public communications
- Interaction with other requirements including segments
- Other proposals including use
 of columns



ED proposals on disaggregation

Roles of the primary financial statements and the notes	 Roles of the primary financial statements and the notes clearly described Use the description to determine whether information should be included in the primary financial statements or in the notes
Principle for aggregation and disaggregation	 Principles for aggregation and disaggregation of information Guidance to apply the principles
Required line items	 New required line items, including goodwill and separate line items for integral and non-integral associates and joint ventures
Analysis of operating expenses	 Use method for analysis of operating expenses (by nature or by function) that provides the most useful information (not a free choice) Disclose analysis of total operating expenses by nature in the notes if analysis by function is presented in the statement of profit or loss



ED proposals on unusual income and expenses

Definition	expect that inco	Income and expenses have limited predictive value when it is reasonable to expect that income or expenses that are similar in type and amount will not arise for several future annual reporting periods.	
	Income and expenses from the recurring remeasurement of items measured at a current value would not normally be classified as unusual.		
Disclosures	Amount & narrative description	 Amount disaggregated by: line items presented in statement of profit or loss; and line items disclosed in analysis of operating expenses by nature, if the entity analyses expenses by function in the statement of profit or loss 	



Redeliberations on disaggregation

What is confirmed from the ED?

- Roles of primary financial statements and notes
- Principles of disaggregation with refinements
- Not reinstate para 29 of IAS 1 requiring to separately present dissimilar items unless immaterial
- Nature and function primary characteristics for presentation of operating expenses
- Present goodwill separately from intangible assets
- Present required line items in each affected category in statement of profit or loss

Include a reference to understandability in the description of the role of financial statements

What has changed?

- Emphasise that single dissimilar characteristic can be enough to disaggregate if it is material
- State the purpose of disaggregation more clearly and strengthen the application of disaggregation
- Provide additional guidance to apply the principles, both in the primary financial statements and the notes
- Removed the proposed prohibition on a mixed presentation approach for operating expenses
- Remove 'limited predictive value' and change definition of unusual items. Change label to 'income and expenses with limited recurrence'
- Revise the general principle for the presentation of line items and add application guidance

- Remaining aspects of the definition of unusual income and expenses and related disclosures*
- Requirements for disclosure of operating expenses by nature in the notes when an entity reports operating expenses by function in the statement of profit or loss
- Requirements for selecting method of presentation of operating expenses
- Specified and additional subtotals
- Proposals relating to 'other' items



Redeliberations on other topics

What is confirmed from the ED?

- Requirement of operating profit or loss subtotal as the starting point for the indirect method of reporting cash flows from operating activities
- Interest and dividends paid classified as financing activities, and dividends received classified as investing activities in the statement of cash flows

What has changed?

- Amend the specified subtotal 'operating profit or loss before depreciation and amortisation' to exclude impairments of assets within the scope of IAS 36
- Label the amended specified subtotal as 'operating profit or loss before depreciation, amortisation, and specified impairments'
- Not explicitly to prohibit 'EBITDA' as a label for an 'operating profit or loss before depreciation, amortisation and specified impairments' subtotal, but to explain in the Basis for Conclusions that such a label would rarely be a faithful representation for the subtotal

Remaining topics to be discussed

- Classification of interest received in the statement of cash flows
- Proposals for labelling of items of other comprehensive income
- Requirements carried over from IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements

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- Amendments to other IFRS Accounting Standards; IFRS 12 *Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities*, IAS 33 *Earnings Per Share* and IAS 34 *Interim Financial Reporting*
- Transition provisions and effective date



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