
IASB[®] meeting

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Project	Business Combinations—Disclosures, Goodwill and Impairment
Topic	Cover paper
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Purpose and structure

1. In December 2022 the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) added the Business Combinations—Disclosures, Goodwill and Impairment project to its standard-setting work plan. The project's objective is to provide users of financial statements with more useful information about the business combinations entities make, at a reasonable cost. To meet this objective, the IASB is considering:
 - (a) the disclosure requirements about business combinations; and
 - (b) the subsequent accounting for goodwill—in particular, potential changes to the impairment test of cash-generating units containing goodwill in IAS 36 *Impairment of Assets*.
2. The Discussion Paper *Business Combinations—Disclosures, Goodwill and Impairment* included the IASB's preliminary views.
3. The purpose of this meeting is to:
 - (a) ask the IASB to make decisions on the remaining technical aspects of the project; and
 - (b) provide the IASB with an overview of the decisions made in this project and ask the IASB for permission to ballot an exposure draft.

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4. There are three papers for this meeting:
- (a) Agenda Paper 18A—Interaction with the IASB’s project Disclosure Initiative—Subsidiaries without Public Accountability: Disclosures;
 - (b) Agenda Paper 18B—Transition and first-time adopters; and
 - (c) Agenda Paper 18C—Package and permission to ballot.