
IFRS Taxonomy Consultative Group

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This document summarises the discussions in a meeting of the IFRS Taxonomy Consultative Group (ITCG), an expert consultative group that advises the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) and International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB) on their respective digital taxonomies and related activities. Related papers and recordings of the meeting are available on the [meeting page](#).

Meeting summary

The IFRS Taxonomy Consultative Group (ITCG) met virtually on 3 December.

ITCG members discussed:

- an update on the taxonomy workplan and the ISSB's digital financial reporting activities (paragraphs 1–7); and
- digital financial reporting in South Africa (paragraph 8–9).

Update on taxonomy workplan

1. The staff provided an update on:
 - (a) the IFRS Accounting Taxonomy 2025 which will reflect new and amended Standards (specifically IFRS 18 Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements, IFRS 19 Subsidiaries without Public Accountability: Disclosures and Contracts Referencing Nature-dependent Electricity);
 - (b) the IFRS Accounting Taxonomy workplan for future taxonomy updates; and
 - (c) the ISSB's digital financial reporting activities.

IFRS 18 Presentation and Disclosures in Financial Statements

2. ITCG members had mixed views on the IASB's decision on not to consider using category metadata for elements in the statement of profit or loss (but instead to explore including it through future general improvements or technology updates). Some ITCG members said that a two-step approach could have been adopted, in which a user could:
 - (a) use category metadata to understand the category of an element of income or expense; and
 - (b) confirm the location of an element in financial statements using the presentation linkbase (for example, confirm whether that item is included in the statement of profit or loss).
3. However, ITCG members agreed that the IASB would not have sufficient time to explore and test alternatives for the use of category metadata in time to issue the IFRS Accounting Taxonomy in March 2025.

IFRS 19 *Subsidiaries without Public Accountability: Disclosures*

4. ITCG members generally agreed with the staff analysis on adding references in the IFRS Accounting Taxonomy. One ITCG member suggested that the IASB should expand Using the IFRS Taxonomy—A preparer’s guide to include explanations on how IFRS 19 relates to other IFRS Accounting Standards, and practical examples to facilitate the application of the IFRS Accounting Taxonomy to disclosures made in accordance with IFRS 19.

IFRS Accounting Taxonomy workplan for future taxonomy updates

5. One ITCG member acknowledged the previous work on facilitating the tagging of right-of-use assets included in property, plant and equipment but mentioned that there is still diversity in presenting and tagging right-of-use assets for classes of property, plant and equipment. This diversity in practice also raises issues about how extension elements are anchored. The member asked the staff to consider this for a future common-practice review.
6. Another ITCG member enquired about the impact of not including updates for the prospective IFRS Accounting Standard for rate-regulated activities in the IFRS Accounting Taxonomy 2026. The staff explained that only a limited number of entities are anticipated to early adopt the Standard, thereby limiting the risk of not including these taxonomy updates in the IFRS Accounting Taxonomy 2026.

ISSB’s digital financial reporting activities

7. ITCG members generally supported the ISSB’s ongoing digital financial reporting activities, including its preliminary work to explore how to facilitate digital interoperability between the IFRS Sustainability Disclosure Taxonomy and the European Sustainability Reporting Standards Taxonomy.

Digital financial reporting in South Africa (oral update)

8. ITCG member Cuma Zwane provided an oral update of digital reporting requirements and developments in South Africa, including a recent initiative by the Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) to permit the use of the IFRS Sustainability Disclosure Taxonomy on a voluntary basis.
9. ITCG members welcomed CIPC’s initiative. Additionally, members encouraged jurisdictions that have adopted, or are in the process of adopting or using, the IFRS Sustainability Disclosure Standards to use the IFRS Sustainability Disclosure Taxonomy if they require the digital reporting of sustainability-related financial information.