
IASB[®] meeting

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Topic	Update
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Purpose of the paper

1. This paper provides an update on the IASB's [work plan](#) since its last update in May 2023.
2. The purpose of this paper is to provide a holistic view of the IASB's technical projects to support:
 - (a) decisions about whether to add or remove projects, as may be discussed in individual project papers; and
 - (b) assessment of overall progress on the work plan, including project prioritisation and timing.
3. This paper does not ask the IASB to make any decisions.
4. The staff expects to provide the next work plan update in around three or four months.

Structure of the paper

5. This paper is structured as follows:
 - (a) completed projects (paragraph 6-8);
 - (b) new projects (paragraphs 9–18);
 - (c) current projects (paragraphs 19–29); and
 - (d) question for the IASB.

Completed Projects

6. In May 2023, the IASB issued *International Tax Reform—Pillar Two Model Rules*.
7. In May 2023, the IASB issued *Supplier Finance Arrangements*.
8. In August 2023, the IASB issued *Lack of Exchangeability (Amendments to IAS 21)*.

New Projects

9. In July 2023, some IASB members asked the staff to develop a framework to help the IASB determine whether to add new projects to its active work plan (immediate start) or its project pipeline (deferred start). Such a framework could help ensure the best use of the limited capacity available to stakeholders and the IASB. A framework would also help manage expectations about what work can be reasonably undertaken. The staff has begun work on this framework and will present it to the IASB at a future meeting.

Active projects

10. In July 2023, the IASB added a maintenance project to its work plan to research whether feasible narrow-scope amendments to IFRS 9 *Financial Instruments* could be made for power purchase agreements. This project arose from a recommendation from the IFRS Interpretations Committee (Committee) in June.

Pipeline projects

11. Pipeline projects are those projects that are not yet active but that the IASB expects to start before its next five-yearly agenda consultation.
12. At future meetings, the IASB will discuss the start of projects on its pipeline, listed below and described [here](#). Consistent with discussions as part of the IASB's Third Agenda Consultation, the start date of these projects depends on stakeholder and IASB capacity and the nature of the projects.

IASB pipeline projects

<i>Research project pipeline</i>
Intangible assets
Statement of cash flows and related matters
Amortised cost measurement
<i>Maintenance project pipeline</i>
Sale and leaseback of an asset in a single-asset entity (IFRS 10 and IFRS 16)
International Tax Reform—Pillar Two Model Rules (IAS 12)
Use of a Hyperinflationary Presentation Currency by a Non-hyperinflationary Entity (IAS 21)
Update to the Subsidiaries without Public Accountability: Disclosures Standard

13. The pipeline project on Use of a Hyperinflationary Presentation Currency by a Non-hyperinflationary Entity has been added to the pipeline based on a recommendation from the Committee in June.

14. The pipeline project on Update to the Subsidiaries without Public Accountability: Disclosures Standard was added as discussed at the IASB meeting in July 2023.
15. In Q4 2023, the IASB will consider updated information about whether to start its post-implementation reviews on IFRS 16 *Leases* and the hedge accounting requirements in IFRS 9 *Financial Instruments*.
16. We also continue to engage in horizon scanning of emerging issues to assess whether action is needed.

Reserve list projects

17. In response to the feedback on its Third Agenda Consultation, the IASB decided to create a reserve list of projects. Projects on the reserve list will be added to the work plan if, and only if, additional capacity becomes available before the IASB's next five-yearly agenda consultation. Projects in the research pipeline will be prioritised ahead of those on the reserve list.
18. Reserve list projects are listed below and described here.

IASB reserve list projects

Operating segments
Pollutant pricing mechanisms

Current Projects

19. At 6 September 2023, the IASB has 22 projects on its work plan, as follows:

Project type	September 2023
Research	4
Standard-setting	9
Maintenance	6
Taxonomy	3
Total	22

20. Projects continue to progress based on expected timetables with the exception of the following projects. The timetable on the IASB work plan will be updated accordingly.

- (a) Business Combinations under Common Control – the staff anticipated that the IASB would make decisions about the direction of this project in September. However, in the light of the diversity of feedback from recent outreach activities, the staff will present the feedback in September and seek an IASB decision in November.
- (b) Second Comprehensive Review of the IFRS for SMEs Accounting Standard – based on the project plan presented in Agenda Paper 30A of this meeting, the staff anticipates that the Third Edition of the IFRS for SMEs Accounting Standard will be issued in Q4 2024, earlier than the original expectation of 2025.
- (c) Management Commentary – see paragraphs 25 - 27 for further discussion.
- (d) Proposed Taxonomy Update: Amendments to IAS 7, IAS 12, IAS 21 and IFRS 7 – this consultation will be published in early October, rather than late September.
- (e) Proposed Taxonomy Update: Common Practice (Financial Instruments) and General Improvements -- this consultation will be published in early November, rather than late October.

Expected project completions in about the next six months.

21. The staff expects that the IASB will issue:

- (a) amendments to the *IFRS for SMEs Accounting Standard* for International Tax Reform—Pillar Two Model Rules in September 2023.

- (b) IFRS Accounting Standard X— Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements in H1 2024.
 - (c) IFRS Accounting Standard X – Subsidiaries without Public Accountability: Disclosures in H1 2024.
22. The staff is working with its counterparts on the ISSB technical staff to monitor the volume of concurrent changes to general purpose financial reports from both boards and the effect on stakeholders. The staff has received feedback from some stakeholders that resources are tight, particularly because of the timing of the consultation documents listed in Appendix A and the endorsement process that will be undertaken in some jurisdictions for the IFRS Accounting Standards expected to be issued in H1 2024. The staff will continue to monitor this situation.

Consultation documents in about the next six months

23. The table in Appendix A sets out the estimated timetable for IASB documents in consultation or expected to be in consultation in the next six months.
24. The staff is working with its counterparts on the ISSB technical staff to monitor the volume of concurrent consultations from both boards and the effect on stakeholders. The ISSB published its proposed IFRS Sustainability Disclosure Taxonomy in July, with a comment period deadline of 26 September.

Updates on projects that have not been publicly discussed recently*Management Commentary*

25. The IASB last discussed the Management Commentary project in May 2023.¹ The IASB noted that earlier that month the ISSB had published a Consultation on Agenda Priorities (Consultation) seeking feedback on the ISSB's priorities for a two-year period commencing in 2024, including a potential project on integration in reporting and whether that project should be undertaken jointly with the IASB and build on the concepts from the IASB's Exposure Draft *Management Commentary*.²
26. The comment period on the ISSB's Consultation closed on 1 September. The (IASB) staff has been monitoring the developments on the ISSB's Consultation and working with the ISSB staff because the feedback on that Consultation, as well as the ISSB's decisions in response to that feedback, may feed into the IASB's decision about the direction of the Management Commentary project. For example, the Management Commentary project's direction could be joint work with the ISSB (in the ISSB's new work programme or later), incorporated into the project on integration in reporting, or continuation of an IASB-only project that could lay the groundwork for future joint work.
27. The staff previously anticipated that it would seek an IASB decision about the direction of the Management Commentary project in Q4 2023, after the ISSB's consideration of the feedback on its Consultation. However, depending on the ISSB's timetable for discussion of that feedback and its decision making, an IASB decision may only be sought in H1 2024. It is intended that the IASB and ISSB will meet jointly to discuss the feedback on the potential project on integration in reporting in preparation for:
- (a) the ISSB deciding on the priorities for its next two-year workplan, including the priority of the potential project on integration in reporting; and
 - (b) the IASB deciding on the direction of the Management Commentary project.

Digital Financial Reporting

28. The IASB met in December 2022 to discuss the digital financial reporting activities it should prioritise to help improve the usefulness, quality, accessibility and comparability of digital financial reports. At that meeting, the IASB discussed:
- (a) a strategic framework to help guide its digital financial reporting activities; and
 - (b) priority digital financial reporting activities (beyond the activities needed to update the IFRS Accounting Taxonomy for changes to IFRS Accounting Standards).
29. Multiple digital financial reporting activities discussed at the IASB's December 2022 meeting are underway, but some are still early in development. Appendix B provides a status update of the digital financial reporting activities discussed by the IASB at its December 2022 meeting. The staff will provide a more detailed update at a future meeting.

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1. Do you have any questions or comments on this paper?

Appendix A – Estimated timetable for consultation documents

- A1. This table sets out the estimated timetable for IASB consultation documents, already published or expected to be published in the next six months.
- A2. This table assumes, unless otherwise decided by the IASB, a 120-day comment period (90-day comment period for annual improvements and 60-day comment period for proposed taxonomy updates) in line with the *Due Process Handbook*; these projects are **highlighted in yellow**.

Consultation Document	2023				2024			Comment letter deadline
	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	
Published								
Request for Information - PIR of impairment requirements in IFRS 9 - Financial Instruments								27/09/2023
Request for Information - PIR of IFRS 15 - Revenue from Contracts with Customers								27/10/2023
Forthcoming								
Exposure Draft: Annual Improvements								TBD
Proposed Taxonomy Update – IAS 12, IAS 21, IAS 7 and IFRS 7								TBD
Proposed Taxonomy Update - Accounting Taxonomy Update—2023 General Improvements and Common Practice								TBD
Exposure Draft – Financial Instruments with Characteristics of Equity								TBD
Exposure Draft: Business Combinations—Disclosure, Goodwill and Impairment								TBD

IFRSAT = IFRS Accounting Taxonomy

PTU = Proposed Taxonomy Update

Appendix B – Status update of digital financial reporting activities

IFRS Accounting Standards	IFRS Accounting Taxonomy	Digital ecosystem partners
Fundamental activities		
<p>Update the IFRSAT for changes to IFRS Accounting Standards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A PTU for amendments to IAS 12, IAS 21, IAS 7 and IFRS 7 is expected to be published in October 2023 A PTU relating to the PFS project is expected to be published in H1 2024 		
First wave (priority) activities		
<p>Information required by Standards meets users' digital consumption needs</p> <p>Consideration of digital representation when drafting IFRS Standards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Digital reporting implications continue to be considered as part of standard setting projects, in particular the <i>Primary Financial Statements (PFS)</i> project <p>Research how users' needs are changing in light of increased digital consumption and address implications in standard-setting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work has commenced to identify ways users' needs are changing and possible implications on the standard-setting process Materials are being developed to help improve consideration of digital reporting in the standard-setting process 	<p>Improved Taxonomies</p> <p>Common practice updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A PTU for the common practice review of financial instrument disclosures (IFRS 7) is expected to be published in November 2023 <p>Representing relationships/context digitally</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Options to represent relationships/context digitally are being explored as part of the PFS project The use of categorial elements in the IFRSAT is being considered <p>Improved navigability and data validation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Options for providing a taxonomy viewer are being explored Waiting for capacity to progress further work <p>Stakeholder engagement and reviews of digital financial reports to identify issues and root causes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waiting for capacity to undertake targeted stakeholder engagement and review of digital financial reports <p>Monitor for technological disrupters</p> <p>Horizon scan for technological disrupters that affect the need for digital taxonomies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The staff continue to monitor for technological disrupters 	<p>Optimal adoption</p> <p>Engage with digital ecosystem stakeholders to gain momentum towards the digital vision and encourage large markets to transition from current to optimal adoption</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We continue to engage with the increasing number of jurisdictions that are moving towards our digital vision <p>Support regulators adopting IFRSAT to do so in the optimal way</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work has commenced to update the IFRS Taxonomy regulator guide. An updated guide is expected to be published in H1 2024 <p>Updating jurisdictional profiles to help inform adoption activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The staff continue to internally track adoption of digital financial reporting and IFRSAT <p>Encourage public statements of support from international policy-makers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We continue to engage with international policy-makers to encourage statements of support of IFRS digital taxonomies
Other activities		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The staff continue to consider connectivity with the ISSB's work on digital financial reporting The remit of the IFRS Taxonomy Consultative Group (ITCG) was expanded from 1 August to advise both the IASB and ISSB on their taxonomy related activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In August 2023, seven ITCG members retired, nine were newly appointed and four were re-appointed The staff are developing a policy document to facilitate more efficient taxonomy development 		