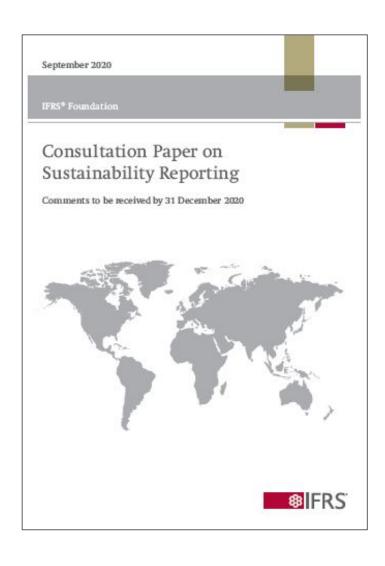


#### Consultation



- Part of Trustees' five-yearly strategy review
- Accelerated focus on sustainability
- Research, analysis & initial engagement by Trustee task force
- Guided by expert advisory group
- Demand-driven
- High-level and specific questions
- Key requirements for success

# Sustainability reporting assessment of current situation



Growing and urgent demand



A supply side in transition



Need for consistency in reporting and comparable information

#### What can the IFRS Foundation contribute?

Demand for consolidation in sustainability reporting

Growing interconnectivity between financial and non-financial reporting

Increasing calls for IFRS Foundation to play a role

IFRS Foundation proven global governance, standard-setting and due process

The IFRS Foundation, with an enhanced remit and composition, should create an International Sustainability Standards Board

IFAC, 2020

[A sustainability standards board could] be established within the current IFRS [Foundation's] structures. It would be overseen by the IFRS Foundation Trustees

**Accountancy Europe, 2020** 

## High-level options considered

- 1. Maintain status quo
- 2. Facilitate existing initiatives
- 3. Create a Sustainability Standards Board (SSB)
  - Within IFRS Foundation governance
  - Alongside IASB
  - Build on excellent work of existing sustainability initiatives

## Requirements for SSB success

- Achieving sufficient global support
- Working with regional initiatives
- Ensuring adequacy of governance structure
- Achieving appropriate technical expertise
- Achieving level of separate funding required
- Effective synergies with financial reporting
- Ensuring current mission and resources not compromised

# **Key considerations**



Scope: a climate-first approach



Approach to materiality



Achieving assurance

## Relationships with other institutions & initiatives

#### **Building upon:**

- Task Force for Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD)
- International Integrated Reporting Council (IIRC)
- Climate Disclosure Standards Board (CDSB)
- Global Reporting Initiative (GRI)
- Sustainability Accounting Standards Board (SASB)
- CDP

#### Providing a global platform for:

Regional initiatives

# **Key questions**

Is there a need for global sustainability standards? Should the IFRS Foundation play a role? Is a new Sustainability Standards Board within the IFRS Foundation an appropriate approach? Views on requirements for success?

#### **Timeline**



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