



IFAC SMP Committee Meeting Summary

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This meeting summary of the IFAC Small and Medium Practices (SMP) Committee has been prepared for information purposes only. Decisions reported are tentative and reflect only the current status of discussions on projects which might change after further deliberation by the SMP Committee.

Strategic Planning

The committee discussed the status of its *Strategy and Work Plan for 2011-14*¹, which includes initiatives to position and equip SMPs as business advisors and help member bodies share and collaborate on products and services aimed at supporting SMPs. Implementation of the plan remains on schedule. The committee also discussed possible projects for inclusion in its work plan for 2012, which will be finalized and approved at its next meeting.

Public Policy and Regulation (PPR)

The committee received a presentation from IFAC PPR staff covering the role and responsibilities of SMPs with respect to anti-money laundering; the European Commission's (EC) Green Paper *Audit Policy: Lessons from the Crisis* issued by the European Commission (EC); the EC Green Paper on *The EU Corporate Governance Framework*; and other relevant developments.

Input to IAASB Standard Setting

The committee discussed its input to the exposure draft of ISAE 3000 (Revised), *Assurance Engagements Other Than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information* and the IAASB consultation paper, *Enhancing the Value of Auditor Reporting: Exploring Options for Change*, both of which are open for public consultation. The committee continues to focus on a number of other projects² including ISA Implementation Monitoring, Audit Quality, and Review and Compilation engagements.

IESBA SME/SMP Working Group

The committee received an update on the work of the IESBA SME/SMP Working Group, which made a preliminary report back to the IESBA at its

¹ See http://web.ifac.org/download/SMPCCommittee_StrategyWorkPlan.pdf

² See <http://www.ifac.org/IAASB/Projects.php> for all project summaries

meeting in June 2011³. The Working Group, which comprises eight members, including two from the committee, is charged with identifying what unique and challenging issues SMEs and SMPs face in complying with the *IESBA Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* and recommending to the IESBA ways in which the Board might address them.

ISA and Quality Control Guides

The committee approved a routine maintenance update to its *Guide to Quality Control for Use by Small- and Medium-Sized Practices* (QC Guide)⁴, which will be released in early August 2011.

A similar update in respect of the committee's *Guide to Using International Standards on Auditing in the Audits of Small- and Medium-Sized Entities* (ISA Guide)⁴ is currently in progress, together with development of a companion guide on how member bodies can make best use of the Guides and materials to support the use of the Guides by member bodies for education and training purposes. The updated ISA Guide, companion guide and education and training materials are intended to be released in Q4, 2011.

Practice Management Guide

The committee received a status report on the current maintenance update to the *Guide to Practice Management for Use by Small- and Medium-Sized Practices* (PM Guide)⁴, scheduled for release in Q4, 2011.

Information Sharing

The entire IFAC website, including the International Center for Small and Medium Practices, will be re-launched soon. The new website promises to give the Center greater profile and visibility.

In accordance with the committee's *Strategy and Work Plan for 2011-2014*, a means of facilitating the sharing of resources, tools, ideas and information between member bodies using web-based technology is being pilot tested.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the SMP Committee will be on October 27-28, 2011 in New York City.

³ See <http://www.ifac.org/Ethics/Meeting-BGPapers.php?MID=0236>

⁴ See <http://web.ifac.org/publications/small-and-medium-practices-committee>