

**Meeting:** IESBA CAG Meeting

**Meeting Location:** New York

**Meeting Date:** March 9, 2020

## Agenda Item

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### Tax Planning and Related Services

#### Objective of Agenda Item

1. To receive an update from the Tax Planning and Related Services Working Group (TPWG) on its recent outreach activities and fact-finding work to date.

#### Working Group

2. Members:
  - Jens Poll, Chair, IESBA Member
  - Sanjiv Chaudhary, IESBA Member
  - Robert Juenemann, IESBA Member
  - Andrew Mintzer, IESBA Member

#### Working Group Activities Since Last CAG Meeting

3. Members of the TPWG met in person in Q4 2019 and Q1 2020 to continue analysis of information, views and comments collected through research and outreach. The TPWG had the opportunity to meet with, in person or via teleconference, stakeholders in United States, Belgium, France, Malaysia and United Kingdom. The Chair of TPWG also presented at [Accountancy Europe's Tax Planning Day](#) attended by multidisciplinary stakeholders. Please refer to the Appendix for a list of the outreach sessions conducted to date.
4. The TPWG continues to conduct "desk research" in the area of tax planning, including reviews of publicly available reports, articles, podcasts, webinars and other relevant material.
5. A specific focus of the TPWG for Q2 2020 will be meeting with regulatory and professional accountancy organization stakeholders.

#### Next Steps

6. The TPWG will continue its outreach and research to solicit views on key issues and to share knowledge with stakeholders in different jurisdictions. The TPWG will be presenting its preliminary analysis to the IFAC Small and Medium Practices (SMP) Committee in April 2020 and the National Standard Setters liaison group in May 2020.
7. At its next in-person meeting in April 2020, the TPWG will continue its systematic walk-through of the remainder of the Code to identify any potential gaps in dealing with the ethics issues observed during

its information gathering. As part of this analysis, the TPWG will continue to consider relevant comments from respondents to the IESBA's [2019-2023 Strategy and Work Plan](#)<sup>1</sup> consultation paper.

**Matters for CAG Consideration**

8. Representatives are asked to receive the update and provide input on the matters covered in **Agenda Item C-1**.

**Material Presented**

Agenda Item C-1 Tax Planning and Related Services: Fact Finding

**Material Presented for CAG Reference Only**

Agenda Item C-2 2019 GRI 207

Agenda Item C-3 PRI Evaluating and Engaging on Corporate Tax Transparency Investor Guide

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<sup>1</sup> The [IESBA Strategy and Work Plan 2019-2023](#) was released in April 2019.

### List of Stakeholders and Outreach Events Conducted to Date

#### Who did we speak to?

- Accountancy Europe Tax Policy Group
- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (UK)
- Tax Leaders (GPPC)
- Chartered Professional Accountants of British Columbia
- Head of Global Tax Policy (KPMG)
- Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales
- Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland
- Kevin Dancy (IFAC CEO)
- Malaysian Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- Malaysian Institute Accountants
- Member of the Board of Trustees of International Bureau of Fiscal Documentation
- Member of the European Parliament - Spain
- Member of the European Parliament - Germany
- Partner Global Tax Policy Leader (PWC)
- Tax Leader (Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand)
- Personnel from OECD's Centre for Tax Policy and Administration
- Various stakeholders from Accountancy Europe Tax Planning Day

