

**Meeting:** IAASB  
**Meeting Location:** Lima, Peru  
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# Agenda Item 3

## Update on Coordination with other Standard Setting Boards

### Objective of Agenda Item

1. The objectives of this agenda item are to:
  - Update the Board on actions taken to further enhance the coordination with other Standard Setting Boards (SSBs); and
  - Provide the Board with an overview of the SSB Staff's assessment to date of possible matters where further coordination may be needed.

### Background

2. At the June 2016 IAASB Meeting, the Board received an update on the preliminary thinking related to enhancing the process of coordination between the SSB. This included a more systematic and structured process for coordination, featuring a mechanism to inventory, capture and manage coordination issues, early assessment of type of coordination required, periodic oversight review by Chairs jointly, and periodic Board updates. The Board was generally supportive of the proposals, but emphasized the need for the process to be flexible and not cumbersome and facilitate the identification and communication of issues in a timely manner.
3. Since then, the SSB Staff have met on various occasions to discuss:
  - How effective coordination could be operationalized at the Staff, Task Force / Working Group and Board levels in an efficient manner.
  - Compiling an inventory of matters that could have implications for other SSB.

This has resulted in the development of an inventory of matters of mutual interest across the three SSB, with the purpose of ensuring that these matters are effectively and appropriately addressed. However, although significant progress has been made in compiling an inventory of matters of mutual interest, the SSB Staff need to undertake further work in order to refine this compilation and ensure that all matters are considered and accurately reflected.

### *International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA) Update*

4. In January 2017, the IESBA announced the completion of the major first phase of its strategic project to restructure the Code of Ethics *for Professional Accountants* (IESBA Code). At the same time, the IESBA also released three exposure drafts with new proposals that will enhance and complete the fully restructured IESBA Code with strengthened ethics requirements for professional accountants.
5. The interrelationship of these projects and how they will be coordinated is complex. Accordingly, in January 2017, the IESBA published an overview of the main improvements to the IESBA Code that have been made to date, including details of how the different work streams are being coordinated

and related timelines, which is available in **Agenda Item 3-A**. This document may be useful to the IAASB in understanding where the IESBA is currently in their process, but is not otherwise for discussion.

**Material Presented**

Agenda Item 3-A

IESBA Update: Toward a Restructured International Code of Ethics

**Matter for IAASB Consideration**

1. The IAASB is asked to consider the presentation and discuss relevant aspects as appropriate.