

Agenda Item**A.2**

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CONSULTATIVE ADVISORY GROUP (IAASB CAG) and INTERNATIONAL ETHICS
STANDARDS BOARD FOR ACCOUNTANTS CONSULTATIVE ADVISORY GROUP
(IESBA CAG)**

Held on March 6, 2018

New York, USA

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¹ For purposes of the March 2018 meeting, Mr. Robert Perez attended as an alternate to Mr. Sobel of IIA.

Welcome and Approval of the Previous Meeting (Agenda Item J1)

OPENING REMARKS

Messrs. Dalkin and Koktvedgaard welcomed the Representatives and Observers to the meeting and in particular also welcomed Mmes. Rebekah Brown and Jackie Brown from the Business Learning Institute with the Maryland Association of CPAs, who will be presenting to the joint IAASB – IESBA CAG on the changing environment due to technological advancements.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the September 2017 joint IAASB and IESBA CAG public meeting were approved as presented.

Technology and Innovation (Agenda Item J2)

To RECEIVE a presentation on the impact of new technologies on the accounting profession from an external presenter.

The joint IAASB – IESBA CAG received a presentation on technology and innovation by Ms. Brown. In particular, the presentation to the representatives focused on the technological transformations and disruptions that are impacting the accounting profession and how these technological developments are changing what accounting and finance professionals do. Specific technological developments referred to include the use of Artificial Intelligence, Blockchain and Auditchain.

The presentation further noted that it is no longer appropriate for auditors to simply focus on providing a historical view on compliance with accounting standards. To meet audit demands of the future, audit firms and individual auditors must:

- Stay ahead of the curve on evolving technology and the changing regulatory environment;
- Sharpen technology, critical thinking and communication skills;
- Thoroughly understand a client's industry and what makes the client unique in that industry;
- Develop long-term relationships with clients and other stakeholders based on integrity, candor, professionalism, objectivity and their ability to share valued insights based on these capabilities; and
- Look ahead and provide insights on future challenges and opportunities.

Ms. Brown further addressed the skills that accounting and finance professionals will have to master in order to remain relevant and stressed the fact that auditors will have to be 'future ready'. To achieve this, auditors will have to be **aware** of changes, be able to **predict** the impact on the auditor's environment and ultimately **adapt** to these changing environments.

Ms. Brown further facilitated a discussion with the joint IAASB – IESBA CAG in relation to trends that are currently affecting the global accounting profession and their potential impacts. This included small group discussions in respect of:

- What needs to change in how standards are created in a time of exponential change and transformation; and
- Future skills and tools needed for standard setters.

Closing Remarks

Messrs. Dalkin and Koktvedgaard thanked Ms. Brown for her insightful presentation, and also thanked the Representatives for their high level of participation and contributions to the discussions. They then closed the meeting.