

Work Plan

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Agenda Item 4

Objectives of the Discussion

- Get agreement on the survey and supplemental materials to issue soon
 - Look at topics that are flagged and survey design
 - Decide what needs to be said about current status and expected timelines in issuing the survey, recognizing stage of ITC comment analysis
- Continue the broader conversation about feedback from the ITC and the effects on priorities and timing, with an open mind as to how the Board might approach the tremendous tasks at hand, taking into account
 - The call to move forward on certain key issues
 - The interconnectivity of various issues and the need for coordination
 - The resources available to the Board (including members, TAs, Staff, NSS, external experts, others?)

This discussion today will be helpful to the Steering Committee's further considerations tomorrow evening.

Core Questions

- 1) What must come first so that the Board can agree on key principles and carry them through projects consistently?
- 2) What might need more time for IAASB deliberations or the need to build consensus on a way forward – or is less urgent?
- 3) What topics or issues might need a different approach, e.g., to inform the IAASB's debates or raise awareness of key issues?
- 4) How can we do things in the most efficient and effective way, with appropriate input from our stakeholders?

Core Question #1

- What must come first so that the Board can agree on key principles and carry them through projects consistently?
 - ISA 540 – recognition of public commitment to an ED by the end of 2016
 - Key issues in the ISA 315 project – in particular understanding the business and clarifying the concept of significant risk and risk assessment
 - Crossover issues identified in the ITC
 - Engagement partner roles and responsibilities
 - Engagement team roles and responsibilities
 - Others involved in the audit
 - Networks
 - Other group audit issues

Core Question #2

- What might need more time for IAASB deliberations or the need to build consensus on a way forward – or is less urgent?
 - Quality Management Approach – to address concerns from ITC respondents
 - Other QC issues that may be less mature or where respondents have varied views (e.g., transparency reporting)
 - Way forward on professional skepticism – including whether revisions to ISA 500 and 200 are needed
 - Other ISA 315 issues, such as implications of data analytics on key concepts like tests of controls
 - IAPNs for financial institutions as a complement to a revised ISA 540
 - A way forward on Integrated Reporting post-consultation
 - Agreed-Upon Procedures, including consideration of multi-scope engagements

Core Question #3

- What topics or issues might need a different approach, e.g., to inform the IAASB's debates or raise awareness of key issues?
 - What is the best way to inform the way forward on data analytics?
 - How can we communicate more openly about the issues the Board is exploring and the timelines to completion?
 - Is there scope for more Staff publications or other materials to highlight key provisions in the ISAs (similar to the “letterbox” alert) to bridge the gap in the interim?
 - Is it the time to shift to developing the process for the post-implementation review of auditor reporting or is more needed to support implementation?

Core Question #4

- How can we do things in the most efficient and effective way, with appropriate input from our stakeholders?
 - Break key projects into separate tracks to leverage larger membership of WGs and interactions between projects?
 - Develop exposure drafts based on issues vs waiting for full exposure drafts?
E.g.,
 - Concept of significant risk / risk assessment and how it flows through to other ISAs
 - EQCR
 - What actions might be needed in parallel to standard setting and by whom?
 - Where might we need more external expertise on Task Forces or providing input by other ways (e.g., project advisory panels)
 - Can we use more teleconferences next year or do we need a 5th meeting?

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