

**Meeting:** IESBA  
**Meeting Location:** New York, USA  
**Meeting Date:** December 3-6, 2019

# Agenda Item 12

## Promoting the Role and Mindset Expected of Professional Accountants

### Objectives of Agenda Item

1. To receive a high level overview of the comments received as of to the Exposure Draft, [Proposed Revisions to the Code to Promote the Role and Mindset Expected of Professional Accountants](#) (Role and Mindset ED).

### Task Force

2. The Task Force comprises:
  - Richard Fleck, Chair and IESBA Deputy Chair
  - James Barbour, IESBA Technical Advisor
  - Hironori Fukukawa, IESBA Member
  - Trish Mulvaney, IESBA Member

### Background

3. The IESBA released the Role and Mindset ED in July 2019, following its approval of the proposed text at its June 2019 meeting. The comment period for the ED closed on October 31, 2019.
4. The IESBA will receive the Task Force’s full review and proposals at its March 2020 meeting with a view to approving the final text in June 2019.
5. Appendix 2 provides the project history for the Role and Mindset project. Refer also to the [project webpage](#) for more information on the Task Force’s previous activities.

### High-Level Overview

6. As of November 25, 2019, the IESBA received a total of 45 comment letters.
7. Refer to **Agenda Item 12-A** for a high-level overview of the comments received.
8. The following two tables provide a breakdown of the respondents by stakeholder groups and region:

Category of Respondents	Number of Responses
Regulator and Oversight Authority (Regulator)	6 (13%)
National Standard Setter (NSS)	2 (4%)
Firm	10 (22%)

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Public Sector Organization (PSO)	1 (2%)
IFAC Member Body <sup>1</sup> (MB)	23 (51%)
Other Professional Organization (Other PO)	2 (4%)
Individual	1 (2%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>45</b>

Region	Regulator	NSS	Firm	MB	PSO	Other PO	Individual	Total
Asia-Pacific		2		7				9 (20%)
Europe	1			8			1	10 (22%)
Global	1		10	1		2		14 (31%)
Middle East & Africa	3			4				7 (16%)
North America	1			1	1			3 (7%)
South America				2				2 (4%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>45</b>

9. It is noted that:

- One Monitoring Group member provided its comments on the ED (Basel Committee on Banking Supervision)
- IFAC member bodies and the IFAC committees represented 55% of all the respondents
- All ten firms responded are members of the IFAC Forum of Firms. In addition, the IFAC Small to Medium Practices Committee also provided its comment.
- The IESBA did not receive any responses from investors groups, those charged with governance group or the academic community.

**Materials for Discussion**

Agenda Item 12-A      Role and Mindset Presentation

**Action Requested**

10. IESBA members are asked to:

- (a) Consider the presentation (**Agenda Item 12-A**) and share preliminary views;
- (b) Provide suggestions on key matters raised during the Role and Mindset session for consideration by the Task Force at its next meeting in January 2020.

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<sup>1</sup> Certain IFAC Member Bodies also hold the role of ethics standard setter in their jurisdictions.

## Appendix 1

### List of Respondents to Role and Mindset ED

#	Abbrev.	Respondent (xx)	Region
<b>Regulators and Oversight Authorities, Including MG members (6)</b>			
1.	ADAA	Abu Dhabi Accountability Authority	MEA
2.	AABE	Accounting and Auditing Board of Ethiopia	MEA
3.	Basel Committee	Basel Committee on Banking Supervision	GLOBAL
4.	IRBA	Independent Regulatory Board for Auditors (South Africa)	MEA
5.	NASBA	National Association of State Boards of Accountancy	NA
6.	UKFRC	United Kingdom Financial Reporting Council	EU
<b>National Standard Setters (2)</b>			
7.	APESB	Accounting Professional & Ethical Standards Board Limited- Australia	AP
8.	NZAuASB	New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board	AP
<b>Firms (10)<sup>2</sup></b>			
9.	BTL*	Baker Tilly International	GLOBAL
10.	BDO*	BDO International Limited	GLOBAL
11.	CG*	Crowe Global	GLOBAL
12.	DTT*	Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited	GLOBAL
13.	EYG*	Ernst & Young Global Limited	GLOBAL
14.	GTIL*	Grant Thornton International Limited	GLOBAL
15.	KPMG*	KPMG IFRG Limited	GLOBAL
16.	MG*	Moore Global Network Limited	GLOBAL
17.	PWC*	PricewaterhouseCoopers International Limited	GLOBAL
18.	RSM*	RSM International	GLOBAL
<b>Public Sector Organizations (1)</b>			
19.	GAO	United States Government Accountability Office	NA
<b>IFAC Member Bodies (23)<sup>3</sup></b>			
20.	ACCA	Association of Chartered Certified Accountants	GLOBAL
21.	AE	Accountancy Europe	EU

<sup>2</sup> Forum of Firms members are indicated with a \*. The Forum of Firms is an association of international networks of accounting firms that perform [transnational audits](#). Members of the Forum have committed to adhere to and promote the consistent application of high-quality audit practices worldwide, and use the ISAs as the basis for their audit methodologies.

<sup>3</sup> Certain IFAC Member Bodies hold the dual role of ethics standard setter in their jurisdictions.

#	Abbrev.	Respondent (xx)	Region
22.	BICA	Botswana Institute of Chartered Accountants	MEA
23.	CA ANZ	Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand	AP
24.	CCAB	Consultative Committee of Accountancy Bodies	EU
25.	CPAA	CPA Australia	AP
26.	CPAC	Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada	NA
27.	FACPCE	Federación Argentina de Consejos Profesionales de Ciencias Económicas	SA
28.	FAR	FAR (Sweden)	EU
29.	HKICPA	Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants	AP
30.	IBRACON	Instituto dos Auditores Independentes do Brasil (Institute of Independent Auditors of Brazil)	SA
31.	ICAEW	Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales	EU
32.	ICPAU	Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Uganda	MEA
33.	ICAI	The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India	AP
34.	ICAN	The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria	MEA
35.	ICAS	Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland	EU
36.	IDW	Institut der Wirtschaftspruefer	EU
37.	ISCA	Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants	AP
38.	JICPA	Japan Institute of Certified Public Accountants	AP
39.	MIA	Malaysian Institute of Accountants	AP
40.	NBA	Nederlandse Beroepsorganisatie van Accountants	EU
41.	SAICA	South African Institute of Chartered Accountants	MEA
42.	WPK	Wirtschaftsprüferkammer (German Public Accountants MB)	EU
<b>Other Professional Organizations (2)</b>			
43.	IFAC PAIBC	IFAC Professional Accountants in Business Committee	GLOBAL
44.	IFAC SMPC <sup>4</sup>	IFAC Small and Medium Practices Committee	GLOBAL
<b>Individuals (1)</b>			
45.	Likierman	Prof. Sir Andrew Likierman	EU

<sup>4</sup> Constituents of the SMPC are SMPs who provide accounting, tax, assurance and business advisory services principally, but not exclusively to clients who are small and medium-sized entities (SMEs). Members of the SMPC are drawn from IFAC member bodies representing the following 22 countries: Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Italy, Kenya, Malawi, Malta, Nigeria, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, Tunisia, Uganda, United Kingdom, and United States.

## Project History

### Project: Promoting the Role and Mindset Expected of Professional Accountants

#### Summary

	CAG Meeting	IESBA Meeting
Information gathering/ Discussion	<a href="#">March 2018</a>	<a href="#">March 2018</a>
Project commencement, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consideration of feedback from consultation paper and roundtables</li><li>• Approval of project proposal</li></ul>	<a href="#">September 2018</a>	<a href="#">June 2018</a> <a href="#">September 2018</a>
Development of proposed international pronouncement (up to exposure)	<a href="#">March 2019</a>	<a href="#">December 2018</a> <a href="#">March 2019</a> <a href="#">June 2019</a>
Exposure Draft		<a href="#">ED</a> on IESBA website