

Meeting: IESBA
Meeting Location: New York
Meeting Date: September 26-30, 2016

Agenda Item

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Fees Initiative

Objective of Agenda Item

1. To receive a progress update on the fact-finding regarding the Fees initiative.

Working Group (WG)

2. The WG comprises:
 - Chishala Kateka, Chair, IESBA Member
 - Michael Ashley, IESBA Member
 - Michael Dorfan, IESBA Technical Advisor
 - Colleen Dunning, KMPG Canada
 - Lisa Snyder, IESBA Member

Background

3. The IESBA established the WG in July 2015 to initiate fact finding on fee-related matters in various jurisdictions. At its March 2016 meeting, the IESBA:
 - (a) Approved the WG's Terms of Reference;¹ and
 - (b) Agreed the scope and focus of, and approach to, the WG's fact finding.
4. Pursuant to the above, the IESBA has commissioned an academic, [Prof. David Hay](#), to undertake a review of relevant academic and other literature for purposes of informing the IESBA's future actions on the topic.
5. As part of the fact finding, the IESBA also plans to engage with key stakeholders, in particular investors, regulators and audit oversight bodies, firms and the corporate governance community to obtain an understanding of their respective perspectives on the identified fee-related matters.

Activities Since Last IESBA Discussion

6. The WG met once via teleconference to consider the preliminary deliverables provided by Prof. Hay. The WG Chair and staff subsequently liaised with Prof. Hay in preparation for this session.

¹ The WG's Terms of Reference are included in the [Appendix](#) to the minutes of the March 2016 IESBA public session.

Approach to the Session

7. Prof. Hay will present a progress update at the meeting via teleconference. Prof. Hay will explain the scope of, and approach to, his review of the relevant literature, and will update the Board on his preliminary findings to-date.
8. Prof. Hay's will present his final report at the December 2016 IESBA meeting.

Actions Requested

9. IESBA members are asked to note the update and share any preliminary reactions.