IPSAS ED 3 Conceptual Framework ...: Measurement of Assets and Liabilities in Financial Statements

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Introduction

The following comments and suggestions are meant to improve if possible IPSAS ED 3. It is not the intention to provide a complete set of remarks based on a thorough examination of this IPSAS ED 2. Probably there are still other suggestions or comments possible.

General remarks

- The conceptual framework should be established based on user-need accounting research. The current ED provides an overview of different measurement principles without setting up a best practice in certain applications. "Different cost for different purposes" is a saying that is applicable in this ED.
- The literature about accounting and measurement is very huge and debates e.g. historical cost current accounting cost are continued. Therefore the IPSASB could organize preceding scientific research regarding the different user needs when discussing governmental financial reporting.
- The ED lacks a number of examples, which can improve their readability and understandability.