

Attention: David McPeak
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Dear Mr. McPeak,

Re: Comments Exposure Draft 2014 – 2016 IAESB Strategy & Work Plan

The abovementioned request for comments refers. Herewith the SAIPA comments.

SAIPA is pleased with the overall strategy of the IAESB, and feels that the strategy and work plan will add great value to current member bodies as well as to opening up opportunities for other bodies to begin to comply with the International Education Standards and work towards becoming member bodies too.

In particular we would like to support the development of the revised definition for the Professional Accountant as we believe this would ultimately assist in supporting the identification of outcomes linked to the IAESB strategy for encouraging learning outcomes approaches (i.e. taking the definition and expanding on this in order to identify learning outcomes aligned to the definition).

We are also very pleased with the plan to develop guidance materials that identify the CPD requirements for specialist pathways, as it is becoming more and more prevalent for Professional Accountants to follow specialty areas in their careers.

SAIPA encourages the IAESB to prioritise the development of information papers specifically around the alternative pathways to entry into a professional accounting education program, as we find that this would be most useful in developing countries.

We encourage knowledge sharing in terms of supporting developing member bodies in working towards compliance with the standards. However there must be a marketing campaign built into this in order to reach those bodies that this strategy would be assisting. It would be pointless to develop a toolkit and have no way of reaching those the toolkit is intended to reach. However we do recognize that this is an operational requirement, and we do support the broad strategy of developing this guide.

I trust this assists you in finalizing the IAESB 2014 to 2016 strategy and work plan. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to contribute.

Kind regards

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