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# IFAC Member Compliance Program: 2016 Work Program



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## Strategic Objectives for 2016–2018

1. The [IFAC Member Compliance Program Strategy: 2016–2018](#) (2016–2018 Strategy) was prepared in alignment with the IFAC Strategy to ensure consistency with organization’s direction and priorities. The Compliance Strategy was exposed for public consultation for a 60–day period. Seventy-one responses were received supporting the proposed strategic objectives for 2016–2018. On September 7, 2015, the Public Interest Oversight Board (PIOB) confirmed that the Compliance Strategy was developed in accordance with due process and with proper regard for the public interest.
2. The Program’s strategic objectives for 2016–2018 are:
  - (a) *Enhancing monitoring of member organizations’ compliance with membership requirements, including the [Statements of Membership Obligations](#), and strengthening the Program’s enforcement framework;*
  - (b) *Enhancing reporting on the status of adoption of international standards, Quality Assurance (QA), and Investigation and Discipline (I&D) systems; and*
  - (c) *Increasing support for adoption and implementation efforts of member organizations and national authorities.*
3. The strategic objectives, initiatives, and projects envisioned for 2016–2018 reflect a shift in emphasis of the Program. While the first 10 years of the Program’s existence centered on information gathering and development of SMO Action Plans, the next three years will focus more on monitoring and reporting activities with a view to support those member organizations that continue to face significant challenges in fulfilling their SMO requirements.

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4. Consistent with IFAC’s Strategy implementation approach, the IFAC Quality and Membership (Q&M) staff, with the advice and oversight of the Compliance Advisory Panel (CAP), prepare annual work programs to implement the 2016–2018 Strategy. The Q&M staff are guided by three factors in preparing work programs to advance the strategic objectives:
  - Greater emphasis on matters and initiatives that maintain the Program’s relevance and advance IFAC’s Strategy;
  - Collaboration with other IFAC groups and stakeholders where their knowledge and expertise can contribute to meeting the Program’s objectives; and
  - Maintain resource use at current levels.
5. In addition, communication of Program initiatives forms part of regular reporting to the IFAC Board and interactions with member organizations and stakeholders. Increasing communication about the Program’s initiatives as well as the 2016–2018 strategic objectives is also an area of emphasis for the 2016 Work Program.
6. The annual work programs are developed taking into consideration feedback from Members, Associates, Regional Organizations (ROs), Accountancy Groupings (AGs), and other stakeholders provided during the strategy consultation process.

7. The Q&M staff provide progress reports on key initiatives at each CAP meetings. More specific timelines and resource requirements for new initiatives, including those outlined below, are also communicated to the CAP regularly.
8. In line with the CAP Terms of Reference, the CAP annually reports on the status of implementation of the work program and progress made in achieving objectives. This information is included in the IFAC annual report. While Q&M staff do not anticipate any revision of the annual work program, if changes in timeline or initiatives is needed, proposed changes will be discussed with the CAP. The work program will also be used to identify and agree on key performance indicators (KPIs) with the IFAC Board.
9. Q&M staff are also responsible for a number of core activities in support of the Compliance Program, the work of the CAP, and other IFAC membership related processes. These core activities will continue to be carried out throughout the course of the year and consultations will be held with the CAP as necessary. These core activities include:
  - Reviewing SMO Action Plans for publication and preparing Dashboard Reports (DBRs);
  - Monitoring membership compliance risks and recommending enforcement actions to the IFAC Board as necessary;
  - Assessing membership applications for admission recommendations to the IFAC Board;
  - Addressing complaints received regarding member organizations;
  - Liaising with Recognized Regional Organizations and Acknowledged Accountancy Groupings on matters related to the implementation of Compliance Program;
  - Providing information, knowledge, and support to IFAC leadership for speaking engagements, outreach, events, and other matters; and
  - Supporting four CAP meetings during the year, including preparing agenda papers and engaging with internal and external stakeholders.

## 2016 Work Program

Initiative	Actions	Timeline
A. <b>Enhancing monitoring of member organizations' compliance with membership requirements, including the SMOs, and strengthening the Program's enforcement framework.</b>		
Maintain Integrity of the Member Compliance Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain a secure internal database for DBRs (initial population and ongoing maintenance)</li> </ul>	Q1–Q4
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support IFAC Global Reputation and Advocacy initiatives with information collected through the Program</li> </ul>	Q1–Q4
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide report on SMO fulfilment to the IFAC Board</li> </ul>	Q4
Review of the Enforcement Framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review and consider enhancements to the current enforcement framework</li> </ul>	Q1–Q4
B. <b>Enhancing reporting on the status of adoption of international standards, QA, and I&amp;D systems.</b>		
Improve Usefulness and Accessibility of Member Compliance Program Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Produce adoption status reports for the independent standard-setting boards, and consult regularly on adoption assessment methodology</li> </ul>	Q1–Q4
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create templates for user-friendly online reports and publications with necessary access controls and disclaimers</li> </ul>	Q3
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit adoption status report to the IFAC Board and PIOB</li> </ul>	Q4
Enhance Member Compliance Program Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update the Member Compliance Program website content</li> </ul>	Q2–Q3
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote work of member organizations fulfilling SMOs through Member Compliance Program section of the IFAC website</li> </ul>	Q3–Q4
C. <b>Increasing support for adoption and implementation efforts of member bodies and national authorities.</b>		
Outreach to IFAC Member Organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider outreach requests from member organizations, RO/AGs, etc.</li> </ul>	Q1–Q4
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use information in DBRs to determine outreach strategy for 2017</li> </ul>	Q4
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contribute information and knowledge to IFAC leadership and areas and the independent standard-setting boards to facilitate outreach strategies</li> </ul>	Q4

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<b>Collaboration with Other IFAC Activities Areas, Partners, and Stakeholders</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work with IFAC PAO Development Committee and other IFAC areas to leverage complementary interests and efforts to assist IFAC member organizations</li> </ul>	Q1–Q4
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify opportunities to work with the World Bank (and other development agencies) to exchange information and collaborate on events that focus on SMO-related issues</li> </ul>	Q1–Q4
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collaborate with the World Bank on other development initiatives, including the ROSCs on Accounting and Auditing (peer review, advice on ROSC v2 revisions, etc.)</li> </ul>	Q1–Q4
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collaborate with ROs and AGs to address regional challenges, including consideration of co-hosting workshops and meetings</li> </ul>	Q1–Q4

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