Reporting Sustainability Program Information—Amendments to RPGs 1 and 3: Additional Non-Authoritative Guidance

This summary provides an overview of <u>Reporting</u>
<u>Sustainability Program</u>
<u>Information— Amendments to</u>
<u>RPGs 1 and 3: Additional Non-Authoritative Guidance.</u>

Project Objective: To provide additional guidance to facilitate the reporting of sustainability

program information.

Approved: The International Public Sector Accounting Standards Board® (IPSASB®)

approved <u>Reporting Sustainability Program Information</u> <u>Amendments to</u> <u>RPGs 1 and 3: Additional Non-Authoritative Guidance</u> in March 2023. It was

issued in May 2023.

Project History: The IPSASB initiated the *Reporting Sustainability Program Information* project

in 2023.

In November 2022, the IPSASB issued Exposure Draft (ED) 83, Reporting Sustainability Program Information—RPGs 1 and 3: Additional Non-

<u>Authoritative Guidance</u> with an exposure period of 3 months.

In March 2023, the IPSASB reviewed the responses received on SMC 1 and SMC 2, as appropriate revised the additional guidance proposed to facilitate the

reporting of sustainability program information.



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Project Overview

The purpose of Reporting Sustainability Program Information is to enhance awareness of the applicability of existing guidance in RPG 1 and RPG 3 to reporting sustainability program information.

Why the IPSASB Undertook this project

This limited-scope project responds to the urgent need for public sector sustainability reporting and emphasizes the applicability of RPG 1 & RPG 3 when reporting sustainability program information.

Amendments to RPG 1 Non-Authoritative Guidance

The amendments to RPG 1 added implementation guidance to:

- (a) Emphasize that RPG 1 applies to reporting information on the impact of sustainability programs on an entity's overall finances;
- (b) Explain how sustainability program impacts on the three dimensions (service, revenue, and debt) of long-term fiscal sustainability should be assessed; and
- Highlight the applicable principles for reporting on sustainability program information.

Amendments to RPG 3 Non-Authoritative Guidance

The amendments to RPG 3 added implementation guidance to:

- (a) Emphasize that RPG 3 applies to reporting information related to sustainability programs; and
- (b) Explain how RPG 3 can be applied to individual sustainability programs.

and illustrative examples were also added to show how the guidance in RPG 3 could apply to different sustainability programs, such as:

- (a) A program financed by a green bond;
- (b) A program financed by a carbon tax;
- (c) An investment in infrastructure to mitigate the impacts of climate change; and
- (d) A tax expenditure provided for sustainability investments.