

IPSASB CHAIR SEARCH COMMITTEE

Meeting 1 – September 12, 2024

(Virtual via Zoom – 6:00 AM – 8:15 AM EDT / 10:00 AM – 12:15 UTC)

ATTENDEES

Chairman	Vinod Rai
Members	Fergal Costello, Assietou Sylla Diouf, Davit Gamkrelidze, and Heather Taylor
Observer	Andrew Blazey (PIC)
Secretariat	Lee White, Elaine Young, Elena Churikova
Others in Attendance	Ian Carruthers, IPSASB Chair

RECORD OF DECISIONS

1. Welcome and Introduction

The chairman, Mr. Vinod Rai, welcomed Search Committee members, the Public Interest Oversight (PIC) observer, and the secretariat to the inaugural meeting.

Mr. Rai also welcomed Mr. Ian Carruthers, the current IPSASB Chair, when he joined to present on the IPSASB's strategic priorities to the Committee.

2. Approve the Search Committee Mandate

The Search Committee adopted the proposed Search Committee's Terms of Reference (ToR). The ToR was reviewed by the PIC and approved by the IFAC Board in November 2023. The secretariat indicated that the ToR would be posted on the Search Committee's webpage for transparency.

The Search Committee reviewed and signed the Code of Conduct and Independence Declaration.

3. Update on the IPSASB's Future Focus and the Chair's Role

The Search Committee received a presentation from Mr. Ian Carruthers, the current IPSASB Chair. The draft IPSASB Strategy and Work Program for 2024-2028 was provided to the Committee before the meeting.

During the presentation, Mr. Carruthers focused on key priorities outlined in the Strategy and the current Chair's responsibilities related to leading the Board and working with the staff to achieve the work program.

The Search Committee discussion and questions focused on key competencies needed for the next Chair to lead the Board in a rapidly changing environment.

The Secretariat will share the 2025 IPSASB composition with the Search Committee in due course for reference.¹

4. Call for Applications for the IPSASB Chair

The Search Committee reviewed and provided its input to the draft Call for Applications. It was agreed that any additional comments should be provided to the Secretariat by September 20.

The Secretariat will circulate the updated Call for the Search Committee's approval before publishing. It was agreed that the Call should be published as soon as possible to extend the application period.

¹ Secretariat action

5. Search Process Timeline

The Search Committee discussed the proposed timeline. It was suggested that more time should be allocated for the Search Committee's review of candidates' applications.

The Search Committee meeting dates were confirmed as indicated below, with the understanding that additional virtual meetings could be scheduled as needed.

- Virtual Meeting on Tuesday, March 11 at 7:00-9:30 AM EDT / 11:00-13:30 UTC
- Virtual Meeting on Thursday, April 10 at 7:00-9:30 AM EDT / 11:00-13:30 UTC
- Hybrid Meeting on Thursday, June 12 (Location TBC)

It was confirmed that the June hybrid meeting is intended for the final round of in-person interviews with the top candidates.

6. Proposed Advertisement Campaign

The Search Committee provided its input to the proposed advertisement campaign to ensure it reaches the broad targeted audiences globally.

It was confirmed that once the Call for Applications is issued, the Search Committee will assist with promotion by raising awareness among their networks.

It was also agreed that IFAC, PIC, IPSASB, and the Search Committee promote the Call for Applications during events and outreach.

7. Closing Remarks

A question was raised about the candidates' appeal process (which is common for public sector positions in certain jurisdictions), to which the Secretariat will respond in due course.²

The Chairman thanked the Search Committee members, the observer, the IPSASB Chair, and the Secretariat for their preparation and participation in the meeting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2025.

² Secretariat action