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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

FOR THE IFAC BOARD IN 2027

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IFAC BOARD

BOARD SIZE:

The President
and 22 members

IFAC PRESIDENT³

5 VACANCIES, INCLUDING THE IFAC DEPUTY PRESIDENT⁴ POSITION:

Category A: 4 vacancies

Category B: 0 vacancies

Category C: 1 vacancy, including 1 current member eligible for re-appointment

IFAC DEPUTY PRESIDENT POSITION

Introduction

The Nominating Committee invites nominations of exceptional individuals for the position of Deputy President to serve under the new President from November 2026 to November 2028. Upon completion of the Deputy President's term, it is anticipated that the individual will assume the office of IFAC President (November 2028-November 2030), leading the Board and Council, presiding over meetings, overseeing subcommittees, representing IFAC at various events and outreach, and advocating on behalf of IFAC and in the public interest.

To ensure a robust pool of qualified candidates, nominations are open to all Board members and non-Board members with extensive experience and knowledge of IFAC. Although the IFAC Board comprises highly regarded, competent, and experienced individuals who are deeply knowledgeable about IFAC, non-Board members with a proven record of engagement/service on the IFAC Groups or similar may also be nominated for the Deputy President position.

Role and Responsibilities

The Deputy President works closely with the President, Board of Directors, and CEO, representing IFAC at key events and meetings. Specific responsibilities include:

- Chairing the Planning and Finance Committee
- Serving as Deputy Chair of the Nominating Committee
- Assisting the President and assuming presidential/Chair duties when required
- Promoting IFAC's strategic priorities and Member Value Proposition
- Engaging with IFAC Members and stakeholders to shape the future of the profession



ABOUT THE IFAC BOARD

The International Federation of Accountants (IFAC) Board is entrusted with taking all practicable steps to pursue IFAC's vision and purpose by overseeing IFAC's governance, membership, strategy, budget, and appointments to the IFAC committees. Working with the IFAC President and Deputy President, as well as the Chief Executive Officer and management, the IFAC Board recommends IFAC's Strategic Plan to the IFAC Council. The Board's authority over these general areas is reflected in the [IFAC Constitution](#) (Article 19) and [IFAC Bylaws](#) (Article 25). More information about IFAC and the IFAC Board, including the IFAC Strategic Plan, can be found on the [Governance section of the IFAC website](#).

³ It is anticipated that the Nominating Committee will recommend to the IFAC Board and Council that Taryn Rulton (CAA NZ/CPA AU, Australia), who is currently serving as the Deputy President, should succeed to the office of the IFAC President.

⁴ The Deputy President could be in any of the three Board categories.

Role and Responsibilities (cont'd)

Upon the expiration of the Deputy President's term, the responsibilities of the IFAC President will include:

- Chairing the IFAC Board and Council
- Chairing the Nominating Committee
- Chairing the Human Resources and Compensation Committee
- Acting as an observer on Board Subcommittees and attending meetings on an as-needed basis
- Promoting IFAC's strategic priorities and Member Value Proposition
- Engaging with Members and stakeholders to shape the future of the profession

TIME COMMITMENT

The estimated time commitment is approximately 30–40% of a full-time position during the Deputy Presidency, increasing to 50–70% upon assuming the role of President. Responsibilities include attending various in-person meetings worldwide and participating in outreach events as needed. Given the number of meetings and associated travel (as specified below), candidates may be asked to confirm their employing organization's full support, ensuring adequate time is available to fulfill these requirements.

Summary of the Annual Time Commitment:

- 4 Ordinary Board meetings and 1 Council meeting. Additional virtual Board meetings may be scheduled, if needed
- 4–5 Nominating Committee meetings
- 4 Planning and Finance Committee meetings
- Member engagement and outreach activities, as needed

General Qualifications for Nominees

Nominees should have significant professional experience holding senior-level and leadership positions and be highly respected in the global accountancy community. Candidates must have strong support from their nominating and employing organizations regarding both the time commitment and professional resources required.

Candidates must demonstrate:

A strong commitment to IFAC's purpose, strategic objectives, and Member Value Proposition

A dedication to the public interest that is genuine, time-tested, and global in nature

Exceptional leadership, strategic thinking, and change management skills

Extensive experience leading organizations or high-profile projects and/or groups

Extensive experience in chairing meetings and leading multicultural groups

Astute professional judgment to act as a trusted advisor to the President and CEO

Exceptional people skills with the ability to achieve consensus and manage highly sensitive, complex, and confidential situations

An ability to develop and strengthen relationships with key stakeholders

Strong communication skills, including public speaking and presentation skills

An ability to multitask and manage demanding priorities

Awareness of the social and economic context in which IFAC and its members operate

Financial and Visa Requirements

Costs, including insurance coverage, for attendance at all meetings are borne by the nominating and/or employing organization, unless a candidate qualifies for the Travel Support Program. When the Deputy President assumes the office of the President, all costs associated with the role will be assumed by IFAC.

The Deputy President (and subsequently, the President) is responsible for arranging their own visas for international travel. IFAC will only provide visa support letters.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR IFAC BOARD

Call for Nominations for IFAC Board

The Nominating Committee is seeking highly qualified candidates to fill 5 vacancies on the IFAC Board: **4 open vacancies in Category A and 1 vacancy in Category C, for which 1 current Board member is eligible for re-appointment** for a second term of service. All appointments are for a 3-year term of service, commencing after the IFAC Council meeting in November 2026.

The Nominating Committee encourages qualified candidates who can enhance the Board's overall composition, including through their professional background and skills, as well as representation from different global jurisdictions and other diversity targets. **Nominations of female candidates are strongly encouraged.**

The Nominating Committee is seeking nominations from a wide range of relevant backgrounds, including candidates from:

- International agencies;
- Development banks;
- Non-profit organizations;
- Governments and auditor general offices;
- Financial service regulators; and
- Small and Medium Practices (SMPs).

Candidates for IFAC Board membership should be members of IFAC member organizations.



Desired Qualifications and Experience

Board candidates should possess extensive experience in senior- and executive-level leadership roles, as well as significant international experience.

The Nominating Committee is particularly interested in candidates who will champion IFAC's public interest mandate and are willing to represent and promote IFAC at regional and global levels. Given current trends in the profession and IFAC's strategic objectives, candidates with the following expertise and skills are encouraged to apply:

- Experience in the evolution of broader corporate reporting
- Expertise/practical understanding of digital transformation, data analytics, artificial intelligence (AI), and integration of new technologies that are reshaping the accountancy profession
- Experience in developing and implementing initiatives that elevate the appeal of the accountancy profession and/or prepare future-ready talent
- Experience working with donor organizations and development agencies, and/or capacity building
- Change management skills and ability to drive organizational transformation
- Entrepreneurial and innovation skills to drive growth and delivery of IFAC's strategic priorities and Member Value Proposition
- Strong collaboration skills and ability to build consensus in a multicultural environment
- Knowledge of risks and opportunities impacting the global accountancy profession
- Familiarity with IFAC and its activities
- Strong communication and presentation skills

English proficiency (both written and oral) is essential, as this is the language in which the IFAC operates.

Overview of the Position and Volunteer Responsibilities

The Board provides governance oversight of IFAC's operations and holds management accountable for the delivery of IFAC's strategy. IFAC Board members are expected to be committed and engaged in the Board's oversight work, as follows:

Prepare for Executive Session, Board, and committee meetings (conducted in a hybrid or virtual format) by: reading reports, reviewing other materials, and participating in the debates and deliberations at the Board and committee level.

Bring their own unique expertise and experience. It is equally important that Board members demonstrate a commitment to IFAC's purpose, strategic priorities, and IFAC's Member Value Proposition, and support the collective decisions of the Board.

Advise management and staff on matters of strategic importance.

Board members, being in a position of responsibility and authority in IFAC's governance structure, have a fiduciary duty to IFAC, including duties of care and loyalty. In short, this means they are required to act reasonably, prudently, and in the best interests of IFAC. Board members' role is to serve the interests of the global profession rather than representing their nominating organization or jurisdiction.

Act as IFAC ambassadors in their countries, regions, and globally, as well as support IFAC's work by speaking out and doing outreach, where appropriate.

Support management in the successful delivery of IFAC strategic priorities and Member Value Proposition.

Act with integrity and in the public interest.

TIME COMMITMENT

The total expected time commitment (excluding travel) is approximately 190 hours per year, with up to an additional 150 hours per year for committee work and Board-related outreach. The time commitment may vary depending on members' involvement in committee work and outreach, and the time each member spends preparing for meetings.

The IFAC Board generally holds 4 in-person⁵ meetings per year, each meeting lasts 2-3 days. Additional virtual meetings are scheduled on an as-needed basis.

⁵ In-person meetings provide an option to participate virtually for those who are unable to travel.

IFAC BOARD ROTATION SCHEDULE 2026							Term Ending (X) Eligible for re-appointment (X1)		
Officers	Gender	Region	Country	Nominating Organization	Professional Classification	Service	2026	2027	2028
Bouquot, President	M	Global	France	CNCC/CNOEC	P-SMP	2021	X		
Rulton, Deputy President	F	AU	Australia	CAANZ	PAIB-LE	2021	X1		
Members	Gender	Region	Country	Nominating Organization	Professional Classification	Service	2026	2027	2028
Anton	M	NA	USA	AICPA	Retired P-SMP	2022		X	
Batstone	F	NA	Canada	CPA CA	NGO	2022		X	
Byrne	F	NA	USA	AICPA	P-OIN (Forvis Mazars)	2023			X
Gupta	M	AS	India	ICAI-Chartered	P-SMP	2021	X		
Kan	M	AS	Japan	JICPA	Retired P-Big 4 (Deloitte)	2021	X		
McEnery	M	EU	UK (Ireland)	ACCA	P-OIN (BDO)	2026			X1
Mio	F	EU	Italy	CNDCEC	Academic	2021	X		
Phan	F	AU (AS)	Australia (Malaysia)	CPA AU	Retired P Big-4 (PwC)	2025		X1	
Sant'Anna	M	LAC	Brazil	CFC/IBRACON	Retired P Big-4 (Deloitte)	2023			X
Collins	F	EU	Ireland	CAI	PAIB-SME	2026			X1
Niehues	M	EU	Germany	IDW/WPK	P-Big 4 (Deloitte)	2025		X1	
Shim	F	AS	Korea	KICPA	PAIB-LE	2026			X1
Stock	F	A-ME	South Africa	SAICA	Member Staff	2025		X1	
Vaessen	M	EU	Netherlands	Royal NBA	P-Big 4 (KPMG)	2025		X1	
Yan	M	AS	China	CICPA	P-OIN (Baker Tilly)	2025		X1	
Adewuyi	F	A-ME	Nigeria	ICAN	PAIB-SME	2026			X1
Almeghames	M	A-ME	Saudi Arabia	SOCPA	Member Staff	2025		X1	
Giordano	F	LAC	Argentina	FACPCE	Retired P-Big 4 (PwC)	2026			X1
Kakai	M	A-ME	Kenya	ICPAK	Public Sector Preparer	2026			X1
Shaikh	M	AS	Pakistan	ICAP	PAIB-LE	2024	X1		
Utama	M	AS	Indonesia	IAI	Academic	2023			X
Total							6	8	9