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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

FOR THE INTERNATIONAL PANEL FOR
ACCOUNTANCY EDUCATION (IPAE) IN 2027

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INTERNATIONAL PANEL FOR ACCOUNTANCY EDUCATION (IPAE)

PANEL SIZE:

22 members⁶

VACANCIES:

0–8 members

Included in the above are 7 current members eligible for re-appointment

Call for Nominations for IPAE Membership

The Nominating Committee invites nominations for member positions beginning January 1, 2027, for terms of up to three years. There is flexibility in the number of open positions, with **up to 8 vacancies available, including the possible reappointment of seven current members** eligible for a second term of service.

We welcome nominations of qualified candidates who can enhance the Panel's overall composition, including through their professional background and skills, as well as representation from different global jurisdictions and other diversity targets. Nominations from Europe and Africa-Middle East, with a focus on countries in Central and West Africa, are particularly encouraged.

In addition to IFAC Member Organizations, the Nominating Committee also invites nominations for a limited number of other stakeholders, including the Forum of Firms, national governments, and other relevant organizations. Nominations from other stakeholders would be carefully considered to ensure they bring a valuable stakeholder perspective or unique background and skills that would be beneficial to advancing the IPAE's work.

The Nominating Committee is seeking nominations from various stakeholders and diverse backgrounds, including PAO senior staff, practitioners, academics, other educators, accounting technicians, government officials, and regulators.

Candidates should have relevant expertise and experience to provide strategic advice, facilitate access to knowledge and resources, and advocate for quality education of future-ready professional accountants.

Candidates should possess the following attributes:

- Strategic thinking with an understanding of the key challenges and opportunities in accountancy education, including the impact of current and emerging trends that may have an impact on the competencies needed for accountants throughout their careers
- Leadership experience in accountancy education
- Experience developing thought leadership and educational resources to help advance accountancy education globally
- Strong knowledge of the International Education Standards (IESs), as well as an understanding of the standard-setting process



ABOUT THE IPAE

The International Panel on Accountancy Education (the Panel) is a key component of IFAC's approach to advancing accountancy education globally. The Panel is instrumental in advising IFAC on how to best assist professional accountancy organizations in preparing future-ready accountants. For more information, please visit the [IPAE webpage](#) on the IFAC Website.

⁶ The IPAE membership is no less than 16 and no more than 22 members based on its Terms of Reference.

Overview of the Position and Volunteer Responsibilities

Members are expected to:

Attend and actively engage in IPAE meetings

Engage with IPAE innovation teams on emerging topics in accountancy education

Advise IPAE staff on the global implementation of the IFAC strategy for advancing accountancy education

Contribute to thought leadership, articles, and IES implementation support

Advise on the identification and priority of standards development projects (i.e., the evaluation of revisions to the current IES or the issuance of new IES)

Adhere to due process in the standards development process

Promote the adoption and implementation of IES and advance the international debate on emerging issues relevant to accountancy education

Actively engage with stakeholders in their region on IPAE priorities

Act with integrity and in the public interest from a global perspective

TIME COMMITMENT

The total time commitment is approximately 100–150 hours per year, excluding travel.

The number and format (in-person, hybrid, or virtual) of meetings will align with the Panel's responsibilities. The Panel meets approximately five times per year, including 1-2 in-person meetings.⁷

Between meetings, members work closely with IPAE staff to advance IPAE initiatives. Members are encouraged to participate in working groups or innovation teams that facilitate the work between meetings on IPAE strategic priority areas.

Additional time is required for outreach, promotion of adoption & implementation, and advocacy for quality education.



⁷ In-person meetings provide an option to participate virtually for those who are unable to travel.

IPAE ROTATION SCHEDULE 2026							Term Ending (X) Eligible for re-appointment (X1)		
Members	Gender	Region	Country	Nominating Organization	Professional Classification	Service	2026	2027	2028
Donovan, Chair (2026-2028)	F	EU	Ireland	CAI	Consultant	2026			X1
Agarwal	M	AS	India	ICAI-Chartered	P-SMP	2024	X1		
Badami	M	AS	Pakistan	ICAP	Consultant	2024	X1		
Cornacchione	M	LAC	Brazil	CFC	Academic	2024	X1		
Devaney	F	EU	UK	ICAS	Member Staff	2023	X1 *		
Eberman	F	NA	Canada	FoF	P-Big 4 (Deloitte)	2025		X1	
Escobar	F	LAC	Colombia	INCP	Academic	2025		X1	
Hayn	M	EU	Germany	IDW/WPK	P-SMP	2026			X1
Injeni	M	A-ME	Kenya	ICPAK	Academic	2025		X1	
Jayasinghe	M	AS	Sri Lanka	ICASL	Consultant	2025		X1	
Lamb	F	EU	UK	ACCA	Member Staff	2024		X1 *	
Lee	F	AS	Korea	KICPA	P-Big 4 (PWC)	2024	X1		
Loutfi	M	A-ME	Lebanon	LACPA	Government	2024	X1		
Paunescu	F	EU	Romania	CECCAR	P-SMP / Academic	2025		X1	
Rimes	F	NA	USA	FoF (BDO)	P-OIN	2026			X1
Saka	F	AS	Japan	JICPA	Academic	2024	X1		
Smith	F	EU	UK	ICAEW	Academic	2026			X1
Taylor, Deputy Chair (2026)	F	NA	USA	AICPA	Member Staff / Academic	2023			X
Venkatesh	F	NA	USA	OO-University of Nebraska	Academic	2026			X1
Wilson	F	AU	Australia	CAA NZ/CPA AU	Member Staff	2026			X1
Zhang	M	AS	China	CICPA	PAIB-SME/Academic	2025		X1	
Total							7	7	7

*Eligible for a two-year re-appointment due to a casual vacancy.