# Envisioning the Future—Survey on the IAASB's Future Strategy

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7. SECTION III: ABOUT THE RESPONDENT
1. From which perspective are you providing this feedback:
A personal view.
2. Please Indicate:
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Please complete
Select from the following options that describe your organization:
Is this a/an:
Is this response on behalf of the global network?
Is this response on behalf of a regional or national firm?
Other Firm?
IFAC Member Body or Other Professional Organization
National auditing standards same as, or based on, the IAASB's current International Standards on Auditing
Please specify which standards are used:
Other national standards same as, or based on, IAASB's other standards (i.e., assurance, related services and reviews)
Please specify which standards are used:
Are you a listed or non-listed entity?
Small or Medium-Sized The concept of 'smaller or less complex entities' varies country by country, but ordinarily exhibits one or more of the following characteristics:Concentration of ownership and management in a small number of individuals.One or more of the following:Straightforward or uncomplicated transactions.Simple record keeping;Few lines of business and few products within business lines;Few formal internal controls; Few levels of management with responsibility for a broad range of controls; orFew personnel, many having a wide range of duties.  Entity?
Please Indicate:
Do you apply International Standards of Supreme Audit Institutions (ISSAIs) for financial audits
Those Charged with Governance

Private Sector	
Please specify in the box below.	
3. Are you any of the following?	
IAASB Observer	

4. Please select the geographical region where you are based:

Asia

# 8. SECTION IV - QUESTIONS FOR RESPONDENTS ABOUT THE IAASB'S STRATEGY FOR 2020-2023

5. 1. In your view, will the strategic environment affecting the needs of the IAASB's stakeholders look like in 2020 onward and what will be the impact on the IAASB's International Standards (for example, will the audit market change significantly; will other services dominate stakeholders needs – including what the needs may be for different types of evolving services; how evolving technologies, such as cryptocurrency, artificial intelligence or blockchain, will impact the environment in which the IAASB's stakeholders operate, etc.).

Yes, it would affect the needs of the IAASB's stakeholders on 2020 onward. Due to the increasing and fast development in technology, the need for more transparent and quality accounting reports and information is at risk. With this strategic plan, the stakeholders can cope up with these changes and promote more transparency in accounting and financial reporting without sacrificing its quality. And also, to adapt to the changing reporting needs of the public.

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- 6. 2. Section II. Describes the additional challenges and opportunities that the IAASB has identified relating to its people, processes and technology, including possible changes that may arise from the MG consultation. In your view, as the IAASB develops its Strategy for 2020–2023, what are the:
  - (a) Key challenges and other factors that may impact the IAASB's activities and focus; and(b)
  - (b) Main opportunities for changing the way it undertakes its activities.

Your response may include views about the matters identified by the IAASB as set out in Section III, but any views about matters that have not been mentioned are particularly welcome.

- A. Coping up with technological advancement, continuous competency and development of stakeholders and quality control management.
- B. Take advantage of the continuous technological advancement by improving the accounting system used in recording and generating financial information or reports. IAASB should also organize seminars especially in Asia to tackle the issues and challenges face today by stakeholders and encourage participation in the implementation of strategic plan. IAASB should make a partnership with the local institutions in imparting these ideas. Lastly, promote quality control management. This is one of the crucial part in providing transparent and quality accounting and financial reports to users.
- 7.3. Are there specific initiatives within the stakeholder group to which you belong, or of which you are aware, that you

believe the IAASB should actively monitor in light of their potential to inform the IAASB's future agenda? If so, what are they, and why do you think they are relevant to the IAASB?

No

## 9. THE FOCUS OF THE IAASB's ACTIVITIES IN 2020-2023

8. 4. Section II Illustrates that the IAASB has, and will continue to, focus a significant part of its efforts in 2015–2019 on revising and developing standards addressing the audit of historical financial information and quality control. With respect to new standard-setting projects for the period 2020–2023, in light of where you believe IAASB actions are needed and to continue to serve the public interest, in your view what proportion of effort should the IAASB allocate to each of the following? (Allocation should total 100%)

Quality control: 40%

Audits and reviews of historical financial information: 10%

Other assurance- EEREmerging Forms of External Reporting (EER) refers to emerging forms of external reporting by entities that increasingly provide non-financial information that goes beyond the traditional (financial statement) focus on the entity's financial position, financial; performance and impact on its financial resources. engagements: 10%

Other assurance (and related servicesRelated services pronouncements include:ISRS 4400, Engagements to Perform Agreed-Upon Procedures Regarding Financial Information (currently being revised); ISRS 4410 (Revised), Compilation Engagements.) - other than EER engagements: 10%

Professional skepticism: 20%

Matters relating to audits of smaller and less complex entities: 10%

Total: 100%

**Comments:** All other audit-related activities and engagements will be useless if the quality control of an institution/company is weak. To assure more transparent, accurate and quality financial reports/information (the basis of all audits and reviews), the implementation of quality control should be given importance and attention because it greatly affects the succeeding procedures.

#### 9. Please provide relative %; for each option by category to total 100%

	(i) Developing new or revised standards	(ii) Undertaking implementation activities	(iii) Apply efforts to both
Quality control	40%	60%	100%
Audits and reviews of historical financial information	50%	50%	100%
Other assurance – EER engagements	50%	50%	100%
Other assurance (other than EER engagements) and related servicesRelated services pronouncements include:ISRS 4400, Engagements to Perform Agreed-0Upon Procedures Regarding Financial Information (currently being revised); ISRS 4410 (Revised), Compilation Engagements.	50%	50%	100%

### Comments:

- 10. 6. In relation to the development of new, or the revision of extant, standards as noted in Question 5, and in keeping an open mind as to the impact of the evolving environment and the challenges and opportunities for the IAASB in 2020–2023, should the IAASB, in your view:
  - (a) Focus first on a strategic review of extant standards (for example, consider how the standards could be better

structured or presented in light of evolving technologies) before prioritizing projects on new topics. Please provide an explanation for your view.

- (b) Prioritize projects on new topics (as determined by the consultation on the IAASB's future strategy and priorities). Please provide an explanation for your view.
- (c) During implementation of the current standards under revision (i.e., those standards that currently have a committed project plan in place), consider a moratorium on developing new or other revised standards? If so, how long should such a moratorium last? Please provide an explanation for your view.
- (d) Undertake other actions related to the development of new, or revision of extant, standards, and/or implementation support. Please describe what these actions should be and provide an explanation for your view.

Focus first on a strategic review of extant standards (for example, consider how the standards could be better structured or presented in light of evolving technologies) before prioritizing projects on new topics.

Before creating new provisions, standards or plans, stakeholders should review first the existing standards because there may be instances that creation of new standard is not applicable, it just need to be improved or revised to meet the financial and reporting needs of the stakeholders.

11.7. If there was a specific topic(s) that, in your view, should be the IAASB's priority(ies) when developing new, or revising existing, standards or related guidance for the period 2020—2023, what would it be, and why?

Where applicable, kindly indicate whether in your view the topic(s) (you have indicated) has particular relevance mainly for engagements for listed entities, small- and medium-sized entities (SMEs), or for entities of all sizes. Views in relation to matters of relevance to developing nations and the public sector are also encouraged.

The plan in coping up and taking advantages with the technological advancement. Here in Asia, most of the financial reporting and information are still generated manually. Accountants should not only knowledgeable in accounting but also on how the information technology works and affects the accounting process thus increasing the efficiency of reporting and generating transparent and quality information.

This also applies to SMEs. They should be encouraged to upgrade to more advance way of recording and generating financial report and information to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of financial reporting thus contributing to the growth and development of their businesses.

12. 8. Are there any other topics of interest or matters of relevance that you feel the IAASB should consider when conducting its strategic review, including those related to its the way that the IAASB undertakes its activities (e.g., changes to address matters highlighted in the MG review)?

No.