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IASB, IFRS Standards and Research Opportunities

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IASB and research

- IASB is required to undertake evidence-based standard setting
- We collect evidence from:
 - Outreach with stakeholders
 - Staff research
 - Focus groups, field testing
 - Meetings with consultative groups and national standard setters
 - Public reports eg accounting firms, security market regulators
 - External research eg academic research
- For links to IASB's and other materials see end of the slide deck



- Widespread consultation
 - Discussion papers, Exposure drafts
 - Primary Financial Statements, Goodwill, BCUCC, Rate regulated activities, Management Commentary ...
- Agenda Consultation
 - 74 events with stakeholders from 90 jurisdictions
 - Wide-ranging feedback for Board's consideration
 - See November Board papers
 - Balance of work program
 - Popular projects



Staff research

- Some desk top research in all projects
- Sometimes more extensive investigations
- Eg Extractive Activities project
 - Literature review
 - Study of accounting policy choice
 - Survey and interviews with users
- Any work complements (not replaces!) academic research

- Dynamic risk management
 - Testing and now revising the model
- Disclosure Initiative Targeted standards-level review of disclosure
 - Pilot study new approach to setting disclosure objectives and requirements
- Calls for research about disclosure
 - ICAS Materiality January 2022
 - IASB/FASB/TAR New York 2022
 - BAR/AiE January 2022
 - IASB Research Forum Europe 2023 EAA/AiE



Consultative groups, national standard setters

- Consultative groups
 - Give insights into how issues are viewed in practice recordings available
 - Academic research can be informed (made more robust and useful) by understanding of issues in practice
- National Standard Setters
 - AASB Papers Management Commentary, Going
 - Concern, Intangible assets
 - AcSB Canadian standard setter Framework for reporting performance measures



Public reports

Many relevant reports. Some examples:

- Security Market regulators

 Non-GAAP reporting
- FRC Financial Reporting Lab
 - Future of financial reporting
 - Digital/electronic reporting
 - Sustainability reporting
- Accounting firms

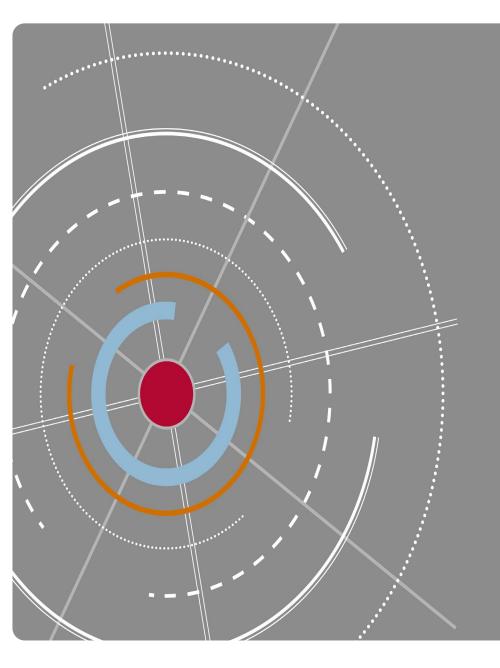
 Impact of ECL model



Academic research

- Academic evidence is included in the post-implementation review of Standards
 - Is the Standard working as intended? Unexpected consequences?
 - In progress PIR: IFRS 10/11/12;
 - Open PIR: IFRS 9 Classification and Measurement
- Upcoming PIRs
 - IFRS 15 Revenue
 - IFRS 16 Leases
 - balance of IFRS 9 (ECL and hedging)
 - See IASB webinars









Appendix

Website links (see previous slides)



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- Widespread consultation
 - Discussion papers, Exposure drafts
 - Primary Financial Statements, Goodwill, BCUCC, Rate regulated activities, Management Commentary ...
 - See work program https://www.ifrs.org/projects/work-plan/
- Agenda Consultation
 - See November Board papers
 - <u>https://www.ifrs.org/news-and-</u> <u>events/calendar/2021/november/international-accounting-</u> <u>standards-board/</u>



Staff research

- Extractive Activities project
 - Literature review
 - Study of accounting policy choice
 - Survey and interviews with users
- See September board paper Agenda ref 19 Cover paper
 - https://www.ifrs.org/news-and-

events/calendar/2021/september/international-accountingstandards-board/

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Focus groups, field testing (1/2)

- Dynamic risk management
 <u>https://www.ifrs.org/projects/work-plan/dynamic-risk-management/</u>
- Disclosure Initiative Targeted standards-level review of disclosure
 - <u>https://www.ifrs.org/projects/work-plan/standards-level-</u> review-of-disclosures/
- IASB/FASB/TAR New York 2022 (conference)
 - Accounting for an Ever-Changing World (aaahq.org)



Focus groups, field testing (2/2)

Calls for research

- ICAS Materiality
 - <u>https://www.icas.com/thought-leadership/research/Research-at-ICAS/research-funding-opportunity-materiality-financial-statements-and-beyond</u>
- IASB/FASB/TAR New York 2022
 - <u>https://www.ifrs.org/news-and-events/news/2021/02/iasb-fasb-and-the-accounting-review-seek-academic-research-papers-forjoint-2022-conference/</u>
- BAR/AiE
 - <u>https://www.ifrs.org/news-and-events/news/2021/02/iasb-accounting-in-europe-and-the-british-accounting-review-publish-joint-call-for-research-papers/</u>
- IASB Research Forum Europe 2023 EAA/AiE
 - Call to be issued in December 2021



Consultative groups, national standard setters

- Consultative groups eg Global Preparers Forum and Capital Markets Advisory Committee.
 - <u>https://www.ifrs.org/news-and-</u> events/calendar/?year=2021&month=november&type=all
- National Standard Setters
 - AASB Papers on Management Commentary, Going Concern, Intangible assets
 - <u>https://aasb.gov.au/research-resources/research-reports/</u>
 - Canadian standard setter Framework for reporting performance measures
 - <u>https://www.frascanada.ca/en/acsb/news-listings/framework-for-performance-measures</u>



Many relevant reports. Some examples:

- Security Market regulators
 - Eg Non-GAAP reporting
 - <u>https://www.osc.ca/sites/default/files/pdfs/irps/csa_2020021</u>
 <u>3_52-112_notice-rfc-non-gaap.pdf</u>
- FRC Financial Reporting Lab
 - <u>https://www.frc.org.uk/investors/financial-reporting-</u> lab/publications
- Accounting firms
 - Eg Impact of ECL model publications on all Big 4 websites



IASB Climate related disclosures

Nick Anderson in-brief-climate-change-nick-anderson.pdf (ifrs.org)

Education material in-brief-climate-change-nick-anderson.pdf (ifrs.org)

- PIRs research opportunities see Webinars
- IFRS 15 Revenue
 - <u>https://www.ifrs.org/news-and-events/news/2021/02/webinar-recording-now-available-how-can-academics-inform-post-implementation-reviews-of-ifrs-15/</u>
- IFRS 16 Leases, balance of IFRS 9
 - <u>https://www.ifrs.org/news-and-events/news/2021/02/webinar-recordings-now-available-ifrs-9-and-ifrs-16/</u>



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