IFRS Foundation International Accounting Standards Board (IASB)

Who we are and what we do

Our objective

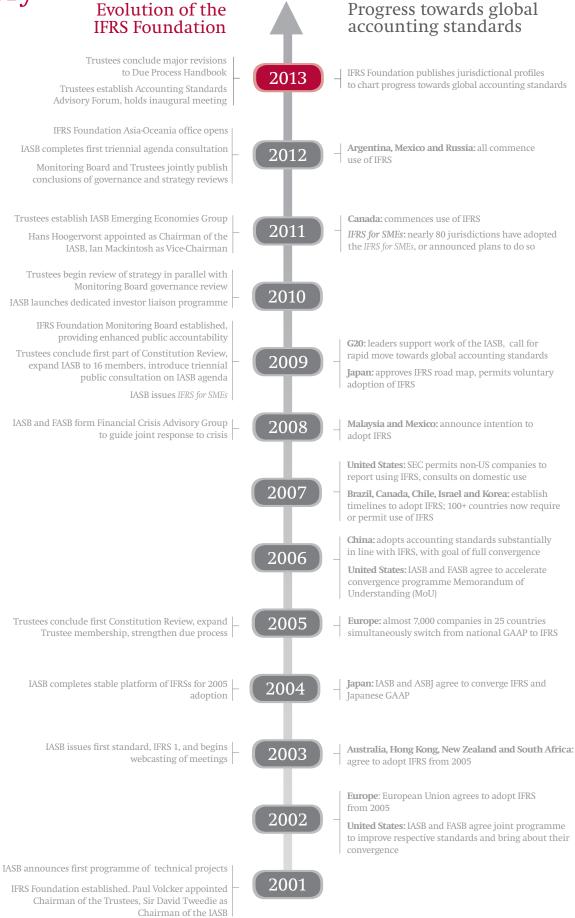
To develop a single set of high quality, understandable, enforceable and globally accepted financial reporting standards based upon clearly articulated principles.

How do we do this?

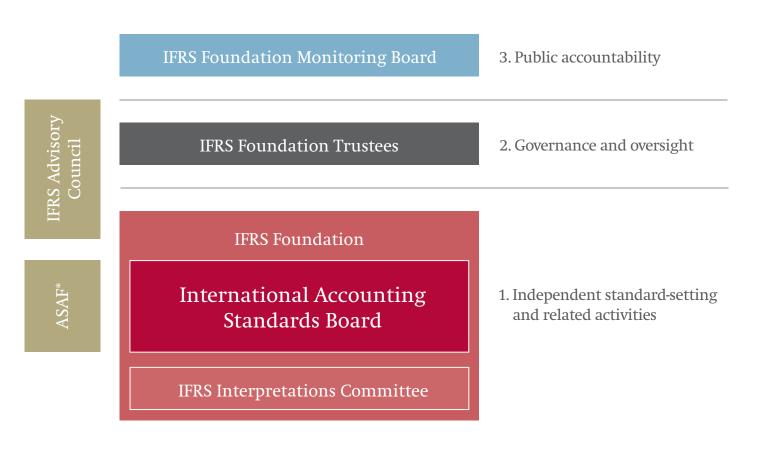
- An independent standard-setting board, overseen by a geographically and professionally diverse body of trustees, publicly accountable to a Monitoring Board of public capital market authorities
- Supported by an external IFRS Advisory Council, an Accounting Standards Advisory Forum of national standard-setters and an IFRS Interpretations Committee to offer guidance where divergence in practice occurs
- A thorough, open, participatory and transparent due process
- Engagement with investors, regulators, business leaders and the global accountancy profession at every stage of the process
- Collaborative efforts with the worldwide standard-setting community



History

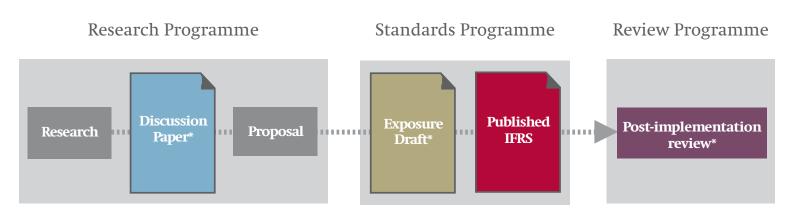


Three-tier structure



* Accounting Standards Advisory Forum (representatives of international standard-setting community)

How we develop standards



* Published for public comment

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Formal advisory bodies provide an important channel for the IASB to receive input on its work and to consult interested parties from a broad range of backgrounds and geographical regions in a transparent manner.

Formal advisory bodies are established specifically to engage with the work of the IASB usually on a regular basis. Meetings with these bodies are held in public and recorded. Relevant meeting materials are made available online.

In addition to formal advisory bodies, the IASB engages with a number of entities and organisations on an ad hoc basis as part of its project specific outreach activities. Temporary ad hoc expert advisory groups are sometimes created to assist the IASB in specific project related areas.

The table below provides an overview of the IASB's formal advisory bodies.

Group	
Accounting Standards Advisory Forum	An advisory group to the IASB consisting of national accounting standard-setters and regional bodies with an interest in financial reporting. The principal purpose of the new advisory group is to provide technical advice and feedback to the IASB.
IFRS Advisory Council	The formal advisory body to the IASB and the Trustees; consisting of representatives from preparers, financial analysts, academics, auditors, regulators, professional accounting bodies and investor groups.
Capital Markets Advisory Committee	External advisory group to the IASB, consisting of investors and other users of financial statements.
Emerging Economies Group	Established to enhance the participation of emerging economies in the development of IFRS. Current membership comprises the emerging economies member countries of the G20 and Malaysia.
Global Preparers Forum	External advisory group to the IASB, consisting of organisations that prepare financial statements in accordance with IFRS.
SME Implementation Group	Supports the international adoption of the IFRS for <i>Small and Medium-sized Entities</i> and monitors its implementation.
Consultative groups	Consultative groups give the IASB access to additional practical experience and expertise. The IASB normally establishes consultative groups for its major projects.

IFRSs around the world

Since 2001, almost 120 countries have required or permitted the use of IFRSs.

Current use of IFRSs in the countries of the G20*		
COUNTRY	STATUS FOR LISTED COMPANIES	
Argentina	Required for fiscal years beginning on or after 1 January 2012	
Australia	Required for all private sector reporting entities and as the basis for public sector reporting since 2005	
Brazil	Required for consolidated financial statements of banks and listed companies from 31 December 2010 and for individual company accounts progressively since January 2008	
Canada	Required from 1 January 2011 for all listed entities and permitted for private sector entities including not-for-profit organisations	
China	Substantially converged standards	
European Union	All member states of the EU are required to use IFRSs as adopted by the EU for listed companies since 2005	
France	Required via EU adoption and implementation process since 2005	
Germany	Required via EU adoption and implementation process since 2005	
India	Converging with IFRSs, date to be determined	
Indonesia	Convergence process ongoing	
Italy	Required via EU adoption and implementation process since 2005	
Japan	Permitted from 2010 for a number of international companies	
Mexico	Required from 2012	
Republic of Korea	Required since 2011	
Russia	Required from 2012	
Saudi Arabia	Required for banking and insurance companies. Full convergence with IFRSs is planned	
South Africa	Required for listed entities since 2005	
Turkey	Required for listed entities since 2005	
United Kingdom	Required via EU adoption and implementation process since 2005	
United States	Allowed for foreign issuers since 2007	

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