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Post-implementation review of GRAP 103 on Heritage Assets	<i>What issues were identified during the first phase of the review?</i>	<p>The first phase of the review was a desktop review of a sample of entities' financial statements. The key issues identified related to the following:</p> <p>Accounting policies for heritage assets are vague, generic and repeat the principles in GRAP 103. The policies do not explain how the principles in GRAP 103 were applied by an entity. Irrelevant information is also included in the policies.</p> <p>There are uncertainties about the classification of heritage assets, e.g. the classification of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • heritage assets for accounting purposes versus the classification in terms of legislation; • items held for research; • statues, sculptures, monuments, replicas, etc. <p>Certain disclosures were found to be inadequate or were omitted. These relate to the measurement of heritage assets, the disclosure of repairs and maintenance, heritage assets with an alternative use, or those on loan from or to other entities.</p>	Approved as an Exposure Draft.	Not applicable.	<p>Consultation on Exposure Draft until 15 September 2020.</p> <p>Based on the feedback received, the Board will identify whether amendments are required to GRAP 103, and/or other appropriate actions should be taken.</p>
	<i>What is the next phase of the review?</i>	<p>The Board has identified areas where feedback is requested from preparers, users and auditors of financial statements regarding the application or use of GRAP 103. Specific questions have been included in the Invitation for preparers and users to participate in the post-implementation review of GRAP 103. Responses are sought on these questions by 15 September 2020.</p>			

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Draft Research Paper on the Review of Amendments to GRAP 16 on Investment Property and GRAP 17 on Property, Plant and Equipment	<i>Are the amendments to GRAP 16 and GRAP 17 being applied, and are they achieving their intended objectives?</i>	<p>The review included soliciting views from preparers through questionnaires and direct engagements, and reviews of financial statements.</p> <p>In general, the amendments to GRAP 16 and GRAP 17 were applied. The most notable exception related to fully depreciated assets still in use. Where fully depreciated assets in use are material, adjustments should be made to the financial statements as either a change in accounting estimate or the correction of a prior period error. The Secretariat has issued a comprehensive FAQ on this issue.</p> <p>The amendments were also viewed as achieving their intended objectives, particularly for the change to an indicator-based review of useful lives and residual values, and the disclosures related to work-in-progress.</p>	Approved.	Not applicable.	Communication to stakeholders on outcomes of review.
Draft Research Paper on Reporting Information to the Public	<i>What is the kind of information the public requires to make decisions and hold entities accountable?</i>	<p>The public requires information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that links the budget, financial statements and performance information, to inform them of how money was spent and what was achieved; • explaining service delivery, including where service delivery failures exist, reasons for those failures, and how they will be addressed; • on capital expenditure, including the maintenance of assets used to deliver services; • on financial viability, including forward-looking information, such as government's ability to provide services in future. 	Approved.	Not applicable.	Communication to stakeholders on outcomes of review.

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<p>Draft Research Paper on Reporting Information to the Public</p>		<p>Information should be accessible, reliable, timely, regular concise, and understandable.</p>			
	<p><i>Should the Board issue guidance to guide or require the reporting of this information?</i></p>	<p>The Board concluded that, instead of introducing specific reporting requirements for entities to report information to the public, entities could rather consider how the information currently reported could be better packaged and communicated to meet the public’s information needs.</p> <p>The Board considered that making the research public in a Research Paper would enable entities to better report information to the public and could change entities’ current practices, as well as assist the public to know about the platforms that entities use to report information.</p> <p>The Board agreed to revisit this project at a future date and will add it to the list of potential projects to consult on in its next programme consultation for 2024 – 2026.</p>			

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<p>GRAP Reporting Framework for 2020/2021</p>	<p><i>What amendments were made to the GRAP Reporting Framework for 2020/2021?</i></p>	<p>The following pronouncements were included in the reporting framework for 2020/2021:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GRAP 34 on <i>Separate Financial Statements</i> • GRAP 35 on <i>Consolidated Financial Statements</i> • GRAP 36 on <i>Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures</i> • GRAP 37 on <i>Joint Arrangements</i> • GRAP 38 on <i>Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities</i> • GRAP 110 on <i>Living and Non-living Resources</i> • IGRAP 20 on <i>Accounting for Adjustments to Revenue</i> • Guideline on Accounting for Landfill Sites • Directive 13 on <i>Transitional Provisions for the Adoption of Standards of GRAP by Community Education and Training Colleges</i> <p>The application of the Guideline on <i>The Application of Materiality to Financial Statements</i> is encouraged.</p> <hr/> <p>The following pronouncements were repealed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GRAP 6 on <i>Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements</i> • GRAP 7 on <i>Investments in Associates</i> • GRAP 8 on <i>Interests in Joint Ventures</i> • IGRAP 11 on <i>Consolidations – Special Purpose Entities</i> 	<p>Approved.</p>	<p>Reporting periods commencing on or after 1 April 2020.</p>	<p>Publish reporting frameworks at a glance.</p>

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GRAP Reporting Framework for 2020/2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IGRAP 12 on <i>Jointly Controlled Entities – Non-monetary Contributions by Venturers</i> 			
	<i>Should changes be made to the way in which the amendments are presented?</i>	<p>The Board received feedback during the consultation on its work programme for 2021-2023 that only the changes to the reporting framework should be published in the Appendices. Stakeholders indicated that the Appendices are too long, and it is difficult to identify what has changed from year to year.</p> <p>From this year, only the changes to the reporting framework are published in the Appendix. The full reporting framework is available on the website.</p>			
Proposed Directive on <i>The Application of Standards of GRAP by Public Entities that Apply IFRS Standards</i>	<i>Should Standards of GRAP dealing with presentation or disclosure requirements be applied by entities that apply IFRS Standards?</i>	<p>Certain IFRS Standards are only applied by entities when certain criteria are met, e.g. <i>Segment Reporting</i>. Respondents that commented on the proposed Directive questioned whether the equivalent Standards of GRAP should be applied in these instances, and/or whether other Standards of GRAP dealing with presentation or disclosure, e.g. GRAP 24 on <i>Presentation of Budget Information in Financial Statements</i>, should be applied.</p> <p>The Board agreed that the presentation and disclosure requirements of a reporting framework are designed to meet the information needs of the users of those financial statements. Standards of GRAP dealing with presentation and disclosure requirements should therefore not be applied by entities that apply IFRS Standards.</p>	Approved.	1 April 2021	Communication to CFOs of public entities.

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Combined financial statements	<i>What kinds of combined financial statements exist?</i>	<p>The project aimed to identify whether there is a need for guidance on combining entities, or parts of entities, into a single set of financial statements, where control is not the criteria for combination.</p> <p>Based on a review of practice in the private sector, there are two types of “combined financial statements” that are prepared:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Combined financial statements”, which combine the results of different entities that are not necessarily controlled by the same entity. • “Carve out financial statements”, which are the results of a single set, or a group of, activities, of a single entity or group of entities. <p>There is currently no guidance issued by either standard-setters in the public or private sector to prepare this information.</p>	Delayed until 2024-2026 work programme.	Not applicable.	Reconsider when consulting on next three-year work programme.
	<i>Is there a need to develop guidance?</i>	<p>Guidance on preparing “combined” or “carve-out” financial statements would be useful when preparing sector reports across government, the consolidated financial statements required by legislation, and/or “whole of government financial statements” which combine national, provincial and local government into a single set of financial statements. Although there is a need for guidance, the preparation of the financial statements in the previous paragraph requires entities to apply a uniform accounting framework. As national and provincial departments still apply a modified cash basis of accounting, the guidance is not urgent.</p>			