

Feedback from IPSASB meeting December 2024





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Approvals

Pronouncement	Information	Next steps/local impact
<u>Amendments to IPSAS Standards: Specific IFRIC Interpretations</u>	Inclusion of guidance from IFRIC Interpretations in IPSAS	Effective 1 January 2026 No local impact; ASB considered and developed IGRAPs as applicable

New projects



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New projects and activities

Making materiality judgements

- *Phase 1:* Review consistency of definition of “materiality” across financial reporting guidance and propose changes to achieve this
- *Phase 2:* Financial Reporting: Develop non-authoritative guidance aligned with *IFRS[®] Practice Statement 2 Making Materiality Judgments* (narrow scope project)
- *Phase 3:* Sustainability Reporting: Develop guidance on making materiality judgments when preparing sustainability reporting in accordance with IPSASB SRS

Strengthening linkages between IPSAS and GFSM 2014

- *Phase 1:* Clarify areas where there is already alignment between IPSAS and GFSM 2014 or there is an aligned option available within IPSAS
- *Phase 2:* Identify opportunities to increase alignment between IPSAS and GFSM 2014 as a result of the GFSM 2014 update process, which is currently ongoing

Maintenance activities

- The IPSASB will roll out their post-implementation review process and the IPSASB Application Group in 2025. The operating procedures for both these activities were finalised at the meeting.

Projects in progress



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Project	Key discussions	Next steps
<p>Presentation of financial statements</p>	<p><u>Categorisation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreed that categorisation can be useful to help users better understand, analyse and compare financial performance information <p><u>Items recognised outside of surplus / deficit</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Different views were expressed on whether there is a need for greater transparency and if so, how to achieve that. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ways in which the statement of financial performance can be categorised to be explored further The benefits and drawbacks of retaining IPSAS 1 (with enhancements) or aligning with IFRS 18 (with proposed terminology to describe revenue and expenses outside of surplus or deficit) to be considered

Sustainability reporting



Research and scoping



What topic(s) should be next?

- Further research on sources that could be considered to develop **general sustainability-related guidance**, including IFRS S1 on *General Requirements for Disclosure of Sustainability-related Financial Information*, and the IPSASB's Recommended Practice Guidelines on *Reporting on the Long-Term Sustainability of an Entity's Finances* (RPG 1) and *Reporting Service Performance Information* (RPG 3).
- Stakeholder feedback on EDs out for comment - *IPSASB SRS ED 1, Climate-related Disclosures* and *IPSAS ED 92, Tangible Natural Resources* - may impact priorities and will be considered before moving forward with research and scoping on developing general sustainability-related guidance



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