

International Federation of Accountants

Importance of Financial Information for Better Economic Development

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The Role of the Accountancy Profession in Furthering Development of Economic Development and Financial Stability





IFAC's Vision

That the global accountancy profession
be recognized as a valued leader
in the development of sustainable
organizations and financial markets
and of strong international economies

What is IFAC?

- The global organization for the accountancy profession
- An organization of organizations
 - 164 members and associates
 - Mostly Professional Accountancy Organizations
- Supports independent boards that develop international standards
- A not-for-profit organization, working in the public interest to build sustainable organizations and economies

Recent Submissions to the G-20

- Adoption and implementation of international standards for accounting, auditing and auditor independence
- Adoption and implementation of international public sector accounting standards and government finances
- Professional accountant and corporate governance
- Small and medium practices (SMPs) and small and medium entities (SMEs)
- Strengthening the accountancy profession in developing countries and emerging economies
- Financial reporting, the financial infrastructure and sustainability

The Importance of International Standards

IASB:
International Financial
Reporting Standards

IAASB:
International
Auditing and
Assurance
Standards

IPSASB:
International
Public Sector
Accounting
Standards

International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board

- Develops high-quality auditing, assurance, quality control, and related services standards
- Focuses on adoption and implementation of its International Standards on Auditing (ISAs)
- Works with national standard-setters, international organizations and users of its standards
- Over 125 countries are currently using, adopting, or incorporating the ISAs for financial statement audits

International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants

- Develops ethical standards and guidance for use by professional accountants
- Encourages member bodies to adopt high standards of ethics for their members
- Promotes good ethical practices globally
- Fosters international debate on ethical issues faced by accountants

International Accounting Education Standards Board

- Develops standards and guidance for education and development of professional accountants
- Focuses on enhancing the professional knowledge, skills, values, ethics, and attitudes of both students and professional accountants

International Public Sector Accounting Standards Board

- Develops public sector accounting standards under cash and accrual bases
- Facilitates convergence of national and international standards
- Standards represent international benchmark for public sector financial reporting and are supported by the UN, World Bank, OECD, NATO and other national and international organizations

Small and Medium Practices Committee

- Maintains the International Center for Small and Medium Practices on the IFAC website
- Speaks out on behalf of SMPs
- Develops free guidance and tools
 - *ISA Guide for Small and Medium Audits*
 - *Quality Control Guide for SMPs*

Professional Accountants in Business Committee

- Develops resources for professional accountants employed in commerce, industry, financial services, education, and the public and not-for-profit sectors
- Helps exchange knowledge and best practices
- Builds global recognition of professional accountants as business leaders and strategic partners in building long-term sustainable value

Compliance Advisory Panel

- Works with IFAC members and associates to develop Action Plans
 - Quality assurance
 - Accountancy education
 - Accounting, auditing, and ethics standards
 - Investigation and discipline
- Peer reviewer of Accounting and Auditing ROSC Reports

PAO Development Committee

- Produces tools and guidance
 - *Establishing and Developing a Professional Accountancy Body*
 - *The Education, Training and Development of Accounting Technicians*
- Conducts targeted outreach
- Facilitates information sharing and good practices

The Role of ROs and AGs





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