

# International Standards on Auditing – a cornerstone of governance and sustainability

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## Why do strong international standards on auditing matter?

Trust and confidence

Governance and sustainability

Globalization

Economic prosperity



# The Current Standard-Setting Model – a pillar of strength in capital markets worldwide

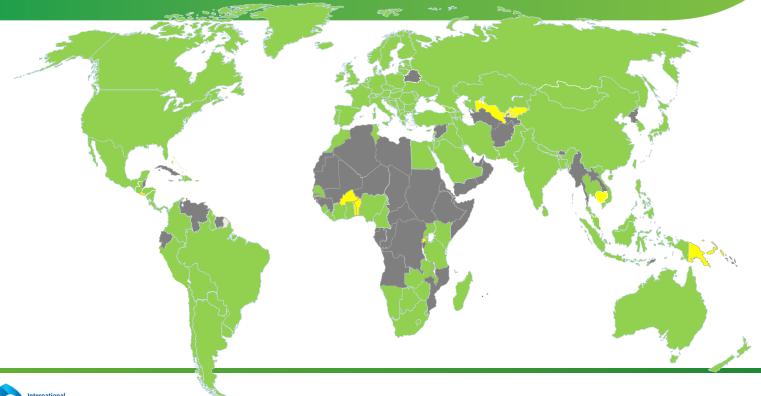
 True shared model – no single stakeholder can exercise undue influence

 Standards for listed and private, large and small entities in diverse jurisdictions around the world

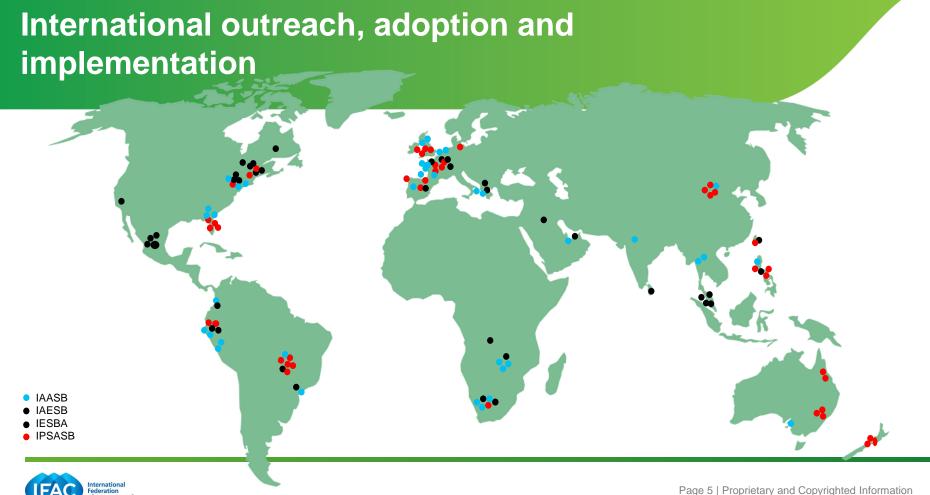
Due process, independent public interest oversight



# International outreach, adoption and implementation







### **The Monitoring Group Proposals**

Vital to review and revise the standard-setting model periodically

#### However...

Must be based on clear evidence and accepted assumptions



### **The Monitoring Group Proposals**

- New standard setting entity not clearly explained
- Single standard-setting board for auditing and ethics
- Bifurcation of ethics standards
- Funding via a contractual levy on the audit firms
- Merges participation and public interest oversight
- No clarification of the key role of the PIOB



### **Risks in The Monitoring Group Proposals**

- Move away from a shared public-private model
- Risk of more rules-based, prescriptive standards
- Potentially major impacts on SMPs
- Impacts on geographic diversity
- Risk of reversion to more national-based standard setting
- Potentially significantly less cost effective
- Highly disruptive to standards' development



#### Reforms that Build on Past Successes

- 1. Nominations arrangements
- 2. The role and operating processes of the PIOB be clarified
- 3. More explicit multi-stakeholder standard-setting boards
- 4. Funding arrangements
- 5. Optimum size of the standard setting boards
- 6. Retain separate standard-setting boards
- 7. Redesign processes and operations



#### Your voice has to be heard

- The Monitoring Group Consultation Paper: <a href="https://www.iosco.org/library/pubdocs/pdf/IOSCOPD586.p">https://www.iosco.org/library/pubdocs/pdf/IOSCOPD586.p</a>
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- IFAC's Preliminary Views:

  <a href="https://www.ifac.org/publications-resources/initial-views-and-reactions-monitoring-group-consultation-paper">https://www.ifac.org/publications-resources/initial-views-and-reactions-monitoring-group-consultation-paper</a>

