

<b>Meeting:</b>	International Public Sector Accounting Standards Board	<b>Agenda Item 1</b>	For:
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	Virtual Meeting		<input type="checkbox"/> Approval
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	July 27, 2023		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Information

## THE IPSASB'S 2024-2028 STRATEGY AND WORK PROGRAM CONSULTATION

<b>Project summary</b>	The project objective is to develop the 2024-2028 Strategy and Work Program.	
<b>Project staff leads</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agustina Llambi, Senior Manager</li> <li>Dave Warren, Director</li> </ul>	
<b>Board Sponsor</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ian Carruthers, IPSASB Chair</li> </ul>	
<b>Meeting objectives</b> <b>Project management</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>
	<a href="#">The IPSASB's Next Strategy and Work Program: Dashboard</a>	<a href="#">1.1.1</a>
	<a href="#">Instructions up to Previous Meeting</a>	<a href="#">1.1.2</a>
	<a href="#">Decisions up to Previous Meeting</a>	<a href="#">1.1.3</a>
	<a href="#">The IPSASB's Next Strategy and Work Program: Project Roadmap</a>	<a href="#">1.1.4</a>
<b>Decisions required at this meeting</b>	<a href="#">Progress on the Draft Strategy and Work Program Development</a> (for discussion purposes only)	<a href="#">1.2.1</a>
	<a href="#">Revisions to the 2024-2028 Strategy and Work Program Core Document</a>	<a href="#">1.2.2</a>
	<a href="#">Revisions to the Appendix of the 2024-2028 Strategy and Work Program Document</a>	<a href="#">1.2.3</a>
	<a href="#">Specific Matters for Comment</a>	<a href="#">1.2.4</a>
<b>Other supporting items</b>	<a href="#">Supporting Document 1 – [Draft] The IPSASB's 2024-2028 Next Strategy and Work Program Consultation</a>	<a href="#">1.3.1</a>

**THE IPSASB'S 2024-2028 STRATEGY AND WORK PROGRAM:  
 PROJECT DASHBOARD**

Topic	Past Meetings	July Check-In	Sept 2023
Project Management	✓		
Approval of the 2024-2028 IPSASB's Strategy and Work Program Consultation			
<b>Other</b>			
Core Document			
Appendices			

Legend	
✓	Task Completed
	Planned IPSASB Discussion
	Page-by-page Review

**INSTRUCTIONS UP TO PREVIOUS MEETING**

Meeting	Instruction	Actioned
June 2023	1. Reflect comments received from members, both in and out of session, to the IPSASB's strategic objective and two main activities;	1. See <a href="#">Agenda Item 1.2.2</a>
	2. Ensure the appropriate and consistent use of 'standard' and 'guidance' in the 2024-2028 Strategy and Work Program;	2. See <a href="#">Agenda Item 1.2.2</a>
	3. Propose revisions to the Draft 2024-2028 Strategy and Work Program areas of focus to better reflect the connectivity between sustainability reporting and Public Financial Management, and the importance of accrual IPSAS;	3. See <a href="#">Agenda Item 1.2.2</a>
	4. Include a commitment to reconsider the status of RPGs during the strategy period in the context of progress with the development of sustainability reporting standards;	4. See <a href="#">Agenda Item 1.2.2</a>
	5. Remove low priority public sector projects from the potential list of projects (IAS 34, <i>Interim Financial Reporting</i> and IFRS 17, <i>Insurance Contracts</i> ); and	5. See <a href="#">Agenda Item 1.2.3</a>
	6. Assess additional projects suggested by the IPSASB for inclusion in the potential list of projects.	6. See <a href="#">Agenda Item 1.2.3</a>

**DECISIONS UP TO PREVIOUS MEETING**

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Decision</b>	<b>BC Reference</b>
March 2023	1. The 2019-2023 Strategy and Work Program should be updated to reflect the current context, including changes in stakeholder expectations since the current strategy was developed.	1. Not Applicable
June 2023	1. The PIR process should leverage the IASB's post-implementation process and the scope of PIR's should include the full suite of IPSAS.	1. Not Applicable

**THE IPSASB'S NEXT STRATEGY AND WORK PROGRAM  
CONSULTATION:  
PROJECT ROADMAP**

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Completed Actions or Discussions / Planned Actions or Discussions:</b>
March 2023	1. Overview of the IPSASB's 2024-2028 Strategy and Work Program.
June 2023	1. Discuss the project plan. 2. Discuss the strategy. 3. Discuss potential technical projects.
July Check-In 2023	1. Review drafting changes to the IPSASB's 2024-2028 Strategy and Work Program.
September 2023	1. Approve Consultation of the IPSASB's 2024-2028 Strategy and Work Program.
October 2023 – March 2024	1. Out for Consultation. 2. Regional Roundtables.
June 2024	1. Review of Responses.
September 2024	1. Approve the IPSASB's 2024-2028 Strategy and Work Program.

## **Progress on the Draft Strategy and Work Program Development**

### **Purpose**

1. To provide an update on the progress of the IPSASB's 2024-2028 Strategy and Work Program Consultation, and next steps leading to its planned approval in September 2023.

### **Background**

2. During the June 2023 meeting, staff presented the IPSASB with a draft of the IPSASB's 2024-2028 Strategy and Work Program, reflecting the evolution in the environment and stakeholder expectations of the IPSASB since the development of the 2019-2023 Strategy and Work Program. The changes included:
  - (a) Updating the IPSASB's strategy objective to reflect the IPSASB's decision to lead the development of public sector sustainability reporting standards;
  - (b) Incorporating research and maintenance activities (interpretation group and post-implementation review) into the IPSASB's financial reporting work program; and
  - (c) Re-envisioning Themes A to E to incorporate (a) and (b), which resulted in the proposal of four Areas of Focus to deliver on the IPSASB's updated strategic objective, which include:
    - (i) Setting public sector financial reporting standards;
    - (ii) Setting public sector sustainability reporting standards;
    - (iii) Promoting adoption and implementation; and
    - (iv) Advocating benefits of financial and sustainability reporting information.

### **Project Update**

#### *July 2023*

3. Staff updated the [draft] IPSASB's 2024-2028 Strategy Consultation to reflect the IPSASB's June 2023 instructions (see [Agenda Item 1.2.2](#) for the summary of changes to the core text and [Agenda Item 1.2.3](#) for the summary of changes to the Appendix).
4. Staff drafted Specific Matters for Comment for the IPSASB's consideration ([Agenda Item 1.2.4](#)).
5. An updated draft of the IPSASB's 2024-2028 Strategy and Work Program is included in [Supporting Document 1](#).
6. Staff met with the CAG on July 18, 2023, to solicit their advice, for the IPSASB's consideration. CAG member advice will be incorporated, as appropriate, into the September draft of the Strategy.

#### *Next Steps – Ahead of September 2023*

7. Staff to action the IPSASB's decisions and instructions from the July 2023 check-in to move the document forward between IPSASB meetings.
8. Staff has engaged a designer to prepare the document for publication during the first two weeks of August 2023. The IPSASB is asked to provide drafting comments to staff by **Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**, to allow staff to incorporate drafting revisions ahead of the designer's work.

9. Staff plan to meet the PIC in early September 2023 to discuss the application of due process followed to develop the strategy and work program, as required in the [IPSASB's Due Process and Working Procedures](#).
10. Staff will continue organizing regional roundtables to obtain feedback on the [draft] IPSASB's 2024-2028 Strategy and Work Program Consultation with regional organizations in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East. Based on initial discussions, most of the outreach will occur in October 2023.
11. Staff will present the IPSASB's 2024-2028 Strategy and Work Program Consultation for approval by the IPSASB at the September 2023 meeting in Zurich, Switzerland.

### **Decision Required**

12. For information purposes. No decision is required.

## Revisions to the 2024-2028 Strategy and Work Program Core Document

### Question

1. Does the IPSASB agree with the recommendations?

### Recommendation

2. Staff recommend the revisions to the core document be actioned as noted in paragraph 6.

### Background

3. During the June 2023 meeting, staff presented the IPSASB with the following revised Strategic Objective: '*Strengthening Public Financial Management globally (PFM) through increasing adoption and implementation of accrual-based IPSAS and development of public sector sustainability standards.*'
4. Some IPSASB members suggested deleting 'adoption', while other IPSASB members noted that the IPSASB does not directly support entities with the implementation of IPSAS, thus the strategic objective will require the IPSASB to undertake different actions to deliver on such strategy. There was also a discussion on the meaning of each word and a request for staff to assess whether 'adoption' or 'implementation' should be used.
5. The IPSASB, also requested staff to better reflect:
  - (a) The connectivity between sustainability reporting and Public Financial Management (PFM);
  - (b) The importance of accrual-basis IPSAS; and
  - (c) The consistent use of 'standard' and 'guidance' throughout the Strategy document.

### Analysis

6. Staff has reflected all comments received from the IPSASB, as appropriate, in the [draft] 2024-2028 Strategy and Work Program (see [Supporting Document 1](#)):
  - (a) **Adoption vs Implementation.** The term 'adoption' and 'implementation' are sometimes used interchangeably. While the terms are similar, they are defined differently and have different uses. 'Adoption' is the fact of choosing to take up something, such as the political/legislative decision to adopt an accounting framework (IPSAS), and 'implementation' is the execution of a decision, such as the transition to IPSAS. Staff notes that both actions are required to produce accrual reporting (General Purpose Financial Reports - GPFRs).

Staff recommends that the strategic objective should refer to implementation instead of adoption. To ensure there is clarity on what is meant by the IPSASB, staff is proposing to include a footnote highlighting the IPSASB's application of each word and that the production of GPFRSs is the ultimate outcome of an entity's decision to adopt and implement IPSAS.
  - (b) **Connectivity between sustainability reporting and PFM.** During the June 2023 meeting, the IPSASB discussed whether PFM also considered accountability and performance, and if simply adding a reference to the development of sustainability reporting standards was appropriate. PFM is a generally understood term, which is defined by CIPFA as the system by which financial resources are planned, directed, and controlled to enable and influence the efficient and effective delivery of public service goals. CIPFA further elaborates that [Delivering](#)

[Excellent Public Finance](#), should include defining sustainable outcomes, meaning public sector entities need to consider the combined economic, social and environmental impacts of their policies, plans, and decisions<sup>1</sup>.

The development of public sector sustainability reporting information is in its infancy stage, and while a term for [Green PFM](#) (IMF) and [Green Budgeting Framework](#) (OECD) has been developed, one that encompasses more than 'climate', has not. Staff recommends adding a footnote to the strategic objective noting the IPSASB interpretation of PFM includes defining sustainable outcomes, including considering the combined economic, social and environmental impacts of their policies, plans, and decisions.

- (c) **Consistent use of 'standard' and 'guidance'**. Staff ensured 'standard' and 'guidance' was consistently used in the Strategy document. 'Standard' is to be used when referring to authoritative guidance and 'guidance' is to be used when referring to both authoritative and non-authoritative guidance or the latter. Staff notes that the IPSASB's pronouncements include both authoritative (e.g., IPSAS) and non-authoritative guidance (e.g., Implementation Guidance), however as the main focus of the IPSASB is to issue standards, it is appropriate to use 'standards' to title its areas of focus, such as 'Setting Public Sector Financial Reporting Standards'.
- (d) **Accrual IPSAS**. Staff revised the strategic objective to reflect 'accrual' IPSAS as opposed to 'accrual based' or 'accrual basis' IPSAS. Staff noted that the latter terminology is used across the IPSAS literature. However, staff opted for simplicity and conciseness in the strategic objective and removed the term 'based'. Staff also added clarity throughout the [draft] 2024-2028 Strategy and Work Program core document highlighting the IPSASB advocates the benefits of accrual IPSAS.
- (e) **Retain 'High-quality'**. Some IPSASB members challenged the need to mention the IPSASB develops 'high-quality' accounting and sustainability standards. Staff recommends retaining it because the IPSASB's long standing mission states that the IPSASB serves the public sector by developing 'high-quality' standards. Staff also noted that stating the development of high-quality standards is consistent with the approach by other accounting standard setters, such as the IFRS Foundation in its [2022 Annual Report](#).
- (f) **Recommended Practice Guides (RPGs)**. The IPSASB also considered whether the strategy should discuss how the decision by the IPSASB to develop public sector sustainability reporting information requires the IPSASB to reconsider the status of RPGs and whether the [draft] 2024-2028 Strategy and Work Program should mention the issuance by the IPSASB of [Reporting Sustainability Program Information—Amendments to RPGs 1 and 3: Additional Non-Authoritative Guidance](#). Staff has clarified the commitment by the IPSASB to evaluate the status of RPGs during the strategy period in the context of progress with the development of sustainability reporting standards, however since the strategy is a forward-looking document, the publication of Reporting Sustainability Program Information is excluded. Discussion on the publication of the Reporting Sustainability Program Information is included in the 2020-2022 IPSASB Biennial Report.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.cipfa.org/depf>

**Decision Required**

7. Does the IPSASB agree with the staff [recommendation](#)?

## **Revisions to the Appendix of the 2024-2028 Strategy and Work Program Document**

### **Question**

1. Does the IPSASB agree with the recommendation?

### **Recommendation**

2. Staff recommend the revisions to the Appendix to be actioned as noted in paragraph 6.

### **Background**

3. In June 2023, the IPSASB directed staff to revise the project prioritization list ('project list') to:
  - (a) Remove projects that
    - (i) Have been completed in the 2019-2023 period;
    - (ii) Are included as active projects in the current [Work Program](#);
    - (iii) Do not require a standard setting solution;
    - (iv) Are a low priority for the public sector (for example, IAS 34, *Interim Financial Reporting*); and
  - (b) Assess additional projects suggested by the IPSASB during the meeting.
4. In June 2023, the IPSASB agreed that no projects should be prioritized, at this time, because:
  - (a) Resources should be allocated to research and maintenance activities;
  - (b) No projects in the project list require urgent attention; and
  - (c) Capacity (Board and staff resources) to initiate new projects is not expected to be available until early 2026.

### **Analysis**

5. The current Work Program splits projects into Standard Setting Projects and Other Projects and Initiatives. The projects included in the [Appendix in Supporting Document 1](#) apply this methodology and are grouped as follows:
  - (a) **Standard setting projects.** Projects that develop pronouncements when there is an absence of an IPSAS that specifically applies to a transaction, other event, or condition.
  - (b) **Research and maintenance activities.**
    - (i) **Maintenance.** Activities to determine whether there are fundamental questions about the clarity and suitability of the core objectives and principles in an IPSAS. This includes conducting post-implementation reviews<sup>2</sup> and interpretations<sup>3</sup>.

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<sup>2</sup> Assess whether the effects of applying the new requirements on users of financial statements, preparers, auditors, and regulators are as intended when developed by the IPSASB.

<sup>3</sup> Discuss interpretation challenges identified by constituents in applying IPSAS in practice.

- (ii) **Research.** Activities involving research on specific issues to help the IPSASB consider whether there is a need to update an IPSAS. This includes the engagement of the Academic Advisory Group.
6. Staff has reflected the IPSASB June 2023 decisions and made the relevant updates to the [draft] 2024-2028 Strategy and Work Program (see Appendix A of this [Agenda Item](#) for a complete list of projects assessed and [Supporting Document 1](#) for the complete project list). The following changes, based on June 2023 instructions, were made to the project list:

#### *Retained or Added to Project List*

##### Standard setting projects

- (a) **IFRS 17, Insurance Contracts.** Public sector entities in a few jurisdictions are currently engaged in insurance contracts. Staff notes that, at this time, a global need for an IPSAS aligned with IFRS 17 has not been identified, however, there are a few jurisdictions providing insurance contracts for natural disasters and a project to develop guidance at a future date maybe necessary. Therefore, staff recommend retaining the IFRS 17 alignment project in the project list.

##### Maintenance

- (b) **IPSAS 2, Cash Flow Statements and IPSAS 24, Presentation of Budget Information in Financial Statements.** IPSASB members proposed the following projects be included in the project list to be considered for future work after the completion of the committed project to update IPSAS 1, *Presentation of Financial Statements* project:
  - (i) **IPSAS 2** is primarily drawn from IAS 7, *Statement of Cash Flows*, however, some of the amendments to IAS 7 were not incorporated because they related to consequential amendments not incorporated in IPSAS 1.
  - (ii) **IPSAS 24** is a public sector specific IPSAS that requires a comparison of budget amounts and the actual amounts arising from the execution of the budget to be included in the financial statements of entities that are required to or elect to, make their approved budget publicly available.

Staff recommends these projects be included in the project list and evaluated whether there is a need to evaluate the clarity and suitability of the core objectives and principles in these IPSAS after the IPSASB has completed its work on *Presentation of Financial Statements*.

##### Research

- (c) **Discount Rates (Low/Negative Rates).** Certain IPSASB members noted that the description should be broadened to focus on the use of discount rates across IPSAS and whether the guidance is working as intended by the IPSASB. Rather than the focus about the past low/negative rate environment.

Staff recommends the project be retained for future research. Specifically, research to understand whether there is a need for changes in principles or guidance in the public sector ahead of considering a standard setting solution.

- (d) **Business Combinations under Common Control.** Some IPSASB members recommended the addition of the IASB project considering how to fill the gap in IFRS 3, *Business*

*Combinations* regarding business combinations involving companies controlled by the same party.

IPSAS 40 is a public sector specific IPSAS, only drawing from IFRS 3 the acquisition accounting requirements. While the IASB has an open project on IFRS 3 any work to assess whether this has an impact on IPSAS 40 should wait until the IASB has finalized work on its project and issued a pronouncement, or revisions to a pronouncement. Staff recommend for the IPSASB to monitor this IASB project and as appropriate consider its potential guidance for future research to understand whether there is a need for changes in principles or guidance in the public sector.

*Removed from Project List*

- (e) **IAS 34, *Interim Financial Reporting***. IPSASB members noted that IAS 34 is highly unlikely to have relevance in the public sector because public sector entities do not prepare interim financial reports. Therefore, in line with members feedback in June 2023, it is recommended that this project be removed from the project list.

*Considered but not Added to Project List*

- (f) **2022 Public Sector Standard Setting Forum**. Some IPSASB members recommended two projects from the 2022 Public Sector Standard Setters Forum in Cascais should be considered for addition to the project list:
  - (i) **Disclosures on Risk Concentration**<sup>4</sup> ([GASB](#)) requires a nongovernmental entity to disclose risks and uncertainties relating to the nature of its operations, its estimates, and vulnerability due to certain concentrations<sup>5</sup>.
  - (ii) **Service Performance Reporting** ([XRB](#)) provides context on the purpose of the entity, what the entity has done considering performance measures and descriptions, and requires disclosure of judgment made, comparative information, and consistency of reporting.

Both of these projects could be drawn from to update the guidance in Recommended Practice Guideline (RPG) 2, *Financial Statement Discussion and Analysis* and RPG 3, *Reporting Service Performance Information*. However, the IPSASB is not considering to update RPGs, rather instructed staff in June 2023 that the 2024-2028 strategy should reflect the IPSASB commitment to reconsider the status of RPGs in the context of the progress with the development of sustainability reporting standards. Therefore, staff does not recommend adding these projects to the project list, as there is a higher-level decision to be made on the future of RPGs that should be considered ahead of potential updates to RPGs.

### **Decision Required**

- 7. Does the IPSASB agree with staff [recommendation](#)?

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<sup>4</sup> GASB is expected to issue a pronouncement in September 2023.

<sup>5</sup> Concentration is the lack of sufficient diversity related to an aspect of a significant revenue source or expense.

**Appendix A – Revisions to Project Prioritization List**

1. The following table reflects the revisions to the project prioritization list per IPSASB's decisions and instructions to staff at the June 2023:

<b>Potential Projects</b>	<b>Retained</b>	<b>Added</b>	<b>Removed</b>
Accounting for Tax Expenditures	Yes <sup>6</sup>		
Asset Retirement Obligations (AROs)			Yes, 3(a)(iii)
Defining Public Sector Key Financial Performance Indicators			Yes, 3(a)(iii)
Differential Reporting			Yes, 3(a)(ii)
Disclosures on Risk Concentration		No, 6(f)	
Discount Rates	Yes, 6(c)		
IAS 26, Accounting and Reporting by Retirement Benefit Plans			Yes, 3(a)(ii)
IAS 34, Interim Financial Reporting			Yes, 6(e)
IFRS 5, Non-Current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations			Yes, 3(a)(i)
IFRS 6, Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources			Yes, 3(a)(ii)
IFRS 17, Insurance Contracts	Yes, 6(a)		
Initiative Better Communication in Financial Reporting	Yes <sup>8</sup>		
Intangible Assets– Public Sector Specific			Yes, 3(a)(ii)
IPSAS 1, Presentation of Financial Statements			Yes, 3(a)(ii)
IPSAS 2, <i>Cash Flow Statements</i>		Yes, 6(b)	
IPSAS 20, Related Party Transactions	Yes <sup>8</sup>		
IPSAS 22, Disclosure of Financial Information about the General Government Sector	Yes <sup>8</sup>		
IPSAS 24, <i>Presentation of Budget Information in Financial Statements</i>		Yes, 6(b)	
Military Assets			Yes, 3(a)(iii)
Rate-regulated Activities (IFRS 14, <i>Regulatory Deferral Accounts and future IFRS</i> )	Yes <sup>8</sup>		

<sup>6</sup> See [June 2023 Agenda Item 17.2.5](#)

# Agenda Item 1.2.3

Revising RPG 1, Reporting on the Long-Term Sustainability of an Entity's Finances			Yes, 3(a)(iii)
Service Performance Reporting (XRB)		No, 6(f)	
Sovereign Powers and their Impact on Financial Reporting			Yes, 3(a)(iii)
Update of IPSAS 18, Segment Reporting	Yes <sup>8</sup>		
Business Combinations under Common Control	Yes, 6(d)		

## Specific Matters for Comment

### Question

1. Does the IPSASB agree with the recommendation?

### Recommendation

2. Staff recommend the IPSASB to include seven specific matters for comment ('SMC') in the [draft] IPSASB's 2024-2028 Strategy and Work Program Consultation.

### Background

3. In March 2023, the IPSASB decided that the existing IPSASB strategy should be updated to reflect the current context, including changes in stakeholder expectations since the current strategy was developed.
4. In June 2023, the IPSASB was presented with the [draft] 2024-2028 Strategy and Work Program, which incorporated the IPSASB's decision that the existing strategy is fit for purpose and requires revisions to reflect the current context and changes in stakeholder expectations for the 2024-2028 period (See [Agenda Item 1.2.1](#))

### Analysis

#### *Proposed SMCs*

5. Staff are of the view that it is important to obtain constituents' feedback on the proposed IPSASB's Strategic Objective for the 2024-2028 work program period (See [Supporting Document 1](#)), which captures the IPSASB decision to take the next step in developing public sector specific sustainability reporting standards.

**SMC 1:** Do you agree with the IPSASB's proposed 2024-2028 Strategic Objective? If you do not agree please explain your reasoning and your proposed alternatives.

6. Staff also proposes obtaining constituents' feedback on the proposed four areas of focus – Setting Public Sector Financial Reporting Standards, Setting Public Sector Sustainability Reporting Standards, Promote Adoption and Implementation, and Advocate Benefits of Financial and Sustainability Information (see [Supporting Document 1](#)).

**SMC 2:** Do you agree with the IPSASB's proposed area of focus for Setting Public Sector Financial Reporting Standards for the 2024–2028 period? If you do not agree please explain your reasoning, including any proposed alternatives.

**SMC 3:** Do you agree with the IPSASB's proposed area of focus Setting Public Sector Sustainability Reporting Standards for the 2024–2028 period? If you do not agree please explain your reasoning, including any proposed alternatives.

**SMC 4:** Do you agree with the IPSASB's proposed area of focus Promote Adoption and Implementation for the 2024-2028 period? If you do not agree please explain your reasoning, including any proposed alternatives.

**SMC 5:** Do you agree with the IPSASB's proposed area of focus Advocate Benefits of Financial and Sustainability Reporting Information for the 2024–2028 period? If you do not agree please explain your reasoning, including any proposed alternatives.

7. Staff also recommends including an SMC to obtain feedback from constituents on the proposed prioritization of research and maintenance activities over the addition of any new major financial reporting projects and an SMC to obtain feedback on potential IPSAS to be prioritized by the IPSASB for post-implementation reviews (See [Supporting Document 1](#)).

**SMC 6:** Do you agree with the prioritization of the research and maintenance activities – Interpretations group and post-implementation review – over the addition of new major financial reporting projects to the 2024-2028 Work Program on setting public sector financial reporting standards. If you do not agree please explain why, including any proposed alternatives and what project should be prioritized.

**SMC 7:** The IPSASB will start a post-implementation review, is there any IPSAS that you consider is not working as intended when developed by the IPSASB? What implementation challenges are faced by your entity in the application of that IPSAS? Please explain your reasons, clearly stating why, and providing specific paragraphs.

### *Areas where no SMCs are Proposed*

#### Project Prioritization Criteria

8. During the IPSASB's 2019-2023 Strategy and Work Program the IPSASB consulted and obtained feedback on the appropriate criteria – prevalence, consequences, urgency, and feasibility – to assess project prioritization considering which project would provide the greatest public interest benefits to users of financial reports. Because of this, Staff are not recommending including an SMC on the criteria for project prioritization. The same criteria are applied to the project prioritization for sustainability reporting standards, as shown in the [June 2023, Agenda Item 8.3.1](#) for the Climate-Related Disclosures project brief.

#### Sustainability Work Program

9. The IPSASB decided in December 2022 on the initial projects it would undertake in the development of public sector sustainability reporting standards – General Requirements for Disclosure of Sustainability-Related Financial Information, Climate-Related Disclosures, and Natural Resources (Non-Financial Disclosures)<sup>7</sup>.
10. Staff is not proposing to include an SMC for public sector sustainability reporting projects, as the IPSASB obtained constituents' feedback through its [Advancing Public Sector Sustainability Reporting Consultation](#) in 2022 and because the [draft] 2024-2028 Strategy and Work Program is proposing an inter-period consultation when funding and staff resources become available for the IPSASB's public sector sustainability reporting standards workstream.

### **Decision Required**

11. Does the IPSASB agree with staff [recommendation](#)?

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<sup>7</sup> [https://www.ipsasb.org/flysystem/azure-private/2023-03/Approved-Minutes-December-2022\\_Final.pdf](https://www.ipsasb.org/flysystem/azure-private/2023-03/Approved-Minutes-December-2022_Final.pdf)

**Supporting Document 1 – [Draft] The IPSASB's 2024-2028 Strategy and Work Program Consultation**

**Review Instructions**

1. IPSASB members, Technical Advisors, and Observers are asked to note the following when reviewing the draft IPSASB's 2024-2028 Strategy and Work Program:
  - (a) The current version includes revisions based on IPSASB decisions and instructions in the June 2023 meeting; and
  - (b) For readability purposes, this supporting document does not include track changes.