IESBA Outreach and Related Activities for 2023
(January – October 2023)

January

- Keynote speaker at the Office of Audit and Prevention of Management Risks of the University of Coimbra on “Ethics, Integrity and Transparency” (Dias)
- Panelist at the Practicing Law Institute (PLI)’s “Audit Committees, Special Committees and Internal Investigations 2023” annual conference to discuss the topic “Evolving Legal Ethics Issues and Challenges for Audit Committee and Special Committee Members and Advisors” – New York, USA (Siong)
- Keynote speech at the Jornal de Negócios Conference – Cascais, Portugal (Dias)
- Presentation to the Board of the Caixa Geral de Depósitos (CGD) on “Ethics, Reporting and Communication: Closing the Trust Gap” (Dias)
- Meeting with Susan Coffey, Chief Executive Officer – Public Accounting, and Ellen Goria, Associate Director, Global Professional Ethics, AICPA-CIMA – New York, USA (Dias, Siong, Kwan)
- Meeting with Konstantinos Karachalios, Managing Director, and John Havens, Sustainability Practice Lead, Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) Standards Association; and other IEEE representatives (B. Friedrich, L. Friedrich, Leal, Leung, Sramko)
- Meeting with Monitoring Group (Dias, Gunn)

February

- IESBA and IAASB Chairs’ joint meeting with Sven Gentner, Head of Unit for Asset Management, and Rogier Wezenbeek, Senior Expert, Unit C1 “Corporate reporting, audit and credit rating agencies,” European Commission – Brussels, Belgium (Dias)
- IESBA and IAASB Chairs’ joint meeting with meeting with Olivier Boutellis-Taft, CEO, Accountancy Europe (Dias)
- Meeting with Pascal Saint-Amans, Partner, Brunswick to discuss the topic of Minimum Global Tax – Brussels, Belgium (Dias)
- Roundtable on the topic of “Compliance, Avoidance, and Evasion in Taxation: The Role of Professionals” (Poll)
- Panelist at the Oxera Roundtable hosted by the European Contact Group (ECG) to discuss Oxera’s study on corporate governance – Brussels, Belgium (Dias)
- Meeting with Rodrigo Buenaventura, Chair of the Spanish Securities Market Commission (CNMV) and Chair of the International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO) Sustainable Finance Taskforce, and Montserrat Martinez Parraín, Vice-Chair, CNMV – Madrid, Spain (Dias)
- Global webinars on Tax Planning and Related Services Exposure Draft (Poll, Chaudhary, Endsley, Mintzer, Wijesinghe, Vrijian)
March

- Keynote speaker at the European Law’s (ERA) annual conference European Company Law and Corporate Governance of Academy on “Auditing, supervising and enforcing corporate sustainability due diligence, disclosure and reporting” (Poll)

- IESBA CAG meeting (Dias, Endsley, Babington, Borgerth, Martin, Gunn, Siong, Kwan, James, Leal, Leung, Sramko, Vijian, Viljoen)

- Meeting with representatives of AccountAbility – New York, USA (Dias, Siong)

- Interview with Finance World Magazine in connection with the March 2023 IESBA meeting hosted by the Abu Dhabi Accountability Authority (ADAA) in Abu Dhabi (Dias)

- ADAA-IESBA Panel session on the topic of enhancing ethical culture within organizations, the role of the accountancy profession and other players in the global fight against economic crime, and how putting ethics at the top of the business, public policy and regulatory agendas advances sustainability goals – Abu Dhabi, UAE (Dias, Poll)

- Global Sustainability Roundtable – Paris, France (Dias, Babington, Huesken, Martin, Siong, Leal, Leung, Sramko)

- Forum of Firms meeting – Paris, France (Nisoli)

- Meeting with the Standards Coordination Working Group (SCWG) of the International Forum of Independent Audit Regulators (IFIAR) – Madrid, Spain (Dias, Siong)

- Spain outreach – Madrid (Dias, Siong)
  - Meeting with Margarita Delgado, Deputy Governor, Spanish Central Bank
  - Meeting with Martin Moloney, Secretary General; Tajinder Singh, Deputy Secretary General; and Kris Nathanail, Senior Policy Advisor for Special Projects, IOSCO
  - Meeting with Rodrigo Buenaventura (CNMV Chair and Chair of the IOSCO Sustainable Finance Taskforce), and Montserrat Martínez Parerainez (CNMV Vice-Chair)

- Panelists on the “Global developments in Ethics and Assurance for Sustainability” panel jointly hosted by the Accounting Professional & Ethical Standards Board (APESB) and CPA Australia (Babington, Wijesinghe)

- Global Sustainability Roundtable – Sydney, Australia (Babington, Wijesinghe, Kwan, Wydell)

April

- Virtual Interview with Dan Butcher, Finance Editor at Strategic Finance (Dias)

- Joint presentation with Tom Seidenstein, IAASB Chair, at the PIOB Sustainability Workshop (Dias)

- Global Sustainability Roundtable – Singapore (Endsley, Babington, Kim, Lee, Siong, Kwan, Vijian)

- Video interview with Ms. Eng Chin Chin, ISCA Ethics Committee Chair – ISCA (Babington)

- Global Sustainability Roundtable – New York, USA (Endsley, Huesken, Mintzer, Siong, Leal, Leung, Sramko, Vijian)

- Liaison at the ISO 14019 Joint Working Group meeting of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) (Sramko)
• IFIAR plenary meeting – Washington DC, USA (Dias, Vijian)
• Webinar on Engagement Team – Group Audit Independence final pronouncement (Lee, Adam, Sramko)
• Presentation to the Accountancy Europe Tax Policy Group/Professional Ethics and Competences Working Party on the IESBA’s Tax Planning Exposure Draft (Poll)
• Presentation to the Institut der Wirtschaftsprüfer (IDW) on the Tax Planning Exposure Draft (Poll)
• Keynote speaker at the ISO CASCO Plenary meeting on ESG (Wijesinghe)
• Panelist at the Telstra and Australia Post Community Event to discuss “The Implications of AI on the finance or accounting profession, and what the future has in store” (Wijesinghe)
• Professional Accountants in Business Webinar organized by CPA Australia (Wijesinghe, Kwan)
• Presentation to the Dubai Chapter of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) with an overview of the IESBA Code and IESBA workstreams update (Chaudhary)
• Meeting with Granville Martin, Director, Regulatory Outreach, International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB); and Jonathan Bravo, Director of Regulatory Affairs, EMEA and Asia, IFRS Foundation (Siong)

May
• Meeting with Portuguese stakeholders Paula Franco (CEO) and João Ferreira da Silva (Staff), Ordem dos Contabilistas Certificados (OCC); Nuno Félix, Secretary of State for Tax Affairs, Portuguese Government; Luis Laginha, Chair of the Portuguese Securities Commission (CMVM); Isabel Ucha, Chair of Euronext Lisbon; João Moreira Rato, Chair of the Portuguese Corporate Governance Institute; João Wengorovius de Menezes, BCSD Portugal, Secretary General (Sustainability); and Vítor Bento, Chair of the Portuguese Bank Association – Lisbon, Portugal (Dias, Babington, Martin, Siong, Kwan)
• Presentation on ethics, sustainability and corporate governance at the Congresso Direito da Sociedades (Dias)
• Meeting with the IFAC SMP Advisory Group – Berlin, Germany (Dias, Mintzer, Siong)
• Presentation at the Malaysian Institute of Accountants (MIA) on the Tax Planning and Related Services Exposure Draft (Chaudhary)
• Germany outreach – Berlin (Dias, Poll, Engelhardt, Siong)
  o Meeting with Georg Lanfermann, President, Accounting Standards Committee of Germany (DRSC)
  o Meeting with Michael Sell (Chief Executive Director) and Julia Rendschmidt (Head of Division, EU and International Affairs), German Audit Oversight Body (APAS)
  o Meeting with Kirsten Glückert (Head of Division Liberal Professions), Dr. Sandra Voos (Staff), and Greta Meyerdierks (Staff), Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BWWK); Dr. Christian Eichholz (Head of Division Accounting, Publicity, Audit), Jan Witzmann (Head of Division Accounting, Publicity, Audit) and Dr. Dahlitz (Staff), Federal Ministry of Justice (BMJ)
  o Meeting with Dr. Michael Hüning, CEO, Wirtschaftsprüferkammer (WPK)
Meeting with Melanie Sack (Deputy CEO), Sebastian Kuck (Legal Counsel), and Gillian Waldbauer (Head of International Affairs), IDW

- IFAC SMP Advisory Group – IDW outreach event – Berlin, Germany (Poll)
- Forum of Firms meeting – Sao Paulo, Brazil (Borgerth)
- Panelist at the CReCER conference – Sao Paulo, Brazil (Borgerth)
- Meeting with Matt Gantley, CEO, UKAS – London, UK (Babington)
- 9th Colloquium of the Good Governance Academy (Dias)
- Meeting with CFE Tax Advisors Europe (Poll)
- 7th Africa Congress of Accountants – Abidjan, Ivory Coast (Adam)

June

- Financial Stability Board (FSB) Roundtable on External Audit – Madrid, Spain (Dias)
- IESBA-NSS Meeting (Dias, Endsley, Babington, Martin, Gunn, Siong, Biek, Kwan, Leal, Leung, Reid, Sramko, Vijian, Viljoen)
- Meeting with IOSCO Sustainable Finance Taskforce (Siong)
- Panelist at the Joint Conference on the IFRS Sustainability Disclosure Standards hosted by the ASEAN Capital Markets Forum (ACMF) and ISSB, to discuss sustainability assurance – Singapore (Kwan)
- Italian Ministry of Economics and Finance event commemorating the adoption of IESBA Code in Italy – Rome, Italy (Dias)
- Panelist on the topic of “Technology: Considerations in the Field of Ethics and Profession Skepticism” at the 13th Ibracon Conference on Accounting and Independent Audit – Sao Paulo, Brazil (Endsley)
- Forum of Firms meeting – New York, USA (Huesken)

July

- Article in the July 2023 Special Edition of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) Journal, The Chartered Accountant (Dias)
- Meeting with Ugo Bassi (Director, DG FISMA – Financial Markets) and Sven Gentner (Head of Unit for Asset Management), European Commission – Brussels, Belgium (Dias)
- Accountancy Europe Roundtable on Sustainability Assurance (Dias, Martin, Billing)
- The European Federation of Financial Analysts Societies (EFFAS) Summer School Program 2023 “Europe: Stretching Capital Markets for Growth” – Lisbon, Portugal (Dias)
- Speaker at the Subcommittee on Tax Matters (FISC) of the European Parliament’s public hearing on “Tackling the role of enablers involved in facilitating tax evasion and aggressive tax planning in the European Union (SAFE)” – Brussels, Belgium (Dias)
- Meeting with Lee White (Executive Director) and Jonathan Bravo (Director of Regulatory Affairs, EMEA & Asia), IFRS Foundation – Lisbon, Portugal (Dias, Siong)
August

- Japan-Korea outreach (Dias, Kwan)
- Presentation at the Nordic Federation of Public Accountants’ (NRF) 2023 Annual Meeting – Hämeenlinna, Finland (Siong)

September

- Keynote speaker at the 12th Annual University of Nebraska, Omaha (UNO) Accounting Speakers Series (Endsley)

October

- Presentation at the International Standards of Accounting and Reporting (ISAR) 40th anniversary session as part of the World Investment Forum 2023 – Abu Dhabi, UAE (Dias)