

IESBA Outreach and Related Activities for 2024

(January – October 2024)

January

- Interview with Sophie Robinson-Tillett, ESG Contributing Editor, Investment and Pensions Europe | January 9 (Dias)
- Meeting with Cesare Sacconi, Scheme Owner of “Get it Fair – ESG Rating and Reporting Assurance Scheme” | January 10 (Siong, Reid)
- Virtual interview with Simon Jessop, Reuters | January 11 (Dias)
- World Economic Forum – Davos, Switzerland | January 15-18 (Dias, Siong)
- Presentation on “International Ethics Standards for Professional Accountants – Current Issues and Integrating Standards into Your Accounting Ethics Course,” hosted by the Public Interest Section of the American Accounting Association (AAA) | January 19 (Biek)
- Panelist at the Roundtable “Accountants for People, Planet, Prosperity, and Partnerships” hosted by the Pan African Federation of Accountants (PAFA), the World Bank and the African Union Commission – Nairobi, Kenya | January 22-24 (Dias)
- Kenya Outreach – Nairobi, Kenya | January 22-24
 - Meeting with Kenya Capital Markets Authority: Wyckliffe Shamiah, Chief Executive (Dias, Leung)
 - Meeting with Kenya Joint Financial Regulators: Hellen Ombati, Director Legal and Company Secretary of CMA; Charles Machira, Chief Executive Officer of Retirement Benefits Authority (RBA) and Chairman of the Joint Financial Sector Regulators (JFSR); Praxidis Saisi, Director, Legal and Company Secretary of RBA; Dr. Alfred Shem Ouma, Director, Strategy and Planning of RBA and Chair of the JFSR Technical Committee; Jackson Nguthu, Director, Supervision of RBA; Anthony Mwangi, Head of Communications of CMA; and Luke Ombara, Director, Policy and Market Depending of CMA (Dias, Muthaura, Leung)
 - Meeting with Kenya Bankers Association: Dr. Habil Olaka, Chief Executive Officer; and Kennedy Mutisya, Chief Financial Officer (Dias, Muthaura, Leung)
 - Meeting with Dr. Grace Kamau, Chief Executive Officer of the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Kenya (ICPAK); Steve Obuogo, Education Relationships Lead of ACCA Kenya; Ashif Kassam, Executive Chairman of RSM Eastern Africa; Catherine Asemeit, Director Standards and Technical Services of ICPAK; and Benjamin Mbolonzi, Director, Regulation, Licensing and Compliance of ICPAK (Dias, ~~Muthaura~~, Leung)
- Meeting with Matt Gantley, CEO UKAS and representing the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) | January 23 (Siong, Reid)
- Virtual Interview with Simon Foy, accountancy correspondent at the Financial Times | January 24 (Dias)
- Meeting with Imran Vanker (Director: Standards), Saadiya Adam (Senior Professional Manager: Standards) and Liezel du Preez (Professional Manager: Standards) of the Independent Regulatory

Board for Auditors (South Africa) on Collective Investment Vehicles (CIVs), Pension Funds and Investment Company Complexes (ICCs) | January 24 (Biek, Reid, Viljoen)

- Panelist at the Sustainability, Ethics and Education: An IAAER and IFAC roundtable discussion on how accountancy education can prepare aspiring and professional accountants for the ethical threats presented by sustainability reporting | January 27 (Biek)
- Meeting with Claire Lindridge (Director of Audit Market Supervision) and Helen Gale (Head of Culture & Conduct, Audit Market Supervision), UK Financial Reporting Council on Firm Culture and Governance | January 29 (Kwan, Vijian)
- Meeting with Brian Lynch (Partner), Siela Williams (Partner) and Ailine Pierrard (Director: Quality & Risk Management), Ernst & Young Global on CIVs, Pensions Funds and ICCs | January 30 (Biek, Huesken, Reid, Viljoen)
- [Panelist at The Oman International Conference on Accounting and Auditing on Professionalization in Public Sector Finance - Oman | January 30 \(Mardini\)](#)

February

- 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)
- EU outreach – Paris | February 5-6 (Dias, Siong)
 - Meeting with Carmine di Noia, Director for Financial and Enterprise Affairs, and Serdar Celik, Head of the Capital Markets and Financial Institutions Division, OECD
 - Meeting with Florence Peybernès, President, and Marjolein Doblado, Director International Division, Haute Autorité de l'Audit (H2A)
 - Meeting with Manal Corwin, Director; and David Bradbury, Deputy Director, Centre for Tax Policy and Administration, OECD Tax Unit
 - Meeting with Verena Ross, Chair, European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA)
- Meeting with IOSCO Sustainable Finance Task Force – Paris | February 6 (Dias, Siong)
- Meeting with IOSCO C1 – Madrid | February 7 (Dias, Siong)
- EU outreach – Brussels | February 8-9 (Dias, Siong)
 - Meeting with Patrick de Cambourg, Chair, EFRAG
 - Meeting with Jean-Paul Servais, Chair, IOSCO Board
 - Meeting with Rogier Wezenbeek, Senior Expert, Unit C1 "Corporate Reporting, Audit and Credit Rating Agencies," European Commission
 - Meeting with Benjamin Angel, Director, "Direct Taxation, Tax Coordination, Economic Analysis and Evaluation," and staff, European Commission TAXUD
 - Meeting with Hilde Blomme, Deputy CEO; Liesbet Haustermans, Chair, Ethics Working Party; and Harun Saki, Senior Manager, Accountancy Europe

- Meeting with Debbie Smith (Partner and National Professional Standards Group Partner) and Jason Eddy (Managing Director and National Practice Leader), Grant Thornton, organized by Ellen Gorla (Associate Director of Global Professional Ethics) and Sarah Brack (Manager: Professional Ethics) from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), et al. on CIVs, Pensions Funds and ICCs | February 7 (Biek, Reid, Viljoen)
- Meeting with Channa Wijesinghe, CEO of Accounting Professional & Ethical Standards Board (APESB) and Jacinta Hanrahan, Principal of APESB on CIVs, Pensions Funds and ICCs | February 12 (Biek, Reid, Viljoen)
- Meeting with Gregory Collins (US Partner: PwC), Alina Kalachnyuk (Director: PwC) and Jaime Eichen (US Partner: Ernst & Young) organized by Ellen Gorla (Associate Director of Global Professional Ethics) and Sarah Brack (Manager: Professional Ethics) from the AICPA, et al. on CIVs, Pensions Funds and ICCs | February 13 (Biek, Reid, Viljoen)
- [IESBA Proposes Ethics Changes for Sustainability](#) – Virtual interview with Michael Cohn, Editor-In-Chief, Accounting Today | February 14 (Siong)
- “Spotlight On” Feature with Gabriela Figueiredo Dias – Virtual interview with The Reported, Brunswick Group | February 14 (Dias)
- Global webinar on Using the Work of an External Expert Exposure Draft | February 22 (Dias, Endsley, Adam, Leung)
- Panelist at IFRS Sustainability Symposium – New York, USA | February 22 (Leal)
- Meeting with Claire Lindridge (Director of Audit Market Supervision) and Helen Gale (Head of Culture & Conduct, Audit Market Supervision), UK Financial Reporting Council on Firm Culture and Governance | February 26 (Wijesinghe, Kwan, Vijian)
- Presentation to IFAC Network Partners on “Technical and Collaboration: IESBA – Sustainability” – New York, USA | February 23 (Sramko, Leal, Reid)
- Global webinar on Sustainability Reporting and Assurance Exposure Draft | February 27 (Dias, Babington, Huesken, Siong, Sramko, Leal, Reid)
- Meeting with Michele Wood-Tweel, Vice President Regulatory Affairs, CPA Canada and Taryn Abate, CPA Canada | February 27 (Siong, Reid)
- Presentation to the UNCTAD African Regional Partnership (ARP) on IESBA’s Sustainability and Using the Work of an External Expert Exposure Drafts | February 29 (Endsley, Sramko, Leal, Reid, Leung)

March

- Meeting with Stavros Thomadakis on CIVs, Pension Funds and ICCs | March 1 (Biek, Reid, Viljoen)
- Interview with Joao Lima, Bureau Chief for Portugal, Bloomberg | March 4 (Dias)
- Interview with Max Steventon, Rosalyn Marshall and Raiditya Roebiono, Systemiq | March 4 (Dias)
- AUASB Meeting together with IAASB Chair Tom Seidenstein, Melbourne, Australia | March 4 (Kwan)
- Meeting with the Brazilian Network on Integrated Reporting | March 5 (Borgerth)
- Global webinar on Sustainability Reporting and Assurance Exposure Draft | March 5 (Dias,

Wijesinghe, Huesken, Kwan, Sramko, Leal, Reid)

- Interview with Vincent Huck, Corporate Disclosures | March 5 (Dias)
- Presentation at the UNCTAD ISAR webinar on IESBA's Sustainability and Using the Work of an External Expert Exposure Drafts | March 6 (Dias, Borgerth, Sramko, Leal, Reid, Leung)
- Presentation at the SAICA Ethics in Practice Webinar on IESBA's Sustainability and Using the Work of an External Expert Exposure Drafts | March 7 (Adam, Martin, Sramko, Leal, Reid, Leung)
- Meeting with Professor of Business & Public Policy and Director of the Master of Public Policy Program) University of Oxford's Blavatnik School of Government on Firm Culture and Governance | March 8 (Wijesinghe, Kwan)
- Meeting with Olwyn Alexander (outgoing Global Asset & Wealth Management Leader), Steven Libby (EMEA Asset & Wealth Management Leader), Jonathan O'Connell (Irish Partner, Head of Independence), Alain Maechling (Luxembourg Partner, Head of Independence) Paul Walters (Hong Kong Partner) and observed by Albertha Charles (incoming Global Asset & Wealth Management Leader), Greg Collins (US Partner), Declan Byrne (US Partner, Global AWM Assurance Leader) and Charlotte WY Hui (HK Partner) from PwC on CIVs, Pension Funds and ICCs | March 11 (Reid, Viljoen)
- Speaker at the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) Great Audit Minds (GAM) conference – Las Vegas, USA | March 11-13 (Biek)
- Presentation to the Australian Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (AUASB) on the IESBA Sustainability and Using the Work of an External Expert Exposure Drafts | March 13 (Wijesinghe)
- APESB Roundtable on the IESBA Sustainability Exposure Draft | March 26 (Wijesinghe, Kwan)
- [Panelist at webinar "Presentation of the OECD Global Corporate Sustainability Report" with representatives of OECD, CDP and IFAC | March 26 \(Dias\)](#)
- Presentation to the Asociación Interamericana de Contabilidad (AIC) Ethics Committee meeting on IESBA's Sustainability and Using the Work of an External Expert Exposure Drafts | March 27 (Borgerth)
- OECD Public Consultation on "Tackling bribery solicitation", at the margins of the 2024 OECD Global Anti-Corruption and Integrity Forum (GACIF) – Paris, France | March 27 (Tesniere)

April

- Meeting with the Standards Coordination Working Group (SCWG) of the International Forum of Independent Audit Regulators (IFIAR) – Toronto, Canada | April 3 (Dias, Siong, Leung, Reid)
- Canada Outreach – Toronto | April 3-5 (Dias, Siong, Leung, Reid)
 - Meeting with Kenneth Leung, Managing Director, Accounting Policy Division; Kathy Huynh, Director, Accounting Policy Division; and David Correia, IAIS representative on Stakeholder Advisory Council, Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions Canada (OSFI)
 - Meeting with Pamela Steer, CEO, and Michele Wood-Tweel, Vice-President, Regulatory Affairs, CPA Canada
 - Meeting with CPA Canada Tax Committee Members, CPA Canada

- Meeting with CPA Canada Public Trust Committee
- Meeting with Richard Payette, Vice-Chair, and Carol Paradine, CEO, Canadian Public Accountability Board (CPAB)
- IESBA Sustainability Seminar hosted by CPA Canada
- Meeting with Grant Vingoe, CEO; Cameron McInnis, Chief Accountant; Mark Pinch, Associate Chief Accountant; and Jo-Anne Matear, Head of Sustainable Finance, Ontario Securities Commission (OSC)
- Meeting with the Monitoring Group – Madrid, Spain | April 10 (Dias)
- IESBA Sustainability Seminar hosted by the Belgian Financial Services and Markets Authority (FSMA) – Brussels, Belgium | April 11 (Dias, Babington, Siong, Sramko)
- Presentation at the IOSCO-IFRSF Capacity Building Program on Sustainable Finance: Disclosure Requirements for Corporate Issuers, Technical Training Workshop, hosted by CVM Brazil – Sao Paulo, Brazil | April 11-12 (Borgerth)
- Japan outreach – Tokyo | April 16-17 (Dias, Siong, Sramko)
 - Meeting with Big-4 firms' management
 - Meeting with Japanese Financial Services Agency
 - IESBA Sustainability Seminar hosted by the Japanese Institute of Certified Public Accountants (JICPA)
 - IESBA Seminar on Tax Planning hosted by JICPA
 - Meeting with Big-4 sustainability practitioners
 - Meeting with the Japan Audit & Supervisory Board Members Association
 - Interviews with Japanese media
- International Forum of Independent Audit Regulators (IFIAR) plenary meeting – Osaka, Japan | April 18 (Dias, Sramko)
- Speaker at the Second ESG 2030 Forum hosted by Diligentia, co-funded by the Italian Ministry of Environment and Energy and supported by Unioncamere (Italian Association of Chambers of Commerce) – Rome, Italy | April 19 (Siong)
- Meeting with Caroline Lee (Chair of KPMG Quality & Risk Oversight Sub-Committee) and Michelle Liew (Ethics & Independence Partner, KPMG) on Firm Culture and Governance – Singapore | April 22 (Wijesinghe, Kwan, Vijian)
- IESBA Sustainability Seminar hosted by the Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants (ISCA) – Singapore | April 23 (Wijesinghe, Kwan, Vijian)
- Presentation at the Sustainability Forum hosted by Baker & McKenzie LLP on the topic of "Do you speak Tax?" – London, UK | April 23 (Poll¹)

¹ Prof. Jens Poll, former IESBA Member and Tax Planning Task Force Chair

- Meeting with Wui San Kwok (Partner and Risk, Regulations and Compliance Services Leader, PwC) on Firm Culture and Governance – Singapore | April 22 (Wijesinghe, Kwan, Vijian)
- Forum of Firms – Singapore | April 24 (Kwan, Vijian)

May

- IESBA Sustainability Seminar hosted by Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CA ANZ) and organized by APESB – Sydney, Australia | May 7 (Dias, Wijesinghe, Poll, Kwan)
- IESBA Sustainability Seminar hosted by the CPA Australia and organized by APESB – Sydney, Australia | May 7 (Dias, Wijesinghe, Poll, Kwan)
- Australia outreach – Sydney | May 6-8 (Dias, Wijesinghe, Poll, Kwan)²
 - Meeting with Australian Parliamentary Joint Committee (PJC)
 - Meeting with Andrew Mills, Chairman and other representatives, Financial Reporting Council (FRC)
 - Meeting with Firms (All Big 6 Firms), hosted by Marisa Orbea, Partner in Quality & Risk, Deloitte Australia
 - Meeting with Australian Tax Office
 - “Tax Planning Services for Members of PAOs and Others” hosted by CA ANZ
 - Meeting with the Australian Institute of Company Directors
 - Interview with Edmund Tadros, Australian Financial Review
 - Meeting with the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA)
- Australia outreach – Melbourne | May 9-10 (Dias, Wijesinghe, Poll, Kwan)²
 - Meeting with Kate O’Rourke, Commissioner, Australian Securities & Investments Commission
 - Meeting with Firms (All Big 6 Firms), hosted by Risk Management & Independence Leader, Ernst & Young Oceania
- Presentation at the Forum of Firms meeting – Bogotá, Colombia | May 7 (Borgerth)
- Speaker at the IFAC LatAm Forum in partnership with the Forum of Firms on “How the profession is at the forefront of trustworthy sustainability reporting and assurance” – Bogotá, Colombia | May 8 (Borgerth)
- Panelist at the 13th Annual AIM Congress 2024 on the theme of “Adapting to a Shifting Investment Landscape: Harnessing New Potential for Global Economic Development”, to discuss the topic “Accounting & Auditing: Agility and Adaptability in 2024” – Abu Dhabi, UAE | May 9 (Clark)
- Panelist at the Ordre des Experts-Comptables du Royaume du Maroc (OEC-Morocco) conference on the theme of “Confidence in the Economy” – Morocco | May 22 (Biek)
- Panelist at the Moral Money Summit Europe hosted by the Financial Times – London, UK | May 22-23 (Dias)

² Other meetings to be confirmed

- Panelist at the Hellenic Capital Market Commission (HCMC) Public Conference, on the theme of “Climate in the Center of Economy”, to discuss the topic “The key role of external assurance in enhancing trust and confidence in ESG disclosures” – Athens, Greece | May 29 (Dias)

June

- Virtual presentation at the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Cyprus (ICPAC) and Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) joint sustainability event, on sustainability-related revisions to the IESBA Code | June 1 (Dias, Siong)
- Meeting with the International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO) Committee 1, Montreal – Canada | June 19 (Dias, Siong)

July

- International Corporate Governance Network (ICGN) Conference – London, UK | July 15-17 (Dias)

October

- Meeting with the Committee of European Auditing Oversight Bodies (CEAOB) – Athens, Greece | October 16 (Dias)