

IESBA Outreach and Related Activities for 2025 (January – June 2025)

January

- Meeting with Pamela Steer, President & CEO of CPA Canada | January 10 (Dias)
- Meeting with Matt Gantley, CEO, UKAS, and representing the International Accreditation Forum (IAF); Emanuele Riva, IAF Chair; Marc Boissonnet, ESG Director, TIC Council; and Antonio Astone, Global Sustainability Manager, DNV | January 17 (Siong, Reid)
- Presentation on *International Ethics Standards for Sustainability Assurance (including International Independence Standards)* (IESSA) at Keidanren Japanese Business Federation – Tokyo, Japan | January 21 (Imura)
- Meeting with the Institute of Company Auditors, Luxembourg, on Collective Investment Vehicles (CIVs), Pension Funds and Investment Company Complexes (ICCs) | January 22 (Nisoli, Biek, Reid, Viljoen)
- Meeting with the Institute of Certified Public Accountants in Israel (ICPAI) | January 22 (Dias, Siong)
- Presentation at the Pan African Federation of Accountants (PAFA) and FSD Africa Workshop for Sustainability Reporting Champions, titled “From Standards to Impact: Driving Sustainable Development Through the IFRS Sustainability Disclosure Standards” – Nairobi, Kenya | January 22 (Muthaura, Sramko)
- Meeting with Sharon Machado, Head of Sustainable Business, and Sarah Lane, Head of Ethics and Independence from the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) on collaboration opportunities relating to the IESBA’s sustainability standards | January 23 (Reid, Cahoon)
- Virtual interview with Simon Jessop, Reuters | January 24 (Dias)
- Netherlands Outreach – Amsterdam | January 27-28 (Dias, Siong)
 - Meeting with Laura van Geest, Chair; Hanzo van Beusekom, Executive Board Member; Arnold Pureveen, Head of Audit & Reporting Oversight; Hanneke Yih, Supervision officer, Audit & Reporting Oversight; and other senior staff, Dutch Authority for the Financial Markets (AFM)
 - Steven Maijoor, Executive Board Member, Banking Supervision, Netherlands Central Bank (DNB)
 - Liane Vlaskamp, Executive Director; Martijn Duffels, Senior Vaktechnisch Specialist; and other senior staff, Nederlandse Beroepsorganisatie van Accountants (NBA)
- Meeting with Task Force chairs of the Professional Ethics Executive Committee (PEEC) of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) on Private Equity Investments (PEI) in accounting firms | January 27 (Huesken, Biek, Viljoen)
- Presentation at the IOSCO-IFRSF Training Workshop on “International Standard Setting on Assurance and Ethics Over Sustainability-related Information – Update from Standard-setters” – Budapest, Hungary | January 29 (Sramko)

- Presentation at the PwC Global Risk, Regulations and Ethics Conference – Cascais, Portugal | January (Dias)
- Presentation at the International Finance Corporation (IFC) and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) Business Climate Joint Workshop titled “The New International Tax Landscape: Opportunities for Promoting a Positive Business Environment for Sustainable Growth,” focusing on the IESBA’s Tax Planning standards – Washington D.C., USA | January 30 (Siong, Vijian)

February

- European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) conference on “Shaping the Future of EU Capital Markets” – Paris, France | February 5 (Dias)
- Meeting with IOSCO Committee 1 (C1) – Madrid, Spain | February 5 (Dias)
- Keynote speaker at the 3rd International Ethics Conference for Accountants on “Untying the Knots Between Ethics, Tax and the Public Interest – An overview of the IESBA’s Global Ethics Standards on Tax planning,” hosted by the Uche Godwin Nzuko Foundation (UGN Foundation), in conjunction with UGN Consulting Services Ltd | February 13 (Lehuede, Vljian)
- Meeting with Cesare Sacconi, Director, and Giulia Biselli, Gender Equality and Social Sustainability specialist, Get It Fair (GIF) | February 13 (Siong, Reid)
- Global IESBA Ethics Sustainability Standards Webinars – Sustainability Overview & Sustainability Reporting | February 18 (Martin, Sramko, Reid)
- Australia Outreach – Melbourne | February 18-25 (Babington, Wijesinghe)
 - Presentation at an Institute of Public Accountants (IPA) Member Luncheon Event on the IESBA’s Sustainability Standards and Firm Culture and Governance project
 - Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CAANZ) Trans-Tasman Webinar on Sustainability (Babington)
 - CPA Australia workshop “Summary – Auditors, Ethics and Sustainability Assurance Engagements”
 - Meeting with Australian standards setters and Big Six firms, hosted by the Accounting Professional & Ethical Standards Board (APESB), with Doug Niven, Chairman, AUASB; Dr Keith Kendall, Chairman, AASB; Julia Bilyanska, Head of Sustainability Assurance, Andrew Bryant, Principal Director, Head of Ethics and Independence, Sophie Finemore, Director, Government and Regulatory Affairs, Rene Bagley, Associate Director, Ethics and Independence, of KPMG; Samantha Sing Key, Director Sustainability Reporting Advisory, John Cincotta, Principal, Head of Independence & Quality Management of Grant Thornton; Aletta Boshoff, National Lead Partner, IFRS & Corporate Reporting and ESG & Sustainability, Willem Oliver, Partner, Ethics and Independence of BDO; Joanne Lonergan, Assurance Partner & Oceania Assurance Professional Practice Director and Matt Honey, Assurance Partner Sustainability of EY; Ashley Wood, Assurance Partner and Adam Cunningham, Partner, Sustainability Reporting & Assurance of PwC; Darren Gerber, Climate and Sustainability Partner, Deloitte
 - Meeting with Carol Adams, Chair of the Global Sustainability Standards Board (GSSB)

- Meeting with Dr Keith Kendall, Chair of the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) and Andrew Mills, Chair of the Financial Reporting Council
- CPA Australia luncheon on Global and UK developments on Audit regulations and Sustainability
- Interview on Sustainability for the CPA Australia podcast (Babington)
- Australia Outreach – Sydney, Australia | February 18-25 (Babington, Wijesinghe)
 - Meeting with the Australian Treasury's Climate Team (Stephen Green, Assistant Director, and Matt Laing) on Sustainability
 - Meeting with Big Six Firms on the IESBA's projects with Kevin Leighton, Ethics & Independence Partner; Shaun Kendrigan, Head of Audit DPP; Andrew Archer, National Managing Partner – Quality & Excellence; and Marilyn Gwan, Partner National Assurance Quality, of Grant Thornton; Jane Bowen, Partner, Quality Management Leader; and Cormac McConville, Director, Audit & Assurance Quality; of BDO; Megan Wilson, Partner; and Chris George, Partner, Asia Pacific Professional Practice, of Ernst Young; Jan McCahey, Chief Risk & Ethics Leader; and Debbie Smith, Assurance Risk & Quality Leader of PwC; and Marisa Orbea, Partner – National Quality and Risk, of Deloitte
 - Sustainability Member Breakfast function hosted by Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand
 - Meeting with Nancy Milne, Chair, and Rachel Grimes, Director, APESB
 - Interview on regulatory developments and Sustainability on the CAANZ podcast (Babington)
- Meeting with Fabrice Demarigny, Global Head of Financial Markets, Forvis Mazars | February 19 (Dias)
- Global IESBA Ethics Sustainability Standards Webinar – Key Topics in the IESSA | February 19 (Sramko, Leal, Reid)
- Meeting with Emanuele Riva, IAF Chair; Marc Boissonnet, ESG Director, TIC Council; and Antonio Astone, Global Sustainability Manager, DNV | February 20 (Siong, Reid, Billing)
- Global IESBA Ethics Sustainability Standards Webinar – IESSA Independence Standards: A Deep Dive | February 20 (Babington, Sramko, Reid)
- United Arab Emirates Outreach – Dubai and Abu Dhabi | February 24-26 (Dias, Clark¹)
 - Meeting with Abdelrahman Mohamed Elfeky, Senior Specialist – Governance & Public Policy Making, UAE Ministry of Economy (MoE); and Naweed Lalani, Director of Infrastructure and Audit Oversight, Dubai Financial Services Authority (DFSA)
 - Meeting with H.E. Riyad Al Mubarak, Honorary President of the Emirates Accountants and Auditors Association (EAAA); Fadel Abdulbaqi Al Ali, Chairman; Ian Johnston, Chief Executive; Justin Baldacchino, Supervision Managing Director, of DFSA
 - Fireside Chat organized by DFSA

¹ David Clark, IESBA Technical Advisor, attended meetings with the SCA and FAA.

- Video interview with the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW)
- Meeting with Phillipe Richard, International affairs, Executive Director; and Talal Samad, Head of Audit, Registration Authority, of Abu Dhabi Global Market (ADGM)
- Presentation at the ICAEW Stakeholder Roundtable
- Meeting with H.E. Waleed Al Awadhi, CEO; Mohammad Junaid, Head of Corporate Governance Section of Securities and Commodities Authority (SCA) and Hisham Dally, Regulatory Partner of Ernst & Young (EY)
- Meeting with H.E Abdulrahman Al Hareb, Director General, Financial Audit Authority (FAA) and Hisham Dally
- Meeting with Wael Abdel Qader Mahmoud, Audit Sector Director General, and Bahaa Eddin Al Tali, Executive Auditor, Abu Dhabi Accountability Authority (ADAA)
- Speaker at the IOSCO-IFRSF Training Workshop on “International Standard Setting on Assurance and Ethics Over Sustainability-related Information – Update from Standard-setters” – Doha, Qatar | February 25 (Sramko)
- Global IESBA Ethics Sustainability Standards Webinar – IESBA Sustainability Overview & Sustainability Reporting | February 25 (Huesken, Kwan, Leal)
- Global IESBA Ethics Sustainability Standards Webinar – Key Topics in the IESSA | February 26 (Kwan, Leal, Sramko)
- Meeting with Matt Gantley, CEO UKAS and representing the International Accreditation Forum (IAF), Emanuele Riva, IAF Chair; Marc Boissonnet, ESG Director, TIC Council; Antonio Astone, Global Sustainability Manager, DNV; Kevin Belson, IAF TC Chair and UKAS; Elena Battelino, Accredia; Makino Chikako, IAF | February 27-28 (Siong, Reid, Billing)
- Global IESBA Ethics Sustainability Standards Webinar – IESSA Independence Standards: A Deep Dive | February 27 (Wijesinghe, Sramko, Leal)
- Presentation at the IFAC Board Meeting | February 28 (Dias)

March

- Global IESBA Using the Work of an External Expert Webinar | March 3-4 (Nisoli, Adam, Endsley,² Mintzer,³ Leung, Bernard)
- Presentation at the IFAC Professional Accountancy Organizations Development Advisory Group (PAODAG) meeting on “Supporting Adoption of the Code of Ethics: A Focus on Technology and Artificial Intelligence” – New York | March 5 (Biek, Viljoen)
- IESBA Global Roundtable on Firm Culture & Governance – New York, USA | March 13
- Presentation on the IESBA Sustainability Standards to the Brazilian National Treasury | March 14 (Borgerth)

² Ms. Laurie Endsley, former IESBA Deputy Chair and Using the Work of an External Expert Task Force Chair

³ Mr. Andrew Mintzer, former IESBA member and Using the Work of an External Expert Task Force Member

- World Bank-Center for Financial Reporting Reform (Europe and Central Asia) Accounting and Auditing Reform Momentum Forum – Vienna, Austria | March 17 (Wray)
- Presentation at the International Forum of Independent Audit Regulators (IFIAR) webinar on IESBA Sustainability Standards | March 18 (Babington, Sramko)
- Presentation on the IESBA Sustainability Standards to the Regional Accounting Council of Paraná | March 18 (Borgerth)
- Presentation at the 2nd Sustainability Center of Excellence Workshop hosted by PAFA | March 19 (Sramko)
- Keynote speaker at the South African Institute of Professional Accountants (SAIPA) 2025 Accounting conference | March 19 (Huesken)
- IESBA Global Roundtable on Firm Culture & Governance – Melbourne, Australia | March 20
- Presentation on the IESBA Sustainability Standards to the Colegio de Contadores Publicos de Peru | March 20 (Borgerth)
- Meeting with Barry Doyle, President, Chartered Accountants Ireland (CAI) – Brussels, Belgium | March 24 (Dias)
- IESBA Global Roundtable on Firm Culture & Governance – Brussels, Belgium | March 24
- Meeting with IOSCO Sustainable Finance Task Force (STF) – Madrid, Spain | March 25 (Dias)
- Forum of Firms – Amsterdam, Netherlands | March 31 (Dias, Huesken, Nisoli, Jorge, Leal, Vijian)

April

- Meeting with the IFIAR Standards Coordination Working Group (SCWG) – Washington D.C., USA | April 2 (Dias, Siong)
- IESBA Global Roundtable on Firm Culture & Governance – Virtual, Africa region | April 2
- IESBA Global Roundtable on Firm Culture & Governance – Virtual, Latin America region | April 3
- CSRD Practice Forum jointly organized by Accountancy Europe and the European Contact Group (ECG) – Brussels, Belgium | April 4 (Martin)
- Presentation at the UNCTAD ISAR Gulf Regional Partnership meeting, hosted by the Qatar Financial Centre Regulatory Authority (QFCRA) on the sustainability ethics and independence standards – Doha, Qatar | April 9 (Reid)
- Standard Setters Panel at the IFIAR plenary meeting – Berlin, Germany | April 10 (Dias)
- International Federation of Accountants (IFAC) and IESBA Global Summit on the IESSA – Paris, France | April 14 (Dias, Siong, Sramko)
- Lebanese Association of CPAs (LACPA) event on ethical challenges relating to technology – Beirut, Lebanon | April 23 (Dias, Clark)
- IESBA Global Roundtable on Firm Culture & Governance – Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia | April 28

May

- Presentation at the PAFA Ethics, Audit and Assurance Technical Advisory Group (EAA TAG) on CIVs, Pension Funds and ICCs | May 1 (Biek, Reid, Viljoen)
- Panelist at the 8th Africa Congress for Accountants (ACOA) - Kigali, Rwanda | May 6-9 (Muthaura)
- Forum of Firms LatAM Regional Audit Quality Event – Lima, Peru | May 12 (Dias)
- CReCER 2025 – Lima, Peru | May 13-15 (Dias)

June

- Panelist at the 2nd International Forum on Sustainability Information – São Paulo, Brazil | June 3 (Dias)