Meeting:	IESBA	**Agenda Item**
Meeting Location:	New York	**11**
Meeting Date:	December 7-10, 2026	

Trends and Risks Committee[1] (TRC)

Objectives

1. To:

   (a) Consider and discuss the methodology used to select trends, risks, and opportunities (TROs) for the TRC's biannual report;

   (b) Consider the developments and TROs selected for inclusion in the TRC's December 2026 biannual report; and

   (c) Provide input on the matters raised for the IESBA's discussion on specific TROs.

Background

2. The IESBA approved the Terms and Reference of the TRC at its March 2026 meeting.

3. The objectives of the TRC are to:

   (a) Oversee the implementation of the IESBA's Statement of Working Processes – Trends and Risks; and

   (b) Report to or advise, as appropriate, the IESBA in relation to the topics of trends and risks.

4. The TRC's responsibilities are to:

   (a) Identify policy, accounting profession, industry, economic and financial trends and developments that might impact the IESBA's activities and mandate;

   (b) Develop an annual survey of strategic risks and opportunities relevant to the IESBA's strategy and work plan;

   (c) Review trends and other risks screened by IESBA staff and agree on items that would merit consideration by the IESBA and the Stakeholder Advisory Council (SAC); and

[1] TRC Members:

- Vania Borgerth, Chair, IESBA Member
- Rania Uwaydah Mardini, IESBA Member
- Christelle Martin, IESBA Member
- Obichukwu Nwazota, IESBA Member
- Amarjeet Singh, IESBA Member
- David Wray, IESBA Member

(d) Report the selected matters to the IESBA and, as appropriate, seek the views and advice of the SAC thereon.

5. The TRC presents to the IESBA:

   (a) A yearly strategic risks and opportunities survey and assessment to the IESBA; and

   (b) Its report on TROs to the IESBA and, as appropriate, the SAC at least every six months.

6. The TRC is supported by the IESBA Staff Insights Group.

Activities Since June 2026

7. In June 2026, the IESBA discussed and provided input on:

   (a) The proposed methodology, including a database and template for IESBA Members and Staff to capture TROs; and

   (b) The structure of TRC biannual reports.

8. Informed by IESBA's feedback, the Staff Insights Group compiled a database of 270 entries and presented the TROs identified to the TRC for its consideration. The TRC held a virtual meeting in November 2026 to discuss the methodology and to select the TROs to be included in its first biannual report, either for the IESBA's consideration or for noting.

Matters for Discussion

9. The methodology used to identify and select the developments and TROs is set out in **Agenda Item 11-A**.

10. **Agenda Item 11-B** includes the TRC's first biannual TRO report. The report sets out:

   (a) Selected Developments

   (b) TRO's for IESBA's Consideration

   (c) TROs for IESBA's Noting

   (d) In Focus: Stablecoins: Recent Developments and Implications

Action Requested

11. IESBA Members are asked to consider the presentation from the IESBA Staff Insights Group and provide input regarding:

   (a) The methodology used to identify selected developments and TROs and the judgments made throughout the process as presented in Agenda Item 11-A;

   (b) The format and structure of the TRC's biannual report in Agenda Item 11-B; and

   (c) The TROs and related matters identified for the IESBA's consideration on slides 11 to 16 of **Agenda Item 11-B.**

   (d) The "In Focus" section, as a source of additional information and evidence to the Board on topical issues impacting audit, accounting and the financial sector.

Next Steps

12. The next TRC session is scheduled for the March 2027 IESBA meeting, where the TRC will update the IESBA on the yearly strategic risks and opportunities survey.

Materials Presented

Agenda Item 11-A	Methodology Note for the TRC's Biannual TRO Report
Agenda Item 11-B	December 2026 TRO Report