

2. SECTION I: ABOUT THE RESPONDENT

1. From which perspective are you providing this feedback?

The view of an organization

Please complete:

Your name:

Your organization (if applicable):

E-mail address:

Please complete:

Organization:

GATS-RATINGS PROFESSIONALS

Name(s) of contact(s) for this submission:

Adeniyi Ambrose Dare

E-mail address(es) of contact(s):

gatsmme@yahoo.com

2. Please select from the following options to which stakeholder group you or your organization belongs:

Accounting Firm

Please specify the type of accounting firm:

Small- or Medium-Sized Accounting Firm

Please specify:

Please specify:

Please specify:

Please specify:

3. Please select from the following options the geographical region that best matches you or your organization:

3. Please select from the following options the geographical region that best matches you or your organization:

Africa

4. SECTION III: SSBs' STRATEGIC POSITIONING FOR 2028–2031

4. As the SSBs look toward the 2028–2031 period, they are reflecting on how to position their strategies and work plans to best serve the public interest within a rapidly changing global environment. This involves careful consideration of how the SSBs remain relevant, responsive, and impactful in their standard-setting and other related work. In that context, what do you believe the SSBs should aspire to achieve during their next strategy period, 2028–2031?

Your answer may touch on different dimensions, for example:

The relevance, responsiveness and impact of the SSBs' standard-setting and related activities.

Broader adoption and effective implementation of the SSBs' standards.

The SSBs' interaction and engagement with key stakeholder groups.

The SSBs' ability to serve the public interest.

The examples above are for illustrative purposes only and should not limit, direct, or otherwise influence your response.

Your answer should address the IAASB and IESBA collectively; however, you may wish to also highlight matters specifically for the IAASB or IESBA (if applicable, you could use separate headings to address such matters).

Attention should be focused on Digital Assets and Cryptocurrency, and to prevent Money Laundering and Terrorism Financing.

6. SECTION IV: KEY TRENDS IMPACTING THE SSBs

A.1 Digital Transformation – Increasing Use of Emerging Technologies

6 – Strongly increasing in importance

Please explain why you do not believe this should be considered a relevant trend for the SSBs:

Do you wish to highlight any matters relating to this trend or identified impacts, or any additional impacts, for the IAASB or IESBA or both the SSBs?

A.2 Digital Transformation – Digital Assets and Institutionalization of Digital Assets

6 – Strongly increasing in importance

Please explain why you do not believe this should be considered a relevant trend for the SSBs:

Do you wish to highlight any matters relating to this trend or identified impacts, or any additional impacts, for the IAASB or IESBA or both the SSBs?

A.3 Digital Transformation – Financial Crimes Enabled by Technology

4 – Slightly increasing in importance

Please explain why you do not believe this should be considered a relevant trend for the SSBs:

Do you wish to highlight any matters relating to this trend or identified impacts, or any additional impacts, for the IAASB or IESBA or both the SSBs?

Technology for Crime should crease at higher pace

7. SECTION IV: KEY TRENDS IMPACTING THE SSBs

B.1 Changes in the Geopolitical and Regulatory Landscape – Regulatory Changes

6 – Strongly increasing in importance

Please explain why you do not believe this should be considered a relevant trend for the SSBs:

Do you wish to highlight any matters relating to this trend or identified impacts, or any additional impacts, for the IAASB or IESBA or both the SSBs?

More involvement of policy makers necessary.

B.2 Changes in the Geopolitical and Regulatory Landscape – Risk of Fragmentation

5 – Increasing in importance

Please explain why you do not believe this should be considered a relevant trend for the SSBs:

Do you wish to highlight any matters relating to this trend or identified impacts, or any additional impacts, for the IAASB or IESBA or both the SSBs?

Attention should be focused on harmonization and Integration of Auditing Standards across different Geopolitical zones.

B.3 Changes in the Geopolitical and Regulatory Landscape – Call for Greater Agility in Standard Setting

6 – Strongly increasing in importance

Please explain why you do not believe this should be considered a relevant trend for the SSBs:

Do you wish to highlight any matters relating to this trend or identified impacts, or any additional impacts, for the IAASB or IESBA or both the SSBs?

B.4 Changes in the Geopolitical and Regulatory Landscape – Greater Diversity of Voices Sought

5 – Increasing in importance

Please explain why you do not believe this should be considered a relevant trend for the SSBs:

Do you wish to highlight any matters relating to this trend or identified impacts, or any additional impacts, for the IAASB or IESBA or both the SSBs?

8. SECTION IV: KEY TRENDS IMPACTING THE SSBs

C.1 Evolving Expectations Concerning Sustainability Information – Continuing Demand for Sustainability Reporting and Assurance

5 – Increasing in importance

Please explain why you do not believe this should be considered a relevant trend for the SSBs:

Do you wish to highlight any matters relating to this trend or identified impacts, or any additional impacts, for the IAASB or IESBA or both the SSBs?

Matters relating to SUSTAINABILITY Reporting are still by Voluntary Compliance, not mandatory in many jurisdictions.

C.2 Evolving Expectations Concerning Sustainability Information – Regulatory and Geopolitical Changes

5 – Increasing in importance

Please explain why you do not believe this should be considered a relevant trend for the SSBs:

Do you wish to highlight any matters relating to this trend or identified impacts, or any additional impacts, for the IAASB or IESBA or both the SSBs?

We have to reduce our Over reliance on Fossil Fuel before Sustainability Efforts will work.

9. SECTION IV: KEY TRENDS IMPACTING THE SSBs

D.1 Evolving Structure and Business Models of Accounting Firms – Alternative Ownership Structures

6 – Strongly increasing in importance

Please explain why you do not believe this should be considered a relevant trend for the SSBs:

Do you wish to highlight any matters relating to this trend or identified impacts, or any additional impacts, for the IAASB or IESBA or both the SSBs?

D.2 Evolving Structure and Business Models of Accounting Firms – Increased Involvement of Non-Professional Accountants in the Accounting and Auditing Profession

5 – Increasing in importance

Please explain why you do not believe this should be considered a relevant trend for the SSBs:

Do you wish to highlight any matters relating to this trend or identified impacts, or any additional impacts, for the IAASB or IESBA or both the SSBs?

This Era of Artificial Intelligence promoting too many non- accountant without knowledge of Auditing and Accounting principles.

D.3 Evolving Structure and Business Models of Accounting Firms – Challenges to Attracting and Retaining Talent

5 – Increasing in importance

Please explain why you do not believe this should be considered a relevant trend for the SSBs:

Do you wish to highlight any matters relating to this trend or identified impacts,

or any additional impacts, for the IAASB or IESBA or both the SSBs?

D.4 Evolving Structure and Business Models of Accounting Firms – Non-Assurance Service Line

5 – Increasing in importance

Please explain why you do not believe this should be considered a relevant trend for the SSBs:

Do you wish to highlight any matters relating to this trend or identified impacts, or any additional impacts, for the IAASB or IESBA or both the SSBs?

10. SECTION IV: KEY TRENDS IMPACTING THE SSBs - OTHER TRENDS AND RANKING

6. Are there trends or related areas or matters that you believe the SSBs should consider that are not covered? If so, please provide details.

No

Additional trends

Please number your additional trend (O.1, O.2, O.3, ...)

Please describe the additional trend

On a scale of 1 to 6, indicate the extent to which you believe this trend will increase or decrease in importance for the SSBs for their next strategy period starting in 2028.

Do you wish to explain your rating or highlight any matters relating to this trend for the IAASB, IESBA, or both the SSBs?

7. Based on your evaluation of the identified trends, please rank what you believe are the TOP FIVE most important trends for the SSBs to consider for their next strategy period starting in 2028.

11. SECTION V: AREAS FOR JOINT ACTIONS IN SSBs' WORK PLANS

8. Please share your views about areas of common interest and possible joint or parallel work plan topics (e.g., standard-setting or non-authoritative materials), or other initiatives or activities.