

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:

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

Jurisdictional Standard Setter (JSS) or Other Standard Setter

Please specify the type of accounting firm:

Please specify:

Please specify:

Please specify:

JSS for both Auditing and Assurance, and Ethics

Please specify:

3. Please select from the following options the geographical region that best

matches you or your organization:

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South America

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).

The majority of respondents believe that SSNs should aim to achieve "Widener adoption and more consistent application of standards."

Two respondents mentioned "The relevance, responsiveness, and agility of the profession."

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?

- Regulating Ethics in the Use of AI in the Accounting Profession.
- The use of emerging technologies such as AI in business requires special attention from both organizations, so that auditing and assurance standards take into account risk assessments and responses to those risks in transactions and evaluations that utilize AI. In terms of ethics, this means that the fundamental principles of the Code of Accounting must be analyzed to accommodate potential situations that affect the professional activity of accountants and their teams, due to the disruptive nature of AI in the business environment.
- It is important to highlight that technological advancements, particularly artificial intelligence, not only transform audit and assurance processes but also redefine the risks associated with obtaining and evaluating evidence. For the IAASB, it will be crucial to develop more specific guidelines on: the use of automated tools in audit procedures, the reliability and traceability of evidence generated by AI-based systems, and the auditor's responsibility when using third-party models.
- The use of technology is becoming increasingly sensible for accounting and financial operations; therefore, regulations must be involved in relation to technology to ensure the reliability and quality of information.
- Ethical robustness in the face of technological innovation, as well as the mitigation of "Greenwashing" and fraud.
- In the 2024–2027 plan, technology went from being a cross-cutting issue to an explicit strategic driver. By 2028–2031, technology will no longer be a line of work but an intrinsic component of all standards.

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

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?

- Develop specific guidelines for the auditing of digital assets.
- Digital assets present specific challenges for auditing and assurance, especially with regard to their valuation, existence, and control.
- Protocols for handling confidential information.

A.3 Digital Transformation – Financial Crimes Enabled by Technology

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?

- The use of technology in business has increased the risk that organizational controls become vulnerable and fail to detect transactions that may constitute financial crimes. Greater emphasis should be placed on professional skepticism regarding the acceptance and continuation of work.

- We must emphasize the strengthening of ethics, because as the use of technology increases, so does the risk of digital crimes.
- Financial crimes facilitated by technology (digital fraud, money laundering with crypto assets, algorithmic manipulation, cyber fraud, financial deepfakes) will increase significantly and steadily.
- Because attacks and illegal activities will be detected.

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

- Harmonizing local and international regulatory changes is a complex process, which implies an increase in the inherent risk of auditing and assurance.
- The acceleration of regulatory changes requires standardization bodies to have a greater capacity for response and coordination.
- Keep the standards up to date.

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?

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

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?

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

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?

- Seek diverse opinions to consider adjustments or new regulations.
- More inclusive and representative standardization processes; strengthening participation mechanisms.
- Essential to determine the degree of need and applicability of the regulations.
- Inclusion of diverse perspectives, especially from emerging economies.
- National social safety nets (NSNs) can no longer rely solely on traditional experts; broader deliberative pluralism is needed.

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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?

- Expectations for assurance reports will continue to grow due to regulatory requirements.
- Clearer and more concise rules will be applied for better implementation.
- Agile and coordinated regulatory development for assurance; strengthening independence frameworks.
- Growing social pressure and stakeholder interest in organizational reports.
- Reconfiguration of the purpose and social responsibility of auditing.
- Obligation to report on sustainability.

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

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?

- Evaluation of whether the regulations are being applied as expected.
- Sustainability has gone from being a voluntary agenda to a regulated and strategic space.
- Countries will need to define internal policies to align standards.
- Rapid regulatory and geopolitical evolution; reconfiguring the role of the profession in global governance.

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

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?

- Private equity investors must comply with current regulations when investing in professional entities.
- It increases the complexity in identifying controls and final beneficiaries.
- It affects governance, accountability, and the scope of assurance.
- Greater rigor in terms of governance and environmental control.

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?

- Several entities (consultants, engineers) are participating; the challenge is for them to comply with the regulations of both Councils.
- It increases risks to quality; the IAASB should strengthen guidelines on the use of others' work.
- The participation of non-accountants adds value through the technology included in the processes.
- Integration of multidisciplinary profiles in accounting and sustainability practices.
- They bring new capabilities but require supervision and ethical principles.

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

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?

- Shortage of technical staff; assessment of the impact of hiring staff from other disciplines.
- Today's professional doesn't want to be tied down by so many rules and regulations.
- It directly impacts the quality of services; IESBA must reinforce the principles of professional competence.
- Systemic risk to the relevance and sustainability of the profession; young people are looking for other alternatives.
- AI will replace operational staff but will increase demand at managerial levels.

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

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?

- Sustainability assurance has increased; a potential threat to independence if there are no safeguards.
- Increases risks of conflicts of interest; strengthens independence frameworks.
- Structural transformation of the firms' business model; redefining the boundaries between auditing and consulting.
- Sustainability considered as a "strategic advisory service".

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.

Yes

Additional trends

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

O.2 - O.3 - O.4 - O5

Please describe the additional trend

- 0.2 Cybersecurity and digital resilience.
- 0.3 Assurance of non-financial information beyond ESG.
- 0.4 Advanced automation and continuous auditing.

- 0.5 Governance in decentralized structures.

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?

N/A

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.

Rank 1 : C1 Sustainability - Ongoing demand for reporting and assurance

Rank 2 : B3 Regulation - Greater agility in the establishment of standards

Rank 3 : C2 Sustainability - Regulatory and geopolitical changes

Rank 4 : D3 Challenges in attracting and retaining talent

Rank 5 : D2 Greater participation of non-professional accountants

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.

N/A