# **Financial Reporting Council**

# **MONTHLY UPDATES (June 2025) – IPSASB ENEWS**

The International Public Sector Accounting Standards Board (IPSASB) held its second meeting of the year from **10 to 13 June 2025**, in Toronto, ON, Canada.

The topics discussed at the meeting were on the following:

- 1. Climate-related Disclosures
- 2. Measurement Application Phase
- 3. <u>Natural Resources</u>
- 4. Presentation of Financial Statements
- 5. Work Program Consultation
- 6. Improvements to IPSAS
- 7. IPSAS 33 Limited Scope Update
- 8. Post-Implementation Reviews

# 1. Climate-related Disclosures

The helpful stakeholder feedback to IPSASB SRS ED 1, Climate-related Disclosures led the Board to consider the complexity of having different reporting perspectives included in a single standard. The Board decided to adopt a phased approach towards developing guidance:

- Phase 1, Own Operations, will finalize the first-ever public sector sustainability reporting standard tailored for the public sector that's already in development, focusing on how public sector entities disclose climate-related risks and opportunities to their own operations.
- Phase 2, Public Policy Programs, will develop a separate standard for those specific public sector entities responsible for the outcomes of climate-related public policy programs.

This phased approach will meet the urgent need for public sector guidance while allowing additional time to address the more complex reporting needs identified by stakeholders.

# 2. Measurement – Application Phase

The Board approved the Final Pronouncement, Amendments to IPSAS Standards as a Result of the Application of IPSAS 46, Measurement, amending IPSAS Standards to align with the measurement principles in IPSAS 46. These amendments are effective January 1,

2028.

Where support for the proposals in the exposure draft was mixed, i.e., the introduction of current operational value in IPSAS 31, *Intangible Assets*, the Board decided to continue analysis independently so the otherwise strongly supported guidance could be delivered in a timely manner.

#### 3. Natural Resources

As part of the development of the final pronouncement, the Board confirmed the guidance on tangible natural resources will be located in a separate, standalone IPSAS Standard. The Board also discussed stakeholder feedback and agreed the only tangible natural resources in scope of the proposals were those held for conservation and decided to clarify the guidance.

#### 4. Presentation of Financial Statements

The Board made great progress finalizing the preliminary view regarding categorization on the Statement of Financial Performance. It also deliberated presentation requirements regarding main operating activities, totals and subtotals, minimum line items, and expenses by nature or function. The Board will continue to refine and articulate the nuanced discussions in our forthcoming consultation paper and begin discussions on other presentation requirements.

# 5. Work Program Consultation

During the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2025, the Board will publish a consultation on the work program to receive feedback on future priorities in the areas of financial reporting, post-implementation reviews, and sustainability reporting. During the June meeting, the Board reviewed the first draft of the consultation and expect to approve the document at our September 2025 meeting.

# 6. Improvements to IPSAS

The Board discussed potential clarifications to enhance the consistency of IPSAS 35, Consolidated Financial Statements, and IPSAS 40, Public Sector Combinations. It decided to include the consolidation-related amendments in the next exposure draft on improvements to IPSAS Standards, which collects improvements approved throughout 2025 and is expected to be approved in March 2026. Potential amendments to public sector combinations will be analyzed further at a future IPSASB meeting as a separate narrow scope amendment.

# 7. IPSAS 33 – Limited Scope Update

The Board continued to analyze respondents' feedback to ED 91, Limited-Scope Updates to First-Time Adoption of Accrual Basis International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS). It aims to make the first-time adoption standard more user-friendly by improving navigation, clarifying principles, and releasing additional implementation guidance. The Board intends to approve the revised Standard at the September 2025 meeting.

### 8. Post-Implementation Reviews

The first post-implementation review will be on IPSAS 20, *Related Party Disclosures*. To help inform the next review, the Board decided to conduct a survey of national standards setters on which IPSAS Standards should be a priority for us based on which

pronouncements have been modified before adoption, and/or have not been adopted at the local level.

For further information: <a href="https://www.ipsasb.org/news-events/2025-06/ipsasb-enews-june-2025">https://www.ipsasb.org/news-events/2025-06/ipsasb-enews-june-2025</a>

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