

FINANCIAL REPORTING COUNCIL

MONTHLY UPDATES (April 2026) – What’s new from the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC)

The main topic for discussion at the IFAC during the month of April 2026 was with respect to the following:

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The International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB) and International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA) have established a joint User Advisory Group (UAG), creating a dedicated channel for users of financial statements and other external reporting to directly inform global standard setting.

The UAG represents a step forward in how user perspectives are brought into the standard-setting process – moving from consultation to more continuous, structured dialogue. Through the UAG, users will provide timely, practical input on the IAASB’s and IESBA’s priorities, projects, and broader initiatives, helping to ensure that standards remain relevant, decision-useful, and responsive to evolving market needs.

“High-quality global standards depend on our ability to listen carefully to those who rely on them every day. We are delighted to establish this joint group, a key milestone that brings us closer to users and firmly grounds our work in their lived experience and expectations,” said Gabriela Figueiredo Dias and Tom Seidenstein, Chairs of the IESBA and IAASB, respectively. “Through this ongoing exchange, we are better positioned to understand the real-world implications of our standards and ensure they serve the public interest.”

This shift is already underway. The UAG held its inaugural meeting on April 2, 2026, bringing together a globally diverse group of users with a wide range of perspectives and experience. Discussions focused on how the group will engage in practice and shaping input on key IAASB and IESBA projects. The UAG is expected to meet periodically throughout the year, providing an ongoing forum for user insight and dialogue.

For further information: <http://www.ifac.org>

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