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Communication about Audit, Review and Compilation Services

Objective of Agenda Item

1.   To update the IAASB on Staff activities to date on the above noted initiative.

Background

2.   The 2012-2014 IAASB Strategy and Work Program[1] includes the following initiative under the strategic theme of facilitating adoption and implementation of IAASB's Standards:

"Explore whether to develop a communication that compares and contrasts the value and benefits of the audit, review, and compilation services addressed by the IAASB's standards (Communication about Audit, Review and Compilation Services)"

3.   Broadly, this initiative reflects the general view by respondents to the Strategy consultation of the importance of actions that serve to further acknowledge the breadth of IAASB's mandate to address a broad range of engagements.

4.   More specifically, it reflects the need to be responsive to developments in jurisdictions that are raising the threshold for statutory audits where, as a result, audits of certain entities are now on a voluntary basis and there is a growing interest for services other than audit that may best meet users' financial reporting needs. It also reflects the importance of efforts directed at jurisdictions that have not yet chosen to adopt or use IAASB's Standards, whether the ISAs or the Standards on reviews or related services.

5.   The IAASB Work Program scheduled commencement of this initiative for late 2012 so that the final communication could generally coincide with the effective dates of IAASB's revised standards on review and compilation engagements which are of particular relevance to small-and medium-sized entities and practices.

Action Requested

6.   None. IAASB Staff will provide an oral update on activities to date and next steps.

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[1]   The IAASB Strategy and Work Program 2012-2014 was issued June 2012 and is available at http://www.ifac.org/sites/default/files/publications/files/IAASB%20Strategy%20and%20Work%20Program%202012-2014-final.pdf