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SME Implementation Group publishes first draft Q&A

On 24 February 2011, the SME Implementation Group (SMEIG) published for public comment the first draft question and answer (Q&A) guidance on the *IFRS for SMEs*. The SMEIG is responsible for assisting the IASB on matters related to the implementation of the standard.

The draft Q&A addresses whether a parent entity that does not have public accountability may present its separate financial statements in accordance with the *IFRS for SMEs* if it is part of a group that is required (or elects) to present consolidated financial statements in accordance with full IFRSs. The SMEIG is inviting comments on the following tentative consensus:

If a parent entity does not have public accountability, it may present its separate financial statements in accordance with the *IFRS for SMEs*.

An entity is eligible to use the *IFRS for SMEs* if it does not have public accountability (paragraph 1.2). A parent entity assesses its eligibility to use the *IFRS for SMEs* on the basis of its own public accountability without considering whether other group entities have, or the group as a whole has, public accountability.

A parent entity will have public accountability if (paragraph 1.3):

- a. the parent entity's own debt or equity instruments are traded in a public market or the parent entity is in the process of issuing such instruments for trading in a public market, or
- b. (b) the parent entity holds assets in a fiduciary capacity for a broad group of outsiders as one of its primary businesses.

The draft Q&A is open for comment until 4 April 2011 and can be accessed at:

<http://go.ifrs.org/IFRS+for+SMEs+QandA>

Developing non-mandatory and timely guidance on specific accounting questions that are being raised by those implementing the *IFRS for SMEs* is one of the two main responsibilities of the SMEIG. The other is to make recommendations to the IASB regarding amendments to the *IFRS for SMEs*. Those recommendations will be considered when the *IFRS for SMEs* is updated, approximately every three years.

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Updated *IFRS for SMEs* training PowerPoint slides

We have posted a complete set of updated PowerPoint presentations that we use in our three-day train-the-trainers workshops. They are available without charge for downloading here:

<http://www.ifrs.org/IFRS+for+SMEs/SME+Workshops.htm>

The 20 presentations are intended for use in training that involves approximately 24 classroom hours. We encourage you to use them in conducting training on the *IFRS for SMEs*.

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Upcoming 'train the trainers' workshops

The IFRS Foundation is conducting workshops to 'train the trainers' on the *IFRS for SMEs*. Most workshops are three days duration with eight contact hours per day. Upcoming workshops will be held in Ankara, Banjul, Basseterre, Buenos Aires and Dubai. A few others are in the planning stage for 2011 (see

<http://www.ifrs.org/IFRS+for+SMEs/SME+Workshops.htm>):

Eurasia

Date 15-17 March 2011

Location Ankara, Republic of Turkey

Instructors Michael Wells (Director of the IFRS Foundation Education Initiative), Ali Cicekli (Partner, Deloitte) and Asli Gedik (Partner, PwC)

Language English and Turkish

Sponsoring organisation The Turkish Accounting Standards Board (TASB)

West Africa

Date 9-11 May 2011

Location Banjul, the Republic of The Gambia

Instructors Michael Wells and Paul Pacter (IASB member and Chairman of the SME Implementation Group)

Language English

Sponsoring organisation The Association of Accountancy Bodies in West Africa (ABWA) with the support of a World Bank financed project for The Gambia Association of Accountants.

The Caribbean

Date 16-20 May 2011

Location Basseterre, The Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis

Instructors Mary Barth (Academic Advisor to the IASB), Robert Garnett (Chairman, IFRS Interpretations Committee) and Michael Wells

Language English

Sponsoring organisation The Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (ECCB) with the support of a World Bank-financed project

Latin America

Date 4-6 July 2011

Location Buenos Aires, Argentina

Instructors Michael Wells and Jorge Gil (General Director, Federación Argentina de Consejos Profesionales de Ciencias Económicas (FACPCE) and Member of the SME Implementation Group)

Language English and Spanish

Sponsoring organisation FACPCE with the support of the World Bank Spanish Trust Fund for Latin America and the Caribbean

The Middle East

Date 27-29 September 2011

Location Dubai, UAE

Instructors Michael Wells and Paul Pacter

Language English spoken (workshop material in Arabic and English)

Sponsoring organisations Dubai SME and the Arab Society for Certified Accountants (ASCA)

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News about adoptions of the *IFRS for SMEs*

Panama. 29 December 2010, the Technical Accounting Board (Junta Técnica de Contabilidad, or JTC), which is the accounting standard-setter in Panama, published Resolution No.03-2010 adopting the *IFRS for SMEs* as an option for use in Panama beginning on 1 January 2011. SMEs that do not choose the *IFRS for SMEs* must use full IFRSs, which have been Panama's official accounting standards since 1998. The JTC adopted the *IFRS for SMEs* as issued by the IASB without any changes. The JTC expects to publish the Spanish version of *IFRS for SMEs* in the official Gazette in Panama.

Zambia. The Zambia Institute of Chartered Accountants has adopted a three-tier financial reporting framework for Zambia effective 1 January 2011. This effectively means that the framework applies to financial statements for years ending on or after 31 December 2011. The reporting and auditing requirements for the three tiers under the framework are as follows:

- Publicly accountable entities. Listed companies, public interest entities and government-owned enterprises must use full IFRSs and must be audited.
- Economically significant companies. Companies that are not in the first tier and have annual turnover equal to or exceeding K20 billion (approximately US\$4 million) have a choice of using the *IFRS for SMEs* or full IFRS, and they must be audited.
- Micro and small enterprises. Those with annual turnover below K20 billion (approximately US\$4 million) will use the Zambian Financial Reporting Standard for Micro and Small Entities, and an audit is not required.

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(Armenian, Chinese, Czech, English, French, Italian, Romanian and Spanish)
- [The standard in hard copy](#)
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