

Accountability. Now. Enhancing Public Financial Management

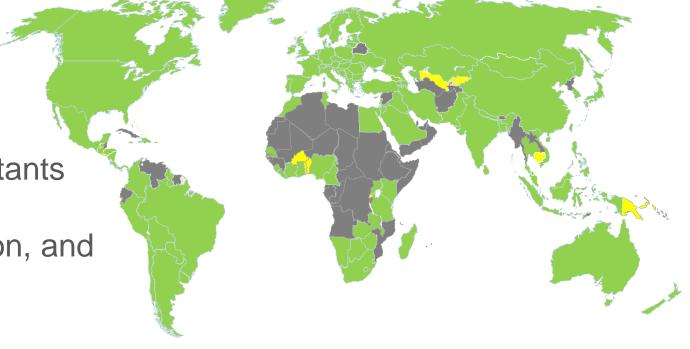
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IFAC—A Global Profession

- Founded 1977
- 175+ members organizations
- 130+ countries & jurisdictions
- 2.84 million professional accountants in public practice, commerce & industry, public sector, education, and not-for-profit sector
- Public interest focus





IFAC—A Global Vision and Mission

A global profession essential to strengthening organizations and advancing economies

- Serving the public interest by
 - facilitating the development and adoption of high-quality standards
 - contributing to the development of strong professional accountancy organizations and accounting firms
 - contributing to high-quality practices by, and promoting the value of, professional accountants
 - speaking out on public interest issues



Accountability. Now.



ACCOUNTABILITY. NOW. A campaign for:

HIGH-QUALITY
PUBLIC SECTOR
FINANCIAL REPORTING

MORE INFORMED
GOVERNMENT
DECISION MAKING

PUBLIC SECTOR SPENDING

BETTER QUALITYPUBLIC SERVICES

ENHANCED TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

INCREASED TRUST IN GOVERNMENT



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Accountability. Now.

- A global campaign for enhanced public financial reporting
 - Supported by a broad coalition
 - Replicated at the regional and national level
- Main areas of focus
 - 1. Raising Awareness
 - 2. Facilitating Public-Private Partnerships
 - 3. Building Capacity Public Sector Accountancy Capacity

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1. Raising Awareness

- AN Newsletter 1,500 plus subscribers
- Conferences, etc.
- Website Global Knowledge Gateway, IFAC, MOSAIC
- Reports three in 2017
 - Accrual Practices and Reform Experience in OECD Countries
 - The Status of Public Sector Financial Reporting and PAO Membership in Francophone Africa
 - Accrual Practices & Reform Expectations in the Caribbean
- Public Sector Financial Accountability Index







2. Facilitating Partnerships

- Governments (Ministries of Finance, Accountants General, Auditors General)
- Professional Accountancy Organizations
- Regional Organizations and Acknowledged Accountancy Groupings
- Accounting firms
- Donor organizations UK DFID, World Bank
- Civil society organizations GIFT
- Economic groupings CEMAC, WAEMU





3. Building Public Sector Accountancy Capacity

- DFID-Funded IFAC PAO Capacity Building Program
 - Ghana: Roadmap to implement IPSAS
 - Nigeria: Enhanced education, training, and professional qualification, including public sector component, for the Nigerian College of Accountancy
 - Rwanda: Enhanced Certified Accounting Technician qualification to respond to government demand for 5,000 accounting technicians over five years
 - Uganda: Roadmap to deliver training to finance personnel at all levels of government
 - Zimbabwe: Enhanced public sector accountancy capacity to support IPSAS adoption and implementation (collaborating with AFROSAI-E)
 - MOSAIC Foundations Project





3. Building Public Sector Accountancy Capacity

The power of roundtables

- Build public—private partnerships
- Establish the accountancy profession as trusted advisors to government
- Equip Accountants Generals, Auditor Generals and their staff to move from adoption to implementation through knowledge sharing
- Give rise to communities of interest

Ghana May 2015

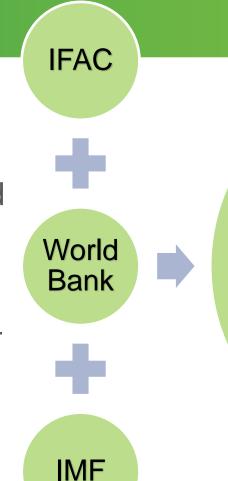
Senegal Oct 2015 UAE Nov 2015 Caribbean Apr 2016 Ethiopia Mar 2016 Madagascar Oct 2016



Strength in Numbers

IFAC is making progress with limited resources

 UNITED we can accomplish more globally, regionally, nationally



Stronger economies

Accountable Governments

Better quality of life for citizens

