# IFRS for SMEs Update



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## Welcome to the IFRS for SMEs Update

The IASB's *IFRS* for *SMEs* Update is a staff summary of news relating to the *International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities (IFRS for SMEs*). All issues of the *IFRS* for *SMEs* Update are available in both HTML and PDF format on the IASB's <u>website</u>. To subscribe use the link on the right.

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IASB continues discussions on the comprehensive review of the *IFRS for SMEs* 

The IASB met on 21 May 2013 to continue to discuss the issues raised in the IASB's 2012 Request for

Information: Comprehensive Review of the IFRS for SMEs. The following issues were discussed at this meeting:

- Consideration of new and revised IFRSs issued since the IFRS for SMEs was published, including annual improvements; and
- Additional issues raised by respondents, including:
  - including guidance on applying the 'undue cost or effort' exemption;
  - o clarifying the accounting requirements for entities involved in extractive activities;
  - adding an 'undue cost or effort' exemption to the requirement to recognise intangible assets separately in a; business combination;
  - adding an 'undue cost or effort' exemption from measurement of investments in equity instruments at fair value; and
  - o clarifying a number of other requirements in the IFRS for SMEs.

To access the agenda papers and a recording of the meeting, please <u>click here</u>. A summary of the decisions made at the meeting are available in the May 2013 <u>IASB *Update*</u>.

## IFRS for SMEs translations: status report

Here is the current status of the *IFRS for SMEs* translations that have been approved by the IFRS Foundation

**Completed**: Albanian,\* Arabic, Armenian,\* Bosnian,\* Chinese (simplified),\* Croatian,\* Czech,\* Estonian,\* French,\* German, Hebrew,\* Italian,\* Japanese,\* Kazakh,\* Khmer,\* Lithuanian,\* Macedonian,\* Mongolian,\* Polish,\* Portuguese,\* Romanian,\* Russian,\* Serbian, Spanish,\* Turkish\* and Ukrainian.\*

Under discussion with the IFRS Foundation: Georgian, Kyrgyz and Turkmen.

\*Available for free download <u>here</u> (for translations not marked with an \* please see our <u>webshop</u> for details on how to purchase a hard copy).

## IFRS for SMEs 'train the trainers' workshop in Zambia

During May 2013 the IFRS Foundation held a three-day workshop in Zambia, Africa, to train the trainers on the *IFRS for SMEs*. The event was sponsored by the Pan African Federation of Accountants (PAFA) and the Zambian Institute of Chartered Accountants (ZICA) with funding from the World Bank. Instructors were Darrel Scott (Chairman SME Implementation Group and IASB member) and Guillermo Braunbeck (Project Manager, IFRS Education Initiative, IASB). The 48 participants came mainly from South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho, Kenya, Uganda, Zambia, Nigeria, Malawi and Mauritius.

More information about past workshops, including free downloads of the Microsoft PowerPoint® slides used in the workshops, can be found **here**.

## **Upcoming 'train the trainers' workshops**

For more details, click here.

South Asia

**Date:** 19-21 August 2013 **Location:** Colombo, Sri Lanka

Instructors: Darrel Scott and Michael Wells (Director, IFRS Education Initiative, IASB)

Language: English

Sponsoring organisations: the Confederation of Asian and Pacific Accountants (CAPA) and the Institute

of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka.

## Where to obtain IFRS for SMEs materials

The Standard online (available in multiple languages)

- The Standard in hard copy
- Information about the SME Implementation Group
- Information about the Request for Information: Comprehensive Review of the IFRS for SMEs
- Information about guidance for micro-sized entities applying the IFRS for SMEs
- Q & As
- 'Train the trainers' workshops and presentation slides
- Training materials in PDF format
- IASB and staff presentations about the IFRS for SMEs
- Past copies of the IFRS for SMEs Update

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