

PRESS RELEASE

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IFRS Foundation Trustees tweak *Constitution*

The Trustees of the IFRS Foundation, responsible for the oversight and governance of the International Accounting Standards Board (the Board), have amended the organisation's *Constitution*. The changes include reducing the size of the Board and amending the geographical distribution of Trustees.

The Trustees are, according to the *Constitution*, required to undertake a review of the IFRS Foundation's structure every five years. The latest review commenced in July 2015 and went through two rounds of consultation.

The amendments reflect the conclusions reached unanimously by the Trustees following the latest public consultation, which included ten proposed changes to the *Constitution*.

The main changes are:

- a reduction in the number of Board members from 16 to 14, which is the number of members the Board has been operating with for a while;
- amendments to the geographical distribution of Board members and Trustees; and
- amendments to Board members' and Trustees' professional background requirements.

Michel Prada, Chair of the IFRS Foundation Trustees, said:

The amendments to the Constitution follow a very thorough review and consultation process, striking a balance between all the helpful input we received from constituents.

These changes safeguard the flexibility required to meet the evolving demands on the organisation and ensure the composition of both Trustees and Board members is as inclusive and balanced as it needs to be for the organisation to operate effectively.

A document outlining the feedback received to the consultation on the constitutional changes, together with the changes made, can be found [here](#).

A stand-alone updated version of the *Constitution*, which is effective 1 December 2016, can be found [here](#).

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Notes to editors:

- The *Trustees' Review of Structure and Effectiveness: Feedback Statement on the July 2015 Request for Views* can be found [here](#).
- Further information about the Trustees' [responsibilities](#).

Summary of amendments:

1	Trustees – geographical distribution	North America and South America categories combined to one Americas category; increase in number of 'at large' appointments
2	Trustees – professional background	Removal of requirements for two Trustees to come from an audit firm
3	Trustees – remuneration	Trustees to be remunerated with an annual fee only (no fee per meeting as before)
4	Focus and frequency of reviews	Reviews to be start no later than five years after the previous review's conclusions
5	Board – size	Reduce number of members from 16 to 14
6	Board – professional background	Specify importance of recent relevant professional experience and importance of diverse backgrounds
7	Board – geographical distribution	North America and South America categories combined to one Americas category
8	Board – terms of reappointment	Opening up for the second term to be extended to five years (compared with three previously)
9	Board – voting requirements	Amended to reflect new Board size; publication of proposed or final Standards require approval by nine if there are 14 Board members and eight if there are 13 or fewer Board members
10	IFRS Advisory Council meetings	Reduce number of meetings from minimum three to minimum two per year, with flexibility to hold more if required.

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About the IFRS Foundation

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The mission of the IFRS Foundation is to develop IFRS Standards that bring transparency, accountability and efficiency to financial markets around the world, fostering trust, growth and long-term financial stability. The International Accounting Standards Board is the independent standard-setting body of the IFRS Foundation, made up of experts from diverse professional and geographical backgrounds. IFRS Standards are adopted by more than 120 countries globally.

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