

Minutes from the teleconference of the Forum for INTOSAI Professional Pronouncements

9–11 March / 2 April / 16 April 2020

<p>Due to the outbreak of the Covid-19 crisis in Europe, the planned 13th FIPP meeting in Sofia, Bulgaria, 9–13 March 2020 was cancelled by the FIPP Chair. In these extraordinary circumstances, the FIPP Chairmanship decided to adjust the agenda slightly in order to conduct the planned meeting through teleconferences to prevent that no pronouncement projects were unduly delayed by the cancellation of the meeting. The teleconferences were held 9-11 March, 2 April and 16 April.</p>		
<p>Meeting starts Test and introduction – Monday 9 March 2020 - 14:00 CET Tuesday 10 – Wednesday 11 March 2020 - 12:00–16:00 CET Thursday 4 April - 12:00–15:00 CEST Thursday 16 April - 13:00–14:30 CEST</p>		
Agenda Item	Purpose	Record
<p>Test of teleconference system and introduction to the meeting (9 March 2020)</p>		
Test of teleconference system		The system was tested on 9 March. After some technical issues were solved, most FIPP members were able to join the teleconference.
Introduction to the teleconference		<p>FIPP Chair informed on the teleconference and draft agenda</p> <p>The Chair explained that the agenda would be flexible and agile due to the nature of the meeting, and would be adjusted if necessary. An updated agenda would be updated daily and distributed to all FIPP-members prior to the each meeting session.</p> <p>New FIPP members Jane Meade, Lissa Lamarche and Mahmood Mahmood were introduced. New FIPP member Chandra Bhandari was unfortunately not able to join the teleconference due to technical problems, but gave written inputs during the meeting sessions.</p> <p>All FIPP members not able to attend the FIPP teleconference 2 April 2020 and 16 April 2020, were given the opportunity according to the working procedures to give their votes after the teleconference.</p> <p>See Annex 1 for the participants list and the attendance at each teleconference session.</p> <p>Link to Agenda 10-11 March 2020 Link to Agenda 4 April 2020 Link to Agenda 16 April 2020</p>

Exposure drafts submitted from Goal Chairs for appraisal/approval and vote		
<p>GUID 4900 – Guidance on authorities and criteria to be considered while examining the regularity and propriety aspects in Compliance Audit</p>	<p>To make an approval (conditional approval) of exposure draft by vote</p> <p>Approval and vote Approval against criteria using the appraisal document.</p>	<p>The exposure draft was discussed on the basis of a paper presented by the FIPP Chair containing the key issues from the appraisals carried out by the FIPP members prior to the teleconference.</p> <p>FIPP concluded that the exposure draft with a few changes was ready for a vote on conditional approval.</p> <p>The result of the vote was a unanimous conditional approval of the exposure draft.</p> <p>The result will be communicated to the PSC Chair and the project group.</p> <p>Link to key issues paper Link to the conditionally approved version of Exposure Draft Link to the Explanatory Memorandum</p>
<p>GUID 5320 – Guidelines on audit of privatisation</p>	<p>To make an approval (conditional approval) of exposure draft by vote</p> <p>Approval and vote Approval against criteria using the appraisal document.</p>	<p>The exposure draft was discussed on the basis of a paper presented by the FIPP Vice-Chair containing the key issues from the appraisals carried out by the FIPP members prior to the teleconference.</p> <p>FIPP considered that the exposure draft was not ready for approval based on a number of key issues and drafting issues.</p> <p>FIPP formulated a set of key questions that need to be resolved before the draft can be sent for exposure.</p> <p>The project liaison will communicate FIPP’s conclusions to the project group.</p> <p>Link to key issues paper Link to FIPP appraisal table to be communicated to the project group</p>
<p>GUID 5330 – Guidance on auditing disaster management</p>	<p>To make an approval (conditional approval) of exposure draft by vote</p> <p>Approval and vote Approval against criteria using the appraisal document.</p>	<p>The exposure draft was discussed on the basis of a paper presented by the FIPP Chair containing the key issues from the appraisals carried out by the FIPP members prior to the teleconference.</p> <p>FIPP concluded that the exposure draft with a few changes was ready for a vote on conditional approval.</p> <p>The result of the vote was a unanimous conditional approval of the exposure draft.</p> <p>Link to key issues paper Link to the conditionally approved version of Exposure Draft Link to the Explanatory Memorandum</p>

<p>ISSAI 2000 – Application of Financial Audit Standards</p>	<p>To make an approval (conditional approval) of exposure draft by vote</p> <p>Approval and vote Approval against criteria using the appraisal document.</p>	<p>At the 12th FIPP meeting in December 2019 it was agreed that FIPP would aim to appraise and approve the exposure draft of ISSAI 2000 together with GUID 2900 through written procedure. FIPP received a first version of the ISSAI 2000 exposure draft for appraisal in January 2020.</p> <p>On the basis of the written appraisals from the FIPP members, the FIPP Chair decided that the document was not ready for (written) approval and needed to be discussed at the upcoming FIPP meeting in March/April 2020.</p> <p>The exposure draft of ISSAI 2000 was discussed at the teleconference.</p> <p>FIPP concluded that the exposure draft with a few changes was ready for a vote on conditional approval.</p> <p>The result of the vote was a conditional approval of the exposure draft with 13 votes for approval and 3 against.</p> <p>The 3 FIPP members that voted against asked that their motivations for voting were noted in the minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FIPP member Marita Salgrave • FIPP member Beryl Davis • FIPP member Josephine Mukomba <p>The motivations can be found in Annex 2.</p> <p>Link to the conditionally approved Exposure Draft Link to the Explanatory memorandum</p>
<p>GUID 2900 - Guidance to the financial auditing standards</p>		<p>At the 12th FIPP meeting in December 2019 it was agreed that FIPP would aim to appraise and approve the exposure draft of GUID 2900 together with the exposure draft of ISSAI 2000 through written procedure. FIPP received an updated version of the exposure draft for appraisal in January 2020.</p> <p>On the basis of the written appraisals from the FIPP members, the FIPP Chair decided that the document was not ready for (written) approval and needed to be discussed at the upcoming FIPP meeting in March/April 2020.</p> <p>The exposure draft of GUID 2900 was discussed at the teleconference and FIPP concluded that the exposure draft with a few changes was ready for a vote on conditional approval.</p> <p>The result of the vote was a conditional approval of the exposure draft with 15 votes for approval and 1 against.</p> <p>Marita Salgraves motivation for voting against the approval of the exposure draft can be found in Annex 2.</p> <p>FIPP also approved the proposed Explanatory memorandum for ISSAI 2000 and GUID 2900 and in addition suggested that the PSC makes an amendment to the memorandum regarding the old</p>

		<p>Practice Notes (PNs) that will expire automatically after the approval of the new ISSAI 2000/GUID 2900.</p> <p>Link to key issues paper Link to the conditionally approved Exposure Draft Link to the Explanatory memorandum</p>
Component 3 Competency Pronouncements (COMPs) project proposals. Discussion.		
<p>Component 3 Competency Pronouncements (COMPs) new project proposals</p>	<p>Discussion</p>	<p>The agenda item was discussed on the first and last teleconference day, both sessions with project lead and CBC Observer Jan van Schalkwyk present.</p> <p>The project group – via CBC – had amended the project proposal on Component 3 after the 12th FIPP meeting in order to align with the comments from FIPP communicated by LO Alexandra Popovic.</p> <p>The new project proposal (link to document) suggested to move the new Competency Pronouncements from the COMP section of the IFPP to the ISSAI/GUIDs section. This can be achieved by an addition to the SDP 2020-2022 and a revision of the IFPP Classification Principles in which the COMP section of the IFPP framework is removed.</p> <p>All FIPP members agreed to the suggestion based on the paper <i>Conclusion on new pronouncements on competencies</i> elaborating on 4 key issues published on TW, link to document.</p> <p>Amendments to the IFPP Classification Principles and the SDP must be presented to and approved by the PSC SC according to the Due Process. Hence FIPP – in cooperation with the project lead Jan van Schalkwyk – prepared a paper <i>Addition to the Strategic Development Plan for the IFPP 2020-2022 in conclusion of Component 3</i>, link to document.</p> <p>The paper was published on TW and all FIPP members had given their response and input to the document.</p> <p>After being amended with all FIPP inputs, the paper was discussed at the teleconference. All FIPP members present consented to the proposed document.</p> <p>FIPP will present the paper for approval at the next PSC SC meeting. If the suggested amendments are approved, FIPP will look forward to receiving an updated project proposal to be appraised/approved at an upcoming FIPP meeting.</p>
Information from the PSC		
<p>Information from the PSC</p>	<p>PSC Chair</p>	<p>The PSC Observer informed that the new technical support function (TSF) is now operational with all 3 members and has had its first meeting with the PSC. The PSC will come back to FIPP regarding the TSF function and possibilities for support to FIPP.</p>

		The PSC Steering Committee meeting is postponed until further notice due to the Covid-19 situation. The PSC will inform FIPP as soon as a decision is made regarding the commencement of the meeting.
Concluding the meeting		
Summary of key decisions in the minutes		As recorded in these minutes.
Information	FIPP Chair	<p>The FIPP Chair concluded that the original agenda for the 13th FIPP meeting was completed by the 3 teleconferences covered in these minutes.</p> <p>She congratulated the FIPP members for their ability to show flexibility and readiness in these difficult times and to still be able to complete the tasks in the agenda for the 13th FIPP meeting.</p>

Annex 1 – Participants in each of the teleconference session

9-11 March 2020

FIPP members present in the teleconference

Åse Hemsén (Chair)
Kristoffer Blegvad (Vice-Chair)
Alexandra Popovic
Beryl Davis
Deepak Anurag (absent Tuesday)
Einar Gørrissen
Gerhard Ross
Jane Meade
Josephine Mukomba
Karen Belteton Mohr
Lissa Lamarche
Mahmood Mahmood
Marita Salgrave
Tashi Tobgay
Toma Donchev

PSC Observers

Paula Dutra
Geoffrey Simpson

CBC Observers (Wednesday-Thursday)

Jan van Schalkwyk
Cobus Botes

Technical Assistants

Chatterjee Shourjo
Edmond Shoko
Frederikke Lillehaug
Rasmus Hyll Bruun

2 April 2020

FIPP members present in the teleconference

Åse Hemsén (Chair)
Kristoffer Blegvad (Vice-Chair)
Beryl Davis
Gerhard Ross
Josephine Mukomba
Karen Belteton Mohr
Lissa Lamarche
Mahmood Mahmood
Marita Salgrave
Tashi Tobgay
Toma Donchev

Absent and will vote after teleconference

Alexandra Popovic
Chandra Bhandari
Deepak Anurag
Einar Gørrissen
Jane Meade

PSC Observers

Paula Dutra

Technical Assistants

Edmond Shoko
Frederikke Lillehaug
Rasmus Hyll Bruun

16 April 2020**FIPP members present in the teleconference**

Åse Hemsén (Chair)
Kristoffer Blegvad (Vice-Chair)
Beryl Davis
Einar Gørrissen
Gerhard Ross
Jane Meade
Josephine Mukomba
Lissa Lamarche
Marita Salgrave
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Annex 2 – Motivations for FIPP members' votes

Beryl Davis

Motivations for voting against the approval of ISSAI 2000:

1. Due to the timing of the decision. The final discussion/voting for ISSAI 2000 took place during one call, and the final discussion/voting for GUID 2900 took place during a later call. Because the two documents were linked, it would be better to have final discussions on both before voting on either.

Josephine Mukomba

Motivation for voting against the approval of ISSAI 2000:

1. Lack of coherence between title of the ISSAI and the purpose of the ISSAI – refer to paragraph 4.
2. The title of the ISSAI is much wider than the contents of the ISSAI.
3. The passive usage of language diminishes the authority of the ISSAI as ISSAIs are expected to give “shall” instructions when giving direction.
4. Excessive circular referencing to other pre-existing ISSAIs and ISAs to the extent that the ISSAI on its own is bringing to the table very little value addition in addressing its title.

Marita Salgrave

Motivation for voting against the approval of ISSAI 2000:

1. The concept of Financial Audit ISSAIs being almost a 100% copy/paste of ISAs is somewhat questionable, since the differences between public and private sector financial auditing seem not to diminish, but in opposite – are gradually increasing.
2. This does not automatically mean that additional requirements should be imposed on public sector auditors; this could also mean that some of requirements could appear to be less and less relevant for public institutions.
3. I expected those differences to be identified, risks carefully assessed, and relevant provisions inserted in the ISSAI 2000.

Motivation for voting against the approval of GUID 2900:

1. The project was supposed to 'improve the quality of existing information' (see C3, Project Proposal), which was not fully done (except of a number of supplements related to the work of Courts of Audit).
2. The GUID 2900 is rather a compilation of 'historical' Practice Notes, while the public sector has considerably changed throughout the years and public sector auditors require more and updated guidance in their auditing work.
3. In addition, the draft GUID 2900 still comprises a number of inconsistencies and 'grey areas', which would preferably require addressing and clarification.