

Fundamental role of the International Education Standards issued by IFAC in capacity building of Accountants and Auditors Workshop

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What are the IES- and why to they matter?



Define global learning outcomes for professional accountants



Cover initial education to lifelong learning (IES 1-8)



Competency-based, not subject based



Serve public interest and international consistency

Why PAO and University Collaboration Matters?



Aligned

Smoother transition, better graduates, more trust



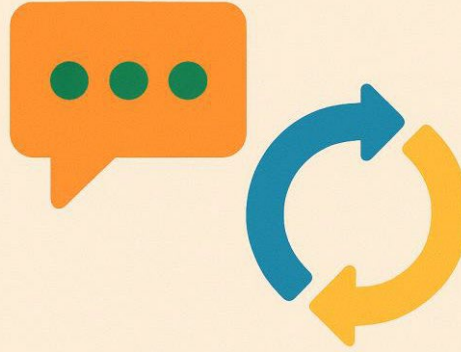
Disconnected

Gaps in skills, expectations and qualification prep

Best Practices in PAO and University Collaboration



Shared Responsibility



Continuous
Communication



Supportive Mindset

Creating a Shared Platform for Dialogue

- Committee, working group, or informal network
- Address expectations + challenges early
- Foster curriculum alignment
- Reduce surprises in qualification/accreditation reviews



Aligning Curriculum Through Collaboration

- Map academic content to IES
- Surface gaps & strengths together
- Learn across sectors (terminology, depth)
- Reflect evolving professional practice
- Example: Georgia's mapping workshops



Bringing Professional Practice into the Classroom

- Guest lectures & real-world case studies
- Mentorship & career awareness early on
- Co-developed modules with firms & PAOs

Examples:

MIA: Industry speakers in courses

KICPAA: University partnerships AM

CAAA: Joint exam prep support



Supporting Faculty Development Through the PAO–University Relationship

- Train lecturers on ethics, audit & standards
- Co-develop workshops & faculty training
- Invite professors to CPD sessions
- Share PAO-developed materials

Examples:

Lao PDR

Vietnam partnerships



Building Structures for Ongoing Communication

- Go beyond formal reviews make it ongoing
- Use check-ins, joint events, and working groups
- Enable early feedback + shared understanding

Example:

IAI's regular university dialogues



University

PAO

Closing Reflections

Implementing the IES is about more than compliance—it's about building a profession that's relevant, trusted, and future-ready.

