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FOREWORD

In times of crisis, like the Covid-19 pandemic we are currently enduring, the quality of corporate financial reporting and governance is a critical element in enabling the continued functioning of the global economy because it is the medium through which audited financial information is communicated to stakeholders (particularly shareholders) and it provides audited information as a regulatory input.

So far, the financial crisis response mechanisms that were put in place following the 2008 financial crisis seem to be holding. In particular:

- the international coordination of regulators, standard-setters and other bodies across the globe, has been quick to respond in the current crisis; and
- banks appear better-placed to contribute to the resilience of the financial systems thanks to the capital and liquidity buffers they have been building up since the last crisis.

This virtual workshop aims to inform regulators about recent financial reporting and regulatory guidance, with a particular emphasis on those aspects of accounting and reporting that are currently most relevant to the financial statements of listed companies, especially banks.

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

- **Join the meeting** in Webex platform by clicking on the link in the invitation email or by entering the meeting number and the password provided in the invitation
- **Connect at 13:45pm (CET time)** to test your connection, and enter your full name
- **Make sure your microphone is on mute at all times**, except when the moderator invites you to speak

AGENDA | TUESDAY, 30 JUNE 2020 (14:00 CET, VIENNA TIME)

14:00 Opening

Welcome remarks and brief introduction of the topic and the speakers

Daniel Boyce | Practice Manager for Eastern Europe and Central Asia,
Governance Global Practice, World Bank

14:10 Regulatory guidance and Capital market stability

The purpose of this this session is to discuss the regulatory guidance for prudential regulators that was issued in response to the Covid-19 pandemic and to provide insights about current regulatory practices, including relating to the application of IFRS 9 *Financial Instruments*.

During the meeting participants will be invited to share their own countries experience and to pose questions to the panelists.

David Grünberger | Head of Section, European Central Bank

Darrel Scott | Board Member, International Accounting Standards Board

Moderator:

Pascal Frerejacque | Senior Financial Management Specialist, CFRR, World Bank

15:10 IFRS 'concepts' to consider in current circumstances

The purpose of this this session is to discuss the application of IFRS in the Covid-19 pandemic and enhance the understanding of the key judgments management must now make in: (i) incorporating forward looking information in, for example, asset impairment measurements and going concern assessments; (ii) accounting for events designed to mitigate the economic effects of Covid-19, for example, contract modifications and government grants; and (iii) determining the appropriate level of disclosure.

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Darrel Scott | Board Member, International Accounting Standards Board

Michael Wells | Professor of Practice, Imperial College Business School

Laure Guegan | Partner, EY

Moderator:

Pascal Frerejacque | Senior Financial Management Specialist, CFRR, World Bank

16:15 Closing

BIO OF THE SPEAKERS



DANIEL BOYCE

Practice Manager for Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Governance Global Practice, World Bank

Daniel Boyce is Practice Manager for Eastern Europe and Central Asia in the World Bank's Governance Global Practice. His unit covers 11 countries in Eastern Europe, South Caucasus and Central Asia. He is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and holds a Bachelor's degree in Accounting from Florida A&M University and a Masters and Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). Previously he managed the World Bank's financial management unit for Latin America and the Caribbean.

Mr. Boyce is responsible for overseeing quality in the World Bank's Governance work, including operational financial management work and the capacity building activities in public sector management. Themes addressed by the Governance practice include those related to Justice Reform, State Owned Enterprises and Public Financial Management, among others. He also has leadership of regional initiatives related to Public Expenditure Management and Public Sector Accounting.



PASCAL FREREJACQUE

Senior Operations Officer, CFRR, The World Bank

Pascal Frerejacque advises countries on enhancing their financial reporting, corporate governance, and auditing practices, and leads activities for the financial supervisors across the CFRR regional programs, EU-REPARIS and STAREP. He has led the delivery of country programs on accounting and auditing reform and SOE monitoring in Croatia, the Czech Republic, and Serbia. At the CFRR, Pascal led the publication of several accounting and auditing assessments under the Reports on the Observance of Standards and Codes program (ROSCA&A), and other knowledge products: Corporate Sector Accounting and Auditing in the European Union (2015), Banking Supervisors and Auditors: Building a Constructive Relationship (2016), Guides to reviewing financial statements for supervisors (2017), Croatia' European Union Accession: case studies on accounting and auditing reform (2017).



MICHAEL WELLS

Professor of Practice, Imperial College Business School

Michael Wells is Professor of Practice at Imperial College Business School and Visiting Lecturer at London Business School. He is also working with the World Bank, to deepen understanding of financial reporting requirements and building capacity to make/audit/ regulate the judgments necessary to apply them. He has performed compliance reviews of corporate financial statements for World Bank assessments of country compliance with financial reporting standards.

For over a decade he led the International Accounting Standards Board's (IASB) International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) Education Initiative, and prior to that, he qualified as a South African Chartered Accountant with Ernst & Young (now EY); He subsequently joined the academic world and became the Associate Professor responsible for the financial reporting section of a South African University.



DARREL SCOTT

Board Member, IASB

Darrel Scott was formerly CFO of the FirstRand Banking Group, one of the largest financial institutions in South Africa. He had responsibility for both statutory and regulatory financial reporting under the Basel II Accords and served on various Governance, Risk, Operation and Strategic Committees of the Group.

Mr. Scott was also a member of the IASB's International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee (IFRIC), a position from which he resigned to become an IASB member, and was formerly a member of the IFRS Foundation's Standards Advisory Council (SAC), now called the IFRS Advisory Council.



DAVID GRÜNBERGER

Head of Section, European Central Bank

Dr. David Grünberger leads the team for accounting and prudential reporting at the European Central Bank since 2018. He previously led the IFRS-enforcement in the Austrian Financial Market Authority in Vienna. He focuses on the financial reporting of listed companies and banking regulation. He holds a US-CPA license, teaches at the Vienna University of Economics and published many books and papers on current accounting topics. He represents the FMA in the European Enforcement Coordination Sessions at ESMA and the European Accounting Regulatory Committee at the European Commission.



LAURE GUEGAN

EY Partner

Laure Guégan is a Partner in EY in France. She is a technical IFRS partner serving financial services clients globally and leads the French IFRS desk for Financial services. Laure has developed a strong expertise on IFRS 9 and leads EY IFRS 9 impairment working group at global level. Laure is also a member of several IFRS working groups at the French Auditing Body (Compagnie Nationale des Commissaires aux Comptes) and at the French standard setter (Autorité des Normes Comptables).

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