We will start the meeting at 3:30pm. As you wait, please try this....



Thought experiment

Imagine a world where

all NPOs and their stakeholders agreed a single best practice standard for financial reporting....



CIPFA



Shaping the future of nonprofit financial reporting – South Africa stakeholders

26 Nov 2020

Edmond Shonko Samantha Musoke







## Meeting overview

- Welcome and introductions (15)
- About IFR4NPO (25)
- Small groups (25) and feedback (25)
- Participating in the consultation process (20)
- Next steps (5)







# Please introduce yourself in the chat

Name, Role & Organisation









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#### About IFR4NPO





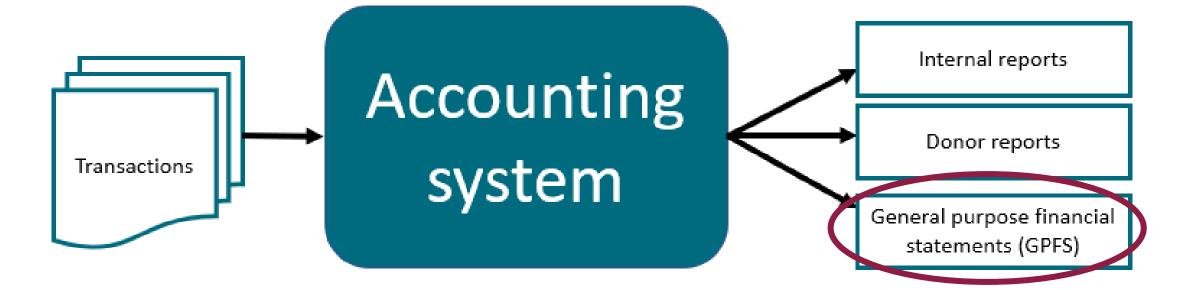








## Which financial reports?



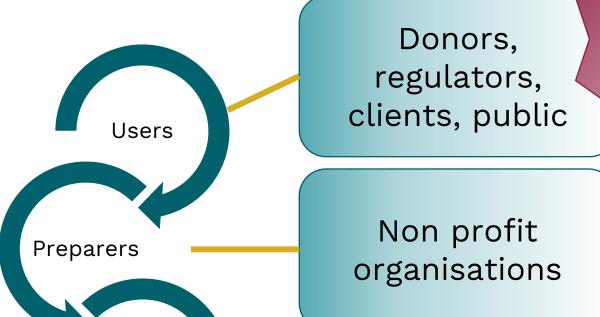
IFR4NPO Project focus is GPFS, (and accompanying narrative reports)

Another project is working to harmonise donor project report formats



#### Which stakeholders?

Assets Φ Liabilities statem Reserves Income Financial Expenditure 3955-27 Surplus 1190-91 5338-00 28596-82



**Auditors** 

Donor Reference Group

Independent assurance providers



#### What will IFR4NPO deliver?

## **Current Problems**

- No international financial reporting standards for NPOs
- Inconsistent financial reports
- > Don't meet funders' needs
- ➤ High costs funders and grantees
- ➤ Lack of transparency
- > Double funding fraud

#### **Solution:**

## The IFR4NPO Guidance

Country and funder adoption decisions

## Future Outcomes

- ✓ Improved usefulness, transparency and consistency of NPO financial reports
- ✓ NPOs able to demonstrate capacity and attract funds
- ✓ Funders better able to reliably assess NPOs
- ✓ Simplified audit assurance provision
- ✓ IFR4NPO Community global network of NPO stakeholders.

More resilient and accountable sector







## Who is delivering the project?

Non Profit Organisations

Funders



 A global nonprofit advocating for data-driven policies that make the humanitarian and development sector more equitable, accountable, and resilient.



- Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy
- Unique standard setter roles for local government and charities in UK

Standard setters

Accounting and audit community

"By the sector, for the sector"









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# Advisory Groups Technical (TAG)



#### **Practitioner (PAG)**









#### How and when?

Phase

• **Consultation Paper** – structured stakeholder input, January 2021

• Phase • **Exposure Draft** - draft guidance for public comment, Mid 2023

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Phase

• **Final Guidance** – ready for adoption, early 2025

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• Training and transition following adoption– 2025 onwards



Technical rigour

Stakeholder engagement





Equivalent process to other international accounting standards

## Engagement to 31-Oct-2020









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### Small groups – 20 mins

1. Greet each other

2. Reactions / Comments / Questions?

3. Benefits?

4. Challenges?





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## Feedback from groups









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## The Consultation Process

- > Who?
- > Why?
- > What?
- > How?





#### IFR4NPO Consultation Process

Who? Why?

- Regulators
- Auditors
- Funders
- NPOs

- Cultural context
- Stakeholders' needs
- Shape the future
- Build credibility



## What? - Consultation Paper

Executive Summary

Introduction

Part 1 – Landscape level

Part 2 – Specific issues

Supplementary information

Glossary



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## Requesting feedback

Consultation Paper	Audience	Presents	Requests	Basic form of questions
Part 1 – Framework level issues	All stakeholders	Each chapter presents a proposal	General Matters for Comment (GMCs)	Do you agree with the proposal? If not, why not?
Part 2 - Specific accounting issues	More technical – Accountants are more likely to access it meaningfully	Each section presents a description and alternative treatments	Specific Matters for Comment (SMCs)	Do you agree with the description and alternatives? If, not why not? Which alternative do you prefer and why?







#### Part 1: General Matters for Comment

## NPOs – chapter 1

Do you agree with the broad characteristics of NPOs proposed?

If not, why not? Which alternative characteristics would you propose, and why?

## Stakeholders – chapter 2

Do you agree that external stakeholders require information on the NPO's achievement of objectives, economy and efficiency, compliance with restrictions and regulations, and longer-term financial health?

If not, why not? What alternative areas would you propose and why?

## Guidance - chapter 3

What challenges, if any, do you foresee if the Guidance is accrual-based?

Indicate what other approach or approaches might meet the Guidance objectives and explain why?









#### Part 1: General Matters for Comment

# Existing frameworks - chapter 4

Do you agree with the criteria that have been used to assess the suitability of the frameworks?

If not why not and what other criteria do you believe could be used and why?

## Proposal - chapter 5

Do you agree with the model proposed? If not, what alternative do you suggest?

Do you have any concerns about using IFRS for SMEs as the foundation? Of so, what are they?











## Consultation Paper - Part 2

#### Part 2: Specific accounting issues (examples)

- Financial statement presentation including fund accounting
- Narrative reporting (service reporting / management commentary)
- Classification of expenses by nature or function?
- Income recognition and measurement (including in-kind donations)

- Fundraising costs
- Grants made expenses
- Assets held for social benefit
- Inventory held for use or distribution
- Defining the reporting entity
- Acting on behalf of another entity









## How to participate?

- Consultation Paper launch 28 Jan 2021
- Detailed information will be shared then
- Respond via project website www.ifr4npo.org
- Feedback on Part 1 by 30 July, Part 2 by 24 Sep
- Regional virtual roundtables Mar-May 2021





# Take this opportunity! Use your voice to shape the future of non-profit financial reporting



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## Questions?

About consultation process

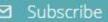


#### IFR4NPO

An initiative to develop Internationally applicable Financial Reporting guidance for Non Profit Organisations

Improving accountability, consistency, transparency and trust.











## Thank you!

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