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Thought  
experiment



**Imagine a world where**  
all NPOs and their stakeholders agreed  
a single best practice standard  
for financial reporting....

# Shaping the future of non-profit financial reporting : UK stakeholders



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# Meeting overview

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

# Zoom tips



## • Speaker view

 Speaker View 



Unmute



Start Video



Participants



Chat



Share Screen



Record



Reactions

## • Control panel

- Swipe or tap mobile screen
- Hover mouse at the bottom of the computer screen

- Video on if possible
- Use chat
- Raise hand to speak during report back



# Inspiring a financially confident, dynamic and trustworthy charity sector

Charity Finance Group (CFG) is the charity that inspires a financially confident, dynamic and trustworthy charity sector. We do this by championing best practice, nurturing leadership and influencing policy makers.

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*"CFG has provided a lifeline, making sure I feel part of a community of professionals. Their training, events and magazine help me to support the leadership and trustees."*

# CFG as UK Country Champion for IFR4NPO

- CFG hosted Symposium 2015 to explore issue of international standards
- Current international standards for business and public sectors (IFRS and IPSAS)
- National Guidance exists in about 20 countries (UK, US, NZ, Australia, China, Switzerland, India, Japan, Colombia, Sierra Leone, Georgia etc)





*Introducing  
today's  
speakers*

Please  
introduce  
yourself  
in the chat

Name, Role &  
Organisation



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About IFR4NPO





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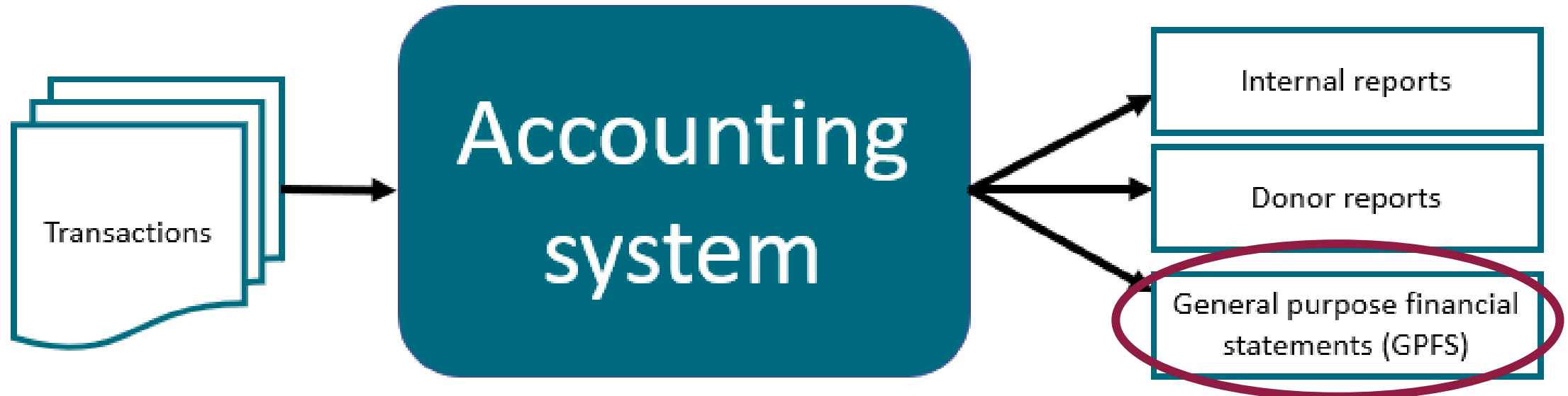
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# IFR4NPO



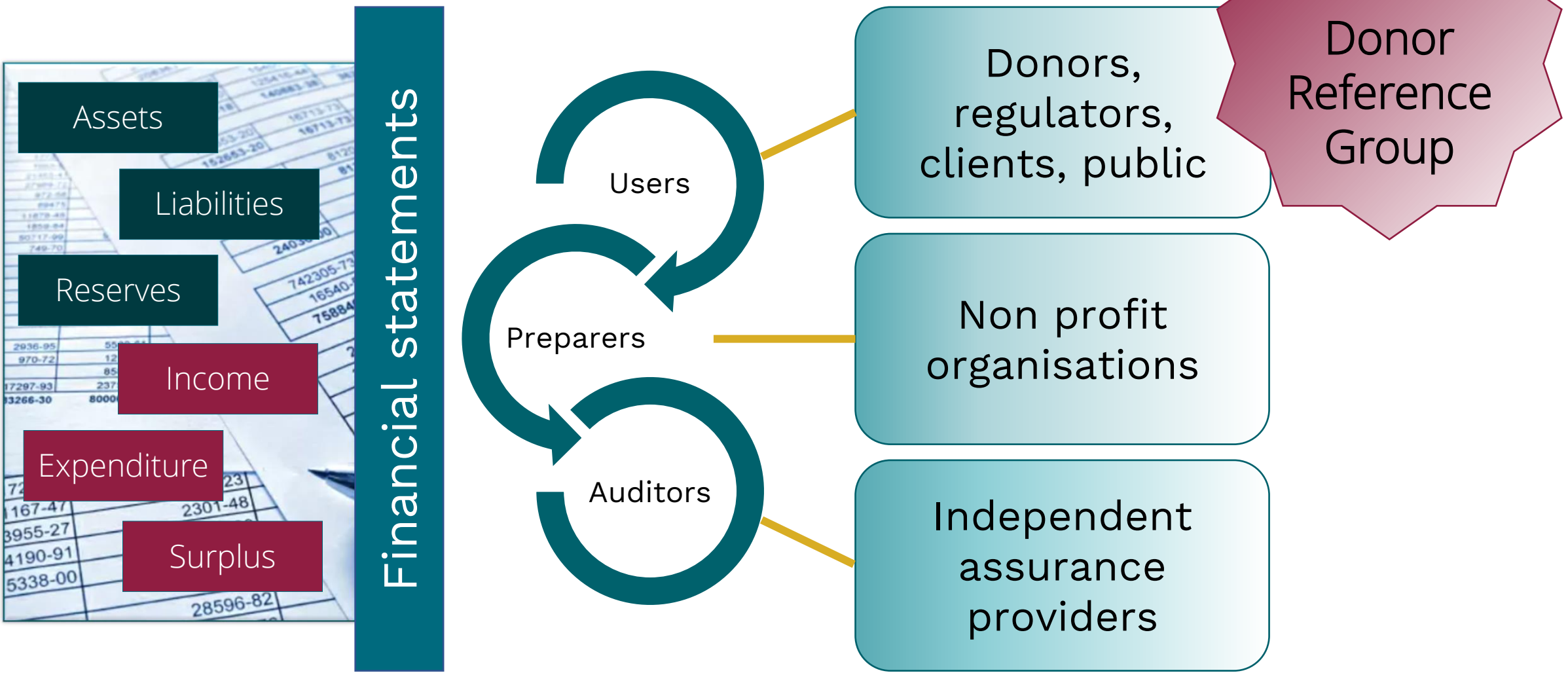
# Which financial reports?



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

Another project is working to  
harmonise donor project  
report formats

# Which stakeholders?





# 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”*



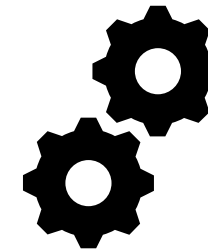
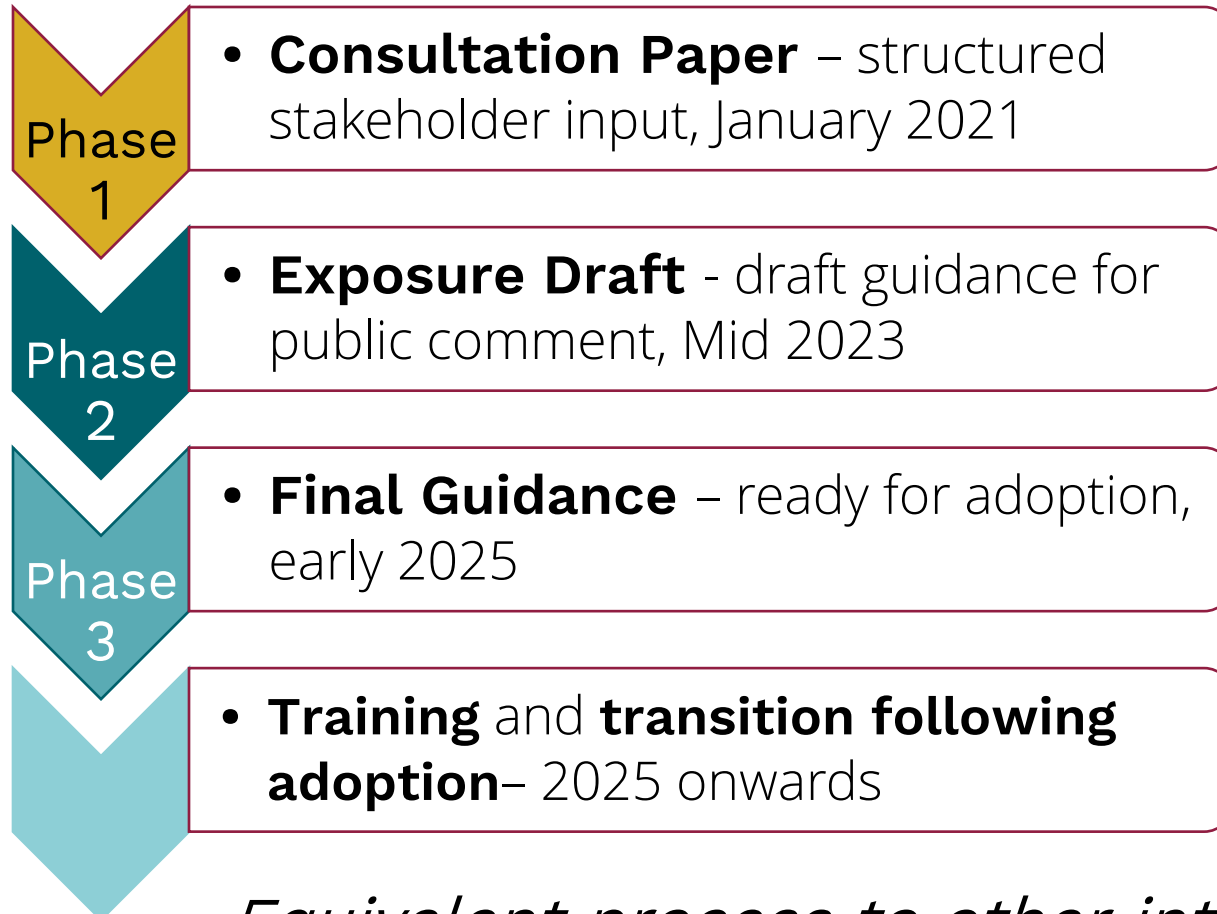
# Advisory Groups

## Technical (TAG)

## Practitioner (PAG)

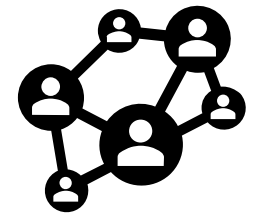


# How and when?



Technical rigour

Stakeholder  
engagement

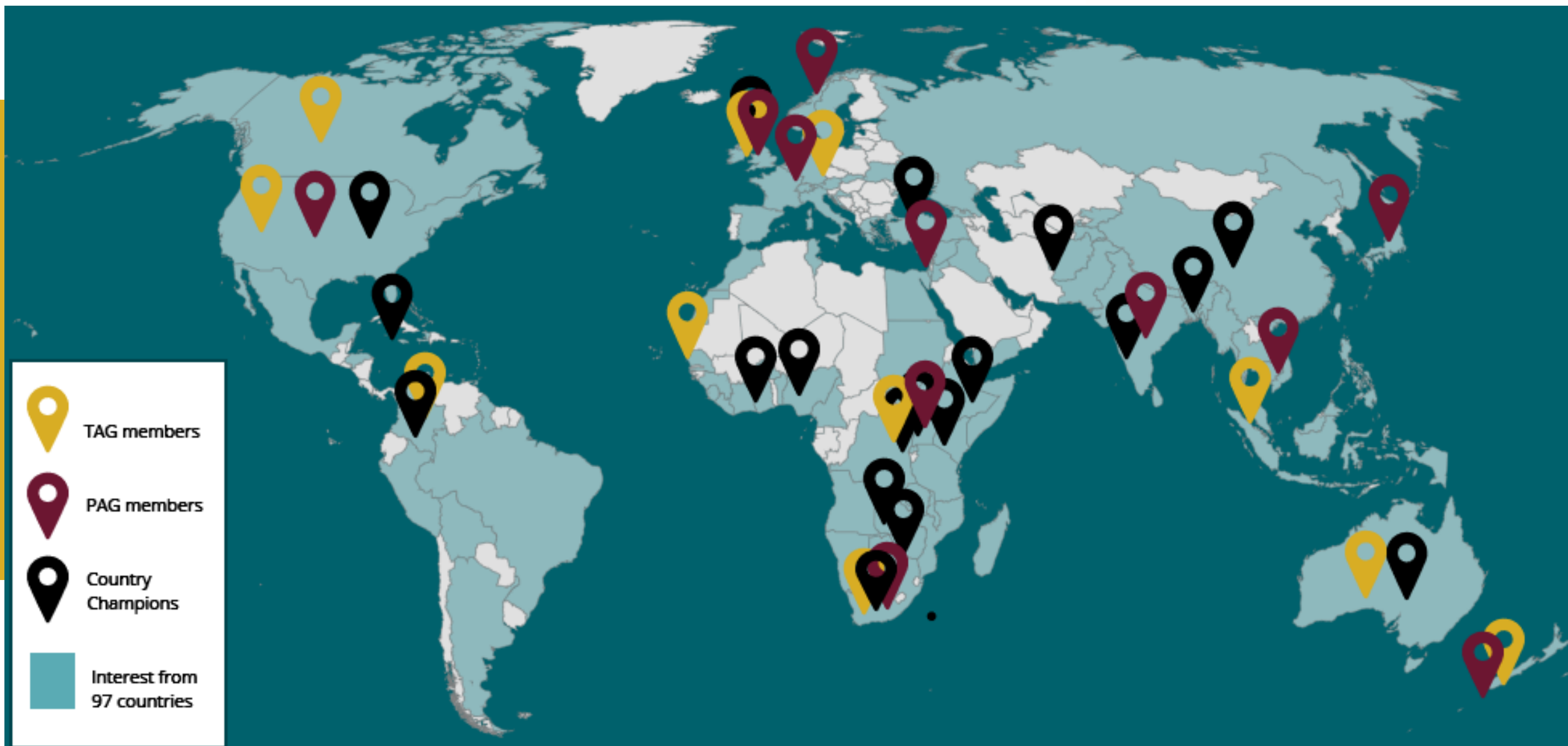


*Equivalent process to other international accounting standards*

# Engagement to 13-Nov-2020



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## Small groups– 20 mins

1. Greet each other
2. Reactions / Comments / Questions?
3. Benefits?
4. Challenges?





# Feedback from groups

- Two questions /comment?
- Two benefits?
- Two challenges / solutions?







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## The Consultation Process

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

# IFR4NPO Consultation Process

## Who?



- Regulators
- Auditors
- Funders
- NPOs

## Why?



- 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

# Requesting feedback

<b>Consultation Paper</b>	<b>Audience</b>	<b>Presents</b>	<b>Requests</b>	<b>Basic form of questions</b>
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
- Feedback on Part 1 by 30 July, Part 2 by 24 Sep
- Main method: project website [www.ifr4npo.org](http://www.ifr4npo.org)
- 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



# Community Forums

By joining the IFR4NPO forum you can connect with others within the sector, join trending issues and discussions, share your experiences as well as learning from others, and most importantly have your voice heard!




## General

This is the general forum for IFR4NPO.



## Accounting Issues

This is the place to discuss technical accounting issues.



## Private: Technical Advisory Group

This is a forum for members of the of the TAG.



## Next steps?

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- Tell your grantees, auditors and country offices about this project



# Thank you!

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