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| **IESBA Consults on its 2019-2023 Strategy and Work Plan**  Johannesburg / 23 April 2018  This is a unique invitation and opportunity for everyone with an interest in the ethical conduct of accountants and registered auditors to influence the global standard setting agenda.  The International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA) released its [*Proposed Strategy and Work Plan, 2019-2023*](http://www.ifac.org/publications-resources/consultation-paper-proposed-strategy-and-work-plan-2019-2023?utm_source=IFAC+Main+List&utm_campaign=4bfd1fcf14-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_03_26&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_cc08d67019-4bfd1fcf14-80277609)on 16 April 2018 and is seeking comments, views and insights from all stakeholders to help shape its future strategic direction.  The proposed Strategy and Work Plan projects the IESBA's vision for the completely rewritten and significantly strengthened [*International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards)*](http://www.ifac.org/system/files/publications/files/Final-Pronouncement-The-Restructured-Code_0.pdf?utm_source=IFAC+Main+List&utm_campaign=4bfd1fcf14-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_03_26&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_cc08d67019-4bfd1fcf14-80277609) (the Code)in the global economy. The IESBA's future priorities and actions will be guided by the following three strategic themes:   * Advancing the Code's relevance by keeping it fit-for-purpose for a rapidly changing world, and further strengthening ethical conduct and independence standards; * Deepening and expanding the Code's impact and influence through increased global adoption and implementation; and * Enriching the IESBA's perspectives and capacities through proactive stakeholder dialogue and co-operation.   **Request for Comment**  The Consultation is open for responses until **16 July 2018**, and these must be submitted using the IESBA **online tool**. We invite registered auditors to submit their responses to the Proposed Strategy and Work Plan consultation via the IESBA [website](http://www.ifac.org/publications-resources/submit-comment?exposure-draft=270041&utm_source=IFAC%20Main%20List&utm_campaign=4bfd1fcf14-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_03_26&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_cc08d67019-4bfd1fcf14-80277609).  **Imran Vanker**  **Director: Standards**  ***About the IRBA***  *The objectives of the IRBA are to endeavour to protect the financial interests of the South African public and international investors in South Africa through the effective and appropriate regulation of audits conducted by registered auditors, in accordance with internationally recognised standards and processes.* |
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