



INDEPENDENT REGULATORY BOARD FOR AUDITORS

Webinar Invitation

Launch Webinar: The IRBA Adopts International Standards on Sustainability Assurance and Ethics (Including Independence)

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 **Date: 16 March 2026**

 **Time: 13h00-16h00**

 **Microsoft Teams Event (Free admission)**

The Independent Regulatory Board for Auditors (IRBA) is proud to announce the adoption of the International Standards on Sustainability Assurance and Ethics. In January 2026, the Board approved:

1. [International Standard on Sustainability Assurance \(ISSA\) 5000, *General Requirements for Sustainability Assurance Engagements* \(ISSA 5000\)](#); and
2. [Final Pronouncement: *Ethics Standards for Sustainability Assurance \(Including Independence Standards\) and Related Revisions*](#).

These standards provide a unified global approach to meet the growing demand for trustworthy, high-quality sustainability information. Notably, ISSA 5000 is profession-agnostic, enabling both accountants and non-accountants to perform these engagements, provided they adhere to the applicable rigorous quality management and ethical requirements.

Therefore, to support the profession and key stakeholders in navigating these significant changes, the IRBA will be hosting the Launch Webinar: The IRBA Adopts International Standards on Sustainability Assurance and Ethics (Including Independence). This session will provide an in-depth overview of the new standards and their specific application within the South African regulatory context.

Who Should Attend?

The stakeholders that are invited to attend and that will benefit from this webinar include:

- Preparers and Chief Financial Officers;
- Regulators;
- Assurance practitioners;
- External auditors;
- Registered candidate auditors;
- Managers, trainees and other staff of audit firms; and
- Anyone who is interested in developments in sustainability.

Speakers

Our lineup of speakers is a showcase of individuals with impressive credentials and experience in their respective areas of expertise, and that includes:

- Imre Nagy, IRBA Chief Executive Officer (CEO).
- Gabriela Figueiredo Dias, Chair of the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants and Co-CEO of the International Foundation for Ethics and Audit.
- Neil Morris, International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board member.

More details on these (and other) speakers can be found on the registration page (see the link below). Do note, however, that the speakers and the programme are subject to change.

Registration

Do not miss out on this opportunity to be part of a topical and dynamic conversation. [Register now](#) to secure your spot on the webinar.

Support

Should you have any questions about the event, please contact Cathrine Ndomba at webinar@irba.co.za.

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About the IRBA

The objective of the IRBA is 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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