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| **IAASB's Work Plan for 2017-2018 and Continuing Relevance of Its Strategic Objectives**  Johannesburg / 26 August 2016  The International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB) released its *Survey Consultation - the IAASB's Work Plan for 2017-2018 and Continuing Relevance of its Strategic Objectives* (the Survey Consultation), on 25 July 2016.  The Survey Consultation seeks feedback from a wide range of stakeholders to assist the IAASB in evaluating its priorities for 2017-2018 and allocating its resources. Respondents are asked for their views on how topics should be prioritised, recognising that much of the IAASB's current standard-setting efforts will carry on into 2017 and beyond, unless the IAASB decides to modify its current work plan.  The IAASB has also released a supplement to the Survey Consultation which provides background information for those respondents who may not be familiar with the IAASB's structure and processes and how it develops its work plan.  **Request for Comment**  The Survey Consultation will be open for responses up to **30 September 2016**, and must be submitted using the **online tool**. A PDF version of the survey has been provided to assist organisations that may need to consult internally in preparing their response before submitting it electronically. We invite registered auditors to submit their responses to the Survey Consultation via the IAASB [website](http://www.ifac.org/publications-resources/iaasb-s-work-plan-2017-2018-and-continuing-relevance-its-strategic-objectives).  **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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