

TERMS OF REFERENCE

FOCUS COMMITTEE: SUSTAINABLE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Applicable for the term 2022 - 2023



Preface

The Sustainable Finance Committee is established by the Council of the Institute in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by the Statute.

Committees are governed by the [Committees Bye-Law](#). These Terms of Reference shall be construed as one with the Committees Bye-Law.

Purpose

The Sustainable Finance Committee is responsible for identifying and interpreting issues pertaining to Sustainability Reporting, the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD), the European Green Deal and other Sustainable Finance related topics, and guiding MIA members accordingly.

Composition

The Sustainable Finance Committee shall be composed of a chairperson, deputy chairperson and members, all of whom are appointed by Council.

Term

The term of the Sustainable Finance Committee is effective from 1 January 2022 till 31 December 2023.

General Responsibilities of the Sustainable Finance Committee

The general responsibilities of the Sustainable Finance Committee include, to:

- (1) Actively supports CPE activities. This includes organising at least one CPE event per year, and contribution towards organising training sessions, conferences, participation at such events and panel discussions where required.
- (2) Update any guidance or technical releases issued by the Institute to ensure that they are always up to date. A formal review of such guidance and releases is to be carried out at least annually.
- (3) Issue any guidance, technical releases, information papers and/or any other communication, and participate in any meeting and/or in any way represent or act on behalf of the Institute. Provided that, the CEO is to be notified in order to obtain the relevant approval by the Officers' Committee/Council.
Provided that, any formal communication issued by the Institute must be signed by the CEO, the Institute's representative and/or as may be delegated by the Institute on a case-by-case basis.
- (4) Participate in Consultation requests issued by the Government or Governmental bodies.
- (5) Contribute to the journal 'The Accountant', the technical newsletter 'MIAngle' and any other publications of the Institute.

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Specific Responsibilities of the Sustainable Finance Committee for the term 2022 – 2023

During the above-captioned term, the Sustainable Finance Committee shall be responsible to:

- (a) Monitor international developments in issues pertaining to Sustainable Finance, including exposure drafts and discussion papers emanating from EFRAG and International Standards Board (ISSB).
- (b) Raise awareness among the Institute's members and committees on Sustainable Finance and related developments.
- (c) Establish closer ties with IFAC, Accountancy Europe and other international bodies.
- (d) Assist the Institute's members initially on the content of and eventually in the implementation of new sustainability reporting standards and guidance issued by the ISSB and EFRAG Sustainability Reporting Board (SRB).
- (e) Provide views and feedback to consultation requests issued by national and/or any other international authorities and bodies.
- (f) Keep the Institute's members informed of any significant developments and where appropriate to provide them with the necessary guidance.
- (g) Work closely with all committees on matters related to sustainable finance, including the widened role of auditors and accountants and the benefits of implementing sustainability at the core of the business.
- (h) Perform any other responsibilities as delegated by the Institute.

During the first meeting of the Sustainable Finance Committee, the chairperson together with the deputy chairperson and the Committee members are to discuss and include in the Committee's responsibilities for the term:

- (a) any other matters of current interest to the Institute's members; and
- (b) the projects to be worked on and concluded during the term, within the remit of these Terms of Reference.

The initial agenda and list of projects should be updated during the term of the Committee to take into consideration the exigencies of the profession. Any item on the agenda must be in line with the Institute's strategy.

Meetings

The Sustainable Finance Committee shall meet as and when necessary but not less than six (6) meetings shall be held every year.

The chairperson of the Sustainable Finance Committee will set an agenda for each meeting after conferring with the deputy chairperson, the other Committee members and the Institute's representative. The agenda and any relevant documentation will be circulated amongst the Committee members in advance as practical.

Agenda and minutes of meetings shall only be communicated via the channel identified by the Institute.