



IFAC SMALL AND MEDIUM PRACTICES FORUM 2012

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ABOUT THE FORUM

Please join us in Singapore for this important international forum on Monday, March 19, 2012, co-hosted by the **International Federation of Accountants (IFAC)** and the **Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Singapore (ICPAS)**.

Registration for this forum is free. Attendees cover their own travel and hotel accommodations.

The one-day forum will bring together regional and national accountancy organizations, standard setters, and other interested parties to discuss how to address the challenges and opportunities facing small- and medium-sized practices (SMPs) and small- and medium-sized entities (SMEs), with a focus on those in Southeast Asia.

The forum has the following objectives:

- Unite the global SMP community
- Facilitate discussion and debate, and the sharing of best practices and ideas
- Afford opportunities for networking and collaboration
- Contribute to the prioritization of future IFAC SMP Committee initiatives

The agenda will include discussion on the following key topics:

- Accommodating SME/SMP needs in shaping regulation and professional standards
- How SMPs can best serve SMEs in an ever-changing marketplace
- IFAC's strategy for supporting SMPs

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Professional accountancy organizations, both national and regional, are invited to each send up to ten representatives. Organizations are encouraged to send delegates who are responsible for the interests of their SMP/SME constituents. In addition, representatives from donor agencies, the regulatory community, associations of SMEs, the private sector, and other interested parties will be invited to participate.

PRE-READING MATERIALS

Prior to the forum, participants are strongly encouraged to visit the Small and Medium Practices Committee area of the IFAC website (www.ifac.org/SMP) and read the committee's Strategy and Work Plan for 2011-2014.

FORUM MATERIALS

In order to conserve resources and reduce waste, it is our policy not to hand out hard copies of the presentations and speeches on the day of the event. Electronic copies of all presentations and speeches will be available on the IFAC website (www.ifac.org/about-ifac/small-and-medium-practices-committee/news-events) soon after the forum.

FORUM CO-HOST:

ICPAS is the largest national professional accountancy organization in Singapore, serving to develop, support, and enhance the integrity, status, and interests of the profession. We thank ICPAS for their willingness to co-host the forum and for their valuable contribution to the event's success.

FORUM SPONSORS:

The forum is made possible through the generous sponsorship of IFAC members:

- Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)
- Corpul Expertilor Contabili si Contabililor Autorizati din Romania (CECCAR)
- Certified General Accountants Association of Canada (CGA-Canada)
- Consiglio Nazionale dei Dottori Commercialisti e degli Esperti Contabili (CNDCEC)
- CPA Australia
- Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Hong Kong Institute of CPAs)
- Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW)

Forum Program

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8:00 – 9:00	Registration and Collection of Materials		
9:00 – 9:10	Welcome from the Guest of Honor		
Session 1	Setting the Scene: SME and SMP Landscape	Session 3	Helping SMPs Meet the Challenges and Seize the Opportunities of Tomorrow
9:10 – 10:30	Chair: Giancarlo Attolini, <i>Chair, IFAC SMP Committee</i> Panelists: Warren Allen, <i>Deputy President, IFAC</i> Dr. Ernest Kan, <i>President, ICPAS</i> Samia Msadek, <i>FM Manager for East Asia & Pacific, World Bank</i> Senior Representative, <i>Singapore Business Association</i>	1:30 – 3:00	Chair: Albert Au, <i>Member, IFAC SMP Committee</i> Panelists: Florin Toma, <i>Member, IFAC SMP Committee</i> Stuart Black, <i>Member, IFAC SMP Committee</i> SMP Nominee, <i>ICPAS</i> Senior Representative, <i>Singapore SME Association</i>
10:30 – 11:00	Break <i>Refreshments will be served.</i>	3:00 – 3:30	Break <i>Refreshments will be served.</i>
Session 2	Shaping Regulation and Standards to Suit SMEs and SMPs	Session 4	Breakout Groups
11:00 – 12:30	Chair: David Chitty, <i>Member, IFAC SMP Committee</i> Panelists: Phil Cowperthwaite, <i>Chair, International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB) Compilation and Review Engagements Task Force</i> Member, <i>International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA)</i> Representative, <i>Singapore Government Regulator</i> Brian Bluhm, <i>Member, IFAC SMP Committee</i> Robin Jarvis, <i>Member, International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) SME Implementation Group</i>	3:30 – 5:15	Track A: Helping SMPs Promote/Implement IAASB Standards Chairs: Inge Saeys, <i>Member, IFAC SMP Committee</i> and Dawn McGeachy-Colby, <i>Director, Public Practice, CGA-Canada</i> Track B: Influencing the Regulatory Agenda Chairs: Andreas Noodt, Ricardo Rodil, <i>Members, IFAC SMP Committee</i> Track C: Assisting SMPs Develop Business Advisory Chairs: Christina Foo, <i>Member, IFAC SMP Committee</i> and Mark Koziel, <i>Vice President – Firm Services & Global Alliances, American Institute of CPAs</i>
12:30 – 1:30	Buffet Lunch	5:20 – 5:30	Concluding Remarks Giancarlo Attolini, <i>Chair, IFAC SMP Committee</i>
		5:30 – 7:00	Reception <i>Light food and drinks</i>

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HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

The event will be held at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, Singapore. Further details will be provided soon.

TRANSFER FROM AIRPORT TO HOTEL

We believe the best way of getting from the airport to the hotel is by taxi cab. This will cost approximately SGD\$30 which equates to around USD\$22.

VISA INFORMATION

You are strongly advised to confirm any related travel or visa requirements well in advance of the event. See the Singapore Government website for visa information: www.ica.gov.sg/index.html. We recommend that delegates who require a visa, apply for one as early as possible and no later than mid-February. If you need a visa invitation letter, please contact SMPForum@ifac.org.

FOR ASSISTANCE

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REGISTRATION

Please use the attached Registration Form to confirm your attendance at the forum.

If you have any queries, please contact:

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VISITING SINGAPORE

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REGISTRATION FORM

To attend the IFAC SMP Forum 2012, please complete this registration form electronically and return it by **February 12, 2012** to SMPForum@ifac.org.

The forum will be conducted in English. Registration is free. Refreshments, buffet lunch, and evening reception will be provided free of charge to all delegates. Delegates are, however, responsible for all hotel accommodation charges.

Please make your hotel reservation online through the hotel website. Details will be provided soon.

Delegates from Singapore should register, and arrange accommodation, through the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Singapore (ICPAS). See contact details on page 4.

PERSONAL DETAILS

☐ Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Ms. ☐ Other (Please indicate as appropriate) _____

First/Given Name: _____

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Position: _____

Member Body/Other Organization: _____

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Address 2: _____

City: _____ Post/Zip Code: _____

Country: _____

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Email: _____

(Please indicate as appropriate)

I wish to attend Breakout Group (see Session 4) :

Track A: ☐ Track B: ☐ Track C: ☐
