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To Heads of Departments
And All Other Accounting Officers

Accrual Accounting – IPSAS Project

DRAFT IPSASs & Guidelines Conceptual Framework Information Sessions

The attention of all Heads of Department and Accounting Officers is drawn to the publication of the **DRAFT** IPSAS 21 Impairment of non-Cash generating assets (as adopted by the Maltese Government) and IPSAS 26 Impairment of cash generating assets (as adopted by the Maltese Government) along with the relative User Guidelines on the Treasury's website:

[http://treasury.gov.mt/en/Documents/Government Accounts Directorate/IPSAS/IPSAS 21 Impairment of Non-Cash-Generating Assets as adopted by the Maltese Government.pdf](http://treasury.gov.mt/en/Documents/Government%20Accounts%20Directorate/IPSAS/IPSAS%2021%20Impairment%20of%20Non-Cash-Generating%20Assets%20as%20adopted%20by%20the%20Maltese%20Government.pdf)

[http://treasury.gov.mt/en/Documents/Government Accounts Directorate/IPSAS/IPSAS 26 Impairment of Cash-Generating Assets as adopted by the Maltese Government.pdf](http://treasury.gov.mt/en/Documents/Government%20Accounts%20Directorate/IPSAS/IPSAS%2026%20Impairment%20of%20Cash-Generating%20Assets%20as%20adopted%20by%20the%20Maltese%20Government.pdf)

[http://treasury.gov.mt/en/Documents/Government Accounts Directorate/IPSAS/IPSAS 21 and 26 Impairment of Non-Cash, Cash-Generating Assets as adopted by the Maltese Government \(Guidelines\).pdf](http://treasury.gov.mt/en/Documents/Government%20Accounts%20Directorate/IPSAS/IPSAS%2021%20and%2026%20Impairment%20of%20Non-Cash,%20Cash-Generating%20Assets%20as%20adopted%20by%20the%20Maltese%20Government%20(Guidelines).pdf)

These follow the publication of the **DRAFT** IPSAS 17 Property, Plant and Equipment (*as adopted by the Maltese Government*) and the Guidelines that were launched during the IPSAS conference held in September of this year.

It is pertinent to note that all Accounting Standards and Guidelines are in DRAFT form. These are being published solely for users to start familiarising themselves with IPSAS provisions prior to implementation. IPSASs will come into effect only when the new Accounting Methodology is adopted and Accounting System is implemented. The effective date of IPSAS adoption will be communicated at that stage.

The IPSAS Project Board is in the process of approving two other IPSASs namely IPSAS 31 Intangible Assets and IPSAS 13 Leases (*as adopted by the Maltese Government*) together with the relative Guidelines. These will be posted on the Treasury Website in due course.

Conceptual Framework – Information Sessions at CDRT

Last month, the IPSAS Project Board approved the adoption, for the purpose of developing IPSASs within the Maltese Government, of the Conceptual Framework for General Purpose Financial Reporting by Public Sector Entities issued by the IPSASB (International Public Sector Accounting Standards Board). The Conceptual Framework establishes the concepts that underpin general purpose accrual-based financial reporting.

In this regard arrangements have been made with CDRT for the delivery of the first information sessions on the IPSAS Conceptual Framework (covering around 200 public officers) in January and February 2016. For the time being, attendance will be by invitation. However it is planned that this two-hour session will be included in CDRT's prospectus in the near future.



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