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Financial Stability Board Interest in corporate reporting

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- International body established to address financial system vulnerabilities and to coordinate the development and implementation of strong regulatory, supervisory and other policies in the interest of financial stability
- FSF initiated in 1999 by G7 following Asian crisis
- FSB re-launched by G20 in April 2009 as a successor to the FSF with expanded membership, broader mandate and enhanced operating structure
- Chaired by Mark Carney (Governor, Bank of England) with Secretariat in Basel hosted by BIS



FSB's Membership

- Representation at senior level of:
 - National financial authorities (24 jurisdictions)
 - Ministries of finance
 - Central banks
 - Supervisory and regulatory authorities
 - International regulatory and supervisory groups
 - Committees of central banks (ECB, CGFS)
 - International financial institutions
- FSB Regional Consultative Groups established in 2011



Interest in financial reporting

 Audited financial accounts form the basis of prudential regulation

 Transparent, relevant and reliable financial information for markets helps promote better market discipline



- Work with IFIAR and the GPPC to promote audit quality and increased professional scepticism on G-SIFI audits
- Established the Enhanced Disclosure Task Force to develop Principles and Recommendations for improved Risk Disclosures s (EDTF report on 2013 annual accounts was published on 30 September)
- Work with IASB and FASB on convergence agenda and expected loss accounting for loans



Will hold a roundtable in next few months to foster consistent and comparable application of new standards on financial instruments. Covers

- Application guidance from standard setters and regulators
- Auditing and enforcement issues
- Potential transition disclosures
- Risk disclosures to facilitate consistency of application and comparability across the frameworks



Questions

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