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Regulatory and institutional foundations for high quality corporate reporting Lesley Stainbank



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Regulatory issues and developments

- Companies Act 2008 (FRSC, requires IFRS for listed companies, others apply IFRS or IFRS for SMEs depending on PI score, entity specific f/w, reviews, CIPC) (DTI)
- Securities Services Act (JSE)
- Banks Act and Insurance Acts
- Financial Services Board Act
- Public Finance Management Act (ASB)
- Municipal Finance Management Act

Institutional issues and developments

- IRBA Auditing Profession Act (Finance)
- PAOs self regulatory (but some Govt regulation as qualifications recognised by SAQA (Higher Education and Training))
- SAICA (35,000) SAIPA (7,500) ACCA CIMA plus approx 9 other bodies
- University programmes (HE & T)

SA education model for CA and RA



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Experiences and lessons learned

- Identify the correct person to approach
- •Helped being a CA(SA) and an academic (IFRS, IFRS for SMEs, IESs); also close ties to PAOs and IRBA
- •Overall shortage?
- •Overall plan?
- •Some overlap between private and public sector (for eg. FRSC and ASB)

- •SA is in transition
- •Need fresh data on overall shortage (Fasset but only in that sector)

•Role players need to discuss practical actions <u>together</u> as strategies are fragmented (eg Thuthuka, SAICA – third tier, public sector, AAT-SA, other PAOs)

•Public sector – important in view of service delivery