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This material has been reproduced in the language and form as it was provided. The views expressed are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the views of UNCTAD. Enhancing Vietnam's capacity for producing high-quality corporate reports **Revised Accounting Law** 

Revised accounting law will be approved by the Parliament in 2015 with the following supplementations

- Investigation, discipline and appeals: Investigations related to the work that professionals have done in relation to corporate reporting; Separate disciplinary committee; Information publicly of misconduct; Appeals process...
- Public sector: Vietnam Public Sector Accounting Standards will be set up in line with IPSAS;
- Sustainability Development Reports;

### **Vietnam Financial Reporting Standards**

## **Current Situation**

- VAS/VFRS have been set up in line with IAS/IFRS since 2005;
- All the companies in Vietnam apply VAS/VFRS;
- Main difference between VFRS and IFRS: Cost and fair value approach;
- Strategy for full IFRS adoption is being built

**Vietnam Financial Reporting Standards** 

# Strategy for full IFRS adoption

- Full IFRS shall be permitted as part of the national regulatory system from 2017 for:
- Public Interest Entities (include Listed companies; Banking sector and Insurance sector);
- State Owned Enterprises (SOE);
- Foreign registrants;
- Private companies.
- After 2020, Full IFRS shall be required as part of the national regulatory system for:
- Public Interest Entities (include Listed companies; Banking sector and Insurance sector); SOE;
- Other companies (non Public Interest Entities) shall be encouraged but not required.

**Vietnam Financial Reporting Standards** 

Interpretations have been developed and shall be applied effectively in 2015

- Customer loyalty program;
- Cash Flows Hedge and Hedges of a net investment in a foreign operation;
- Distributions of non-cash assets to owners;
- Business combination under Common control (Consolidation for Group Restructuring);
- Presentation of Financial Statements for Non-Going Concern Entities.

Vietnam Auditing Legal Framework

**Revising and supplementing** of Auditing Legal Framework

- Independent Audit Law (2011);
- Government Decree for implementing the Independent Audit Law (2012);
- Government Decree for Violation Sanction of independent Audit (2013);
- MOF's Circular for Licensing Registration, Administration and Certification for auditor (Renewed 2012);
- MOF's Circular for annual CPD (Renewed 2012);
- MOF's Circular for Financial Statement auditing of public - interest Entities (Renewed 2013);

### **Vietnam Auditing Legal Framework**

### **National Standard on Auditing**

Vietnam Standards on Auditing (VSA) are in line with ISA, 37 VSA have been issued in 2012; Other Standards will be issued in this year such as:

- Modifications to the opinion in the independent auditor's report;
- Emphasis of matter paragraphs and in the independent auditor's report;
- Special considerations audits of single financial statements and specific elements, accounts or items of a financial statement;
- Engagements to report on summary financial statements;
- Assurance engagements other than audits or reviews of historical financial information;
- Examination of prospective financial information;
- Assurance reports on controls at a service organization.

**Sustainability Development** 

The following sustainability issues are being built in Vietnam

- Legalization for a standardized format for calculating and reporting climate change emissions;
- Setting up a guidance on preparation of sustainability reporting, include aspects: Economic and Environmental impacts, Labor practices, Human rights and Corruption avoidance;
- Stipulation for Company's duty in preparing sustainability reports

# Thank you for your attention