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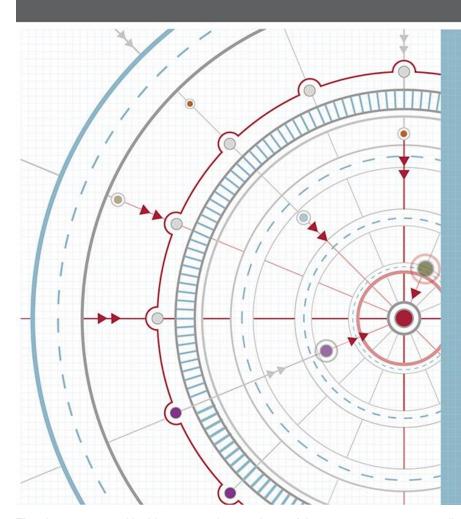
## Digital currencies and blockchain: implications for accounting

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# Cryptocurrencies

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## History of the IASB's discussions

2015: Agenda Consultation December 2016 & April 2018: ASAF

January & July 2018: IASB September 2018:
Interpretations Committee

November 2018?



## Application of existing IFRS Standards

## Interpretations Committee – September 2018

Holdings of cryptocurrencies

Initial Coin Offerings

IAS 2 Inventories
or
IAS 38 Intangible assets

Depends on the obligations attached to the cryptoassets issued

Disclosure requirements



#### The future

- The Board will discuss the Committee's advice at a future meeting.
- In determining whether standard-setting is necessary the Board will consider:
  - The usefulness of information provided to users
  - The prevalence of cryptocurrency transactions
  - Possible feasible standard-setting projects



## Links to papers

- Agenda Paper 12D to the Board's July 2018 meeting:
  - https://www.ifrs.org/-/media/feature/meetings/2018/july/iasb/ap12d-ias37.pdf
- Agenda Paper 4A to the Committee's September 2018 meeting (holdings of cryptocurrencies):
  - https://www.ifrs.org/-/media/feature/meetings/2018/september/ifric/ap04a.pdf
- Agenda Paper 4C to the Committee's September 2018 meeting (ICOs):
  - https://www.ifrs.org/-/media/feature/meetings/2018/september/ifric/ap04c.pdf



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