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To:  
National Member Organizations  
IFAC Officers, Officials and Affiliates

**Re: Strategic Planning Outcomes and Actions**

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The purpose of this communiqué is to provide feedback to the broader IFAC community on the outcomes of and actions resulting from the IFAC strategic planning process that was officially launched at the 2011 Milano Congress. The strategic planning initiative received broad support from within the structures of IFAC, resulting in Council on 3 September 2011 approving the establishment of a task force to get the process underway.

The strategic planning task force established four groups to scan the environment in which IFAC operates. In addition, a stakeholder questionnaire was completed in July 2012. The group reports and questionnaire results were presented at a Strategic Planning Workshop in Gifu, Japan on 10 September 2012, and in summary form to the IFAC Council on 12 September 2012. The IFAC Council approved a number of follow-up actions.

A strategic planning “Synthesis Report” is included with this letter for your information and comment. It contains a description of the environmental scans and stakeholder survey; a summary of outcomes and the way forward; and executive summaries of the stakeholder survey and group reports. The full reports are available from the IFAC website under the heading “2012 Council- and Related Meetings, Gifu, Japan”.

I am extremely grateful to the IFAC Officers and Officials who participated in this strategic planning process. IFAC is indeed very fortunate to have such high quality staff and volunteers who are willing to dedicate their time and talent to our federation.

Sincerely yours,

*Ian Craig*

