

Seminar on International Standard on Sustainability Assurance 5000

General Requirements for
Sustainability Assurance Engagements

Organized by: The Northern Regional Committee (NRC) of ICAP



Date
Saturday,
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Time
03:00 PM – 06:00 PM



Venue
ICAP Faisalabad



Hybrid Participation
Faisalabad In-person,
others online



CPD Hours
3 Hours

Introduction



Sustainability reporting has emerged as a critical element of corporate transparency and accountability as organizations worldwide respond to increasing expectations from regulators, investors, stakeholders, and society.



To address the growing demand for reliable, consistent, and comparable sustainability information, the **International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB)** has issued **International Standard on Sustainability Assurance 5000 (ISSA 5000) – General Requirements for Sustainability Assurance Engagements**.



ISSA 5000 establishes a comprehensive framework for sustainability assurance engagements and aims to enhance the credibility, reliability, and consistency of sustainability-related disclosures.



This seminar is designed to provide finance professionals, auditors, and reporting practitioners with practical understanding of ISSA 5000 requirements, assurance methodologies, implementation considerations, and the expected impact on sustainability reporting practices.

Better
Assurance
for a More
Sustainable
Tomorrow





Why Attend?

The increasing significance of **Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG)** reporting has created a growing need for professionals who understand sustainability assurance requirements and emerging global reporting practices.

This seminar will enable participants to understand:

- Background and objectives of ISSA 5000.
- Importance of sustainability assurance in enhancing reporting credibility.
- Key principles and requirements of sustainability assurance engagements.
- Responsibilities and ethical obligations of assurance practitioners.
- Assurance procedures, evidence requirements, and reporting considerations.
- Practical implementation challenges for organizations.
- Future direction of sustainability reporting and assurance in Pakistan.



Target Audience



CFOs



Finance
Managers



Auditors
(Internal & External)



Sustainability
Reporting Professionals



ESG
Professionals



Financial
Reporting
Managers



Compliance
Officers



Risk Management
Professionals



Members of Audit
Committees



Chartered Accountants
and Students



Session Coverage

Overview of ISSA 5000

Background and development of ISSA 5000.

Objectives and scope of the standard.

Applicability of ISSA 5000 to sustainability assurance engagements.

Key concepts and terminology.

Requirements for Sustainability Assurance Engagements

Responsibilities of assurance practitioners.

Ethical requirements and independence considerations.

Engagement acceptance and planning.

Risk assessment procedures and assurance approach.

Sustainability Reporting Challenges in Pakistan

Current sustainability reporting landscape in Pakistan.

Implementation challenges faced by organizations.

Readiness requirements for ISSA 5000 adoption.

Role of finance professionals in sustainability assurance.

Introduction to Sustainability Assurance

Evolution and importance of sustainability reporting.

Increasing global demand for reliable sustainability information.

Role of assurance in strengthening stakeholder confidence.

Assurance Approach and Evidence Requirements

Obtaining sufficient and appropriate evidence.

Evaluation of sustainability information.

Understanding limited assurance and reasonable assurance engagements.

Documentation and reporting requirements.

Future of ESG Reporting and Assurance

Emerging global trends in sustainability disclosures.

Impact on corporate reporting practices.

Opportunities for professional accountants in sustainability assurance.



Expected Learning Outcomes

By the end of the seminar, participants will be able to:

Understand the purpose and significance of ISSA 5000.
Explain the key requirements of sustainability assurance engagements.

Identify responsibilities of assurance practitioners.
Understand assurance processes and evidence requirements.

Differentiate between limited assurance and reasonable assurance engagements.
Recognize implementation challenges related to sustainability assurance.
Assess the impact of ISSA 5000 on future sustainability reporting practices.



Key Address

Mr. Asad Feroze, FCA

Council Member ICAP

Mr. Asad Feroze, FCA, will deliver the keynote address, sharing valuable insights on the evolving sustainability reporting landscape, global developments in ESG assurance, and the strategic importance of sustainability assurance for organizations.

His address will highlight the role of professional accountants in supporting transparent, credible, and internationally aligned sustainability reporting practices.



Session Chair

Mr. JehanZeb Amin

Vice President ICAP

Mr. JehanZeb Amin will chair the technical session and provide valuable perspectives on sustainability assurance developments, professional practices, and implementation challenges.



Speaker

Mr. Adnan Hameed Khohar, FCA

CEO & Managing Partner

Adnan Hameed Khohar & Co., Chartered Accountants

Mr. Adnan Hameed Khohar, FCA, is a seasoned professional with more than **20 years of experience** across Pakistan and the Middle East, covering financial leadership, audit and assurance, corporate advisory, governance, risk management, and sustainability.

Areas of Expertise

- Sustainability Reporting & Assurance
- IFRS S1 & IFRS S2
- ESG & Climate Disclosures
- TCFD Framework
- Carbon Accounting & Net Zero
- Corporate Governance

Professional Credentials

- FCA – Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan (ICAP)
- Certified Independent Director – ICAP
- ESG & Climate Disclosures Specialist
- PFPA – Pakistan Institute of Public Finance Accountants

Leadership & Knowledge Sharing

An experienced **Trainer, Mentor, and Public Speaker**, Mr. Adnan Hameed Khohar has been actively involved in professional education, executive training, and capacity building of finance and sustainability professionals.



During this Seminar

During this seminar, he will provide practical insights into **International Standard on Sustainability Assurance 5000 (ISSA 5000)**, including its requirements, assurance methodology, implementation considerations, and implications for organizations and assurance professionals.



Program Proceedings



Master of the Ceremony

Mr. Zeeshan Abid, FCA



Opening Remarks

Mr. Junaid Subhani, FCA

CPD Convener – Technical & Professional Affairs

Mr. Junaid Subhani is a Fellow Chartered Accountant and a member of the Northern Regional Committee of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan. He is the Country Managing Partner of Parker Russell A.J.S Chartered Accountants and also serves as Vice President – South East Asia Region and Board Member of Parker Russell International.



Closing Remarks

Mr. Ahmad Suleman Zahid

Chairman Faisalabad CPD Committee

Partner – Zahid Jamil & Co., Chartered Accountants. Mr. Ahmad Suleman Zahid is a Fellow Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan (ICAP) and the Pakistan Institute of Public Finance Accountants (PIPFA). He is currently serving as a Partner at Zahid Jamil & Co., Chartered Accountants, a member firm of PrimeGlobal in Pakistan.



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