



# **Agenda Item 6: Social Benefits and Non-Exchange Expenses**

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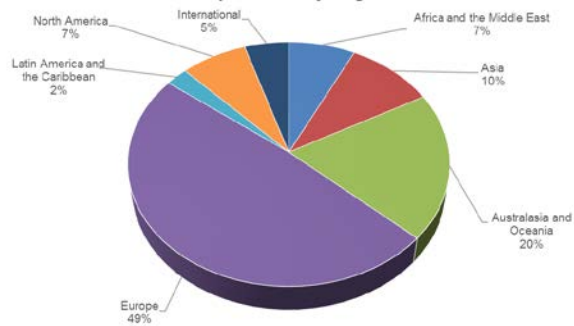
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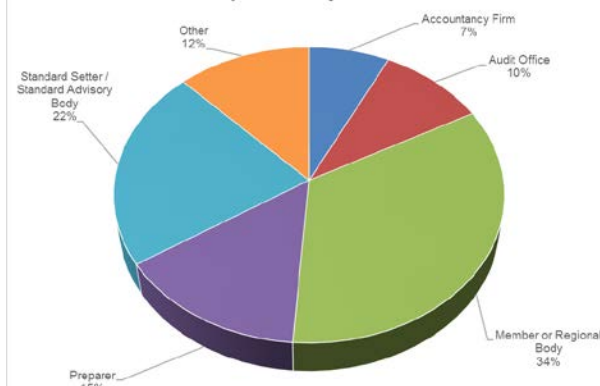
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# Summary of Responses

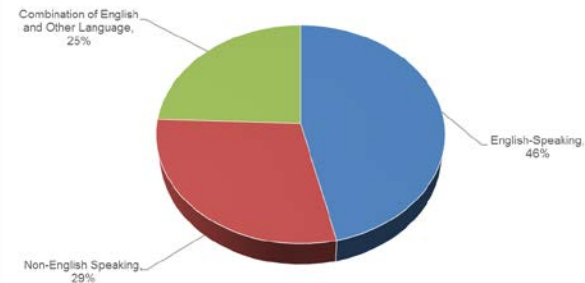
Respondents by Region



Respondents by Function



Respondents by Language



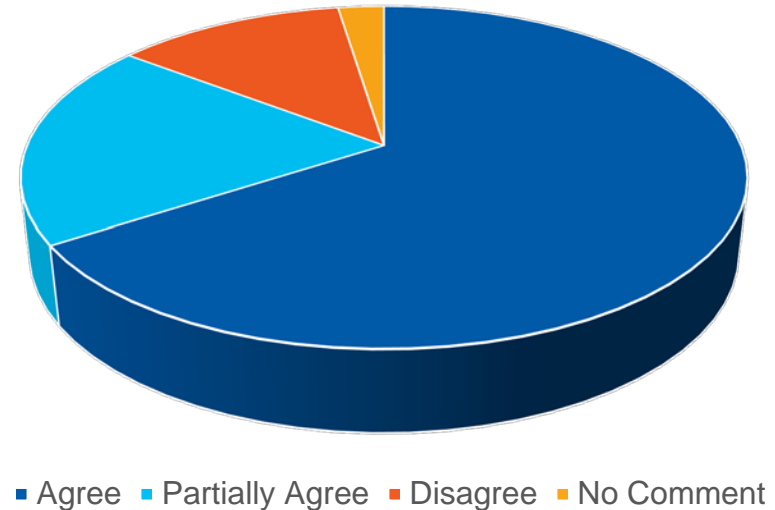
## Scope (Agenda Item 6.2.1)

### Specific Matter for Comment 1:

Do you agree with the scope of this Exposure Draft, and specifically the exclusion of universally accessible services for the reasons given in paragraph BC21(c)?

If not, what changes to the scope would you make?

Number of Respondents



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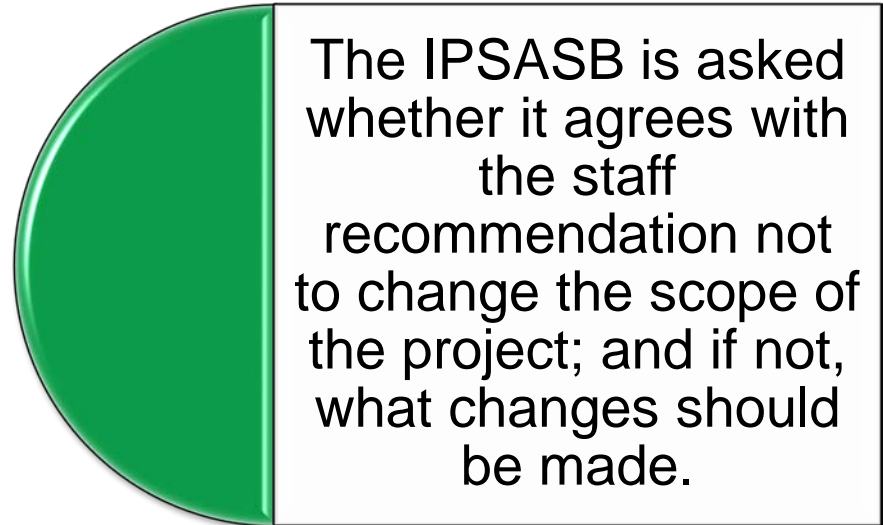
# Issues Raised



☐ Boundary between social benefits, universally accessible services and collective services

☐ Scope issues related to elements of the definitions

☐ Scope issues related to GFS

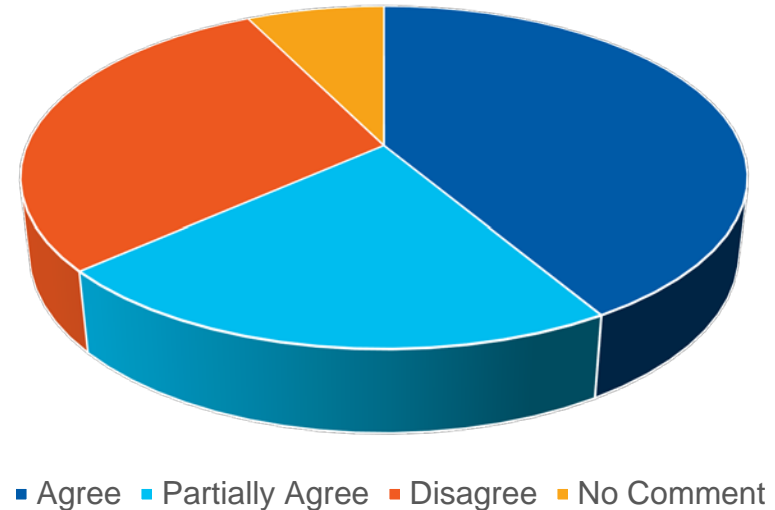


## Definition – Social Benefits (Agenda Item 6.2.2)

Social benefits are provided to:

- (a) Specific individuals and/or households who meet eligibility criteria;
- (b) Mitigate the effect of social risks; and
- (c) Address the needs of society as a whole; but
- (d) Are not universally accessible services.

Number of Respondents



## Definition – Social Benefits (Agenda Item 6.2.2)

### Key Issues Raised

Consistency with GFS

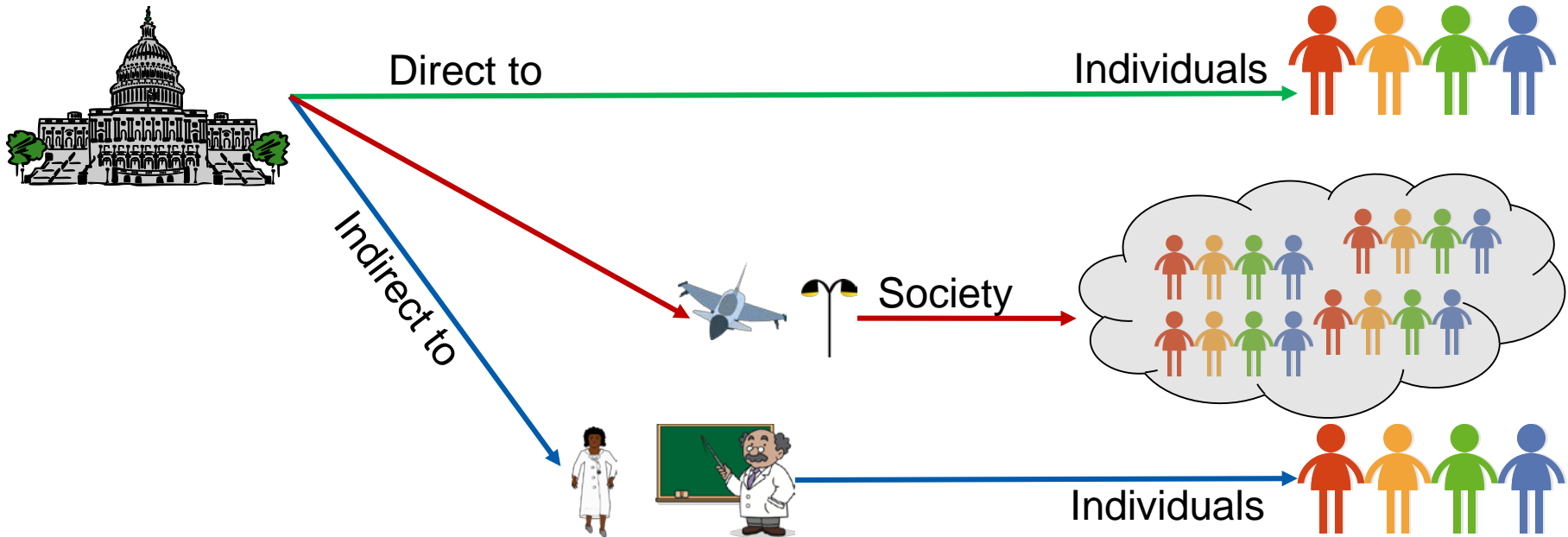
Eligibility Criteria

Society as a Whole

Social Risks

Intermediary – Agent or Principal

# Classification Approach Based on How Benefits are Provided (Agenda Item 6.2.2)



## Classification Approach Based on How Benefits are Provided (Agenda Item 6.2.2)

	Social Benefits	Universally Accessible Services	Collective Services
Net transfer of cash rather than services?	✓	✗	✗
Provided to individuals rather than to a community?	✓	✓	✗
Addresses the needs of society?	✓	✓	✓



## Definition – Social Benefits (Agenda Item 6.2.2)

Social benefits are **net cash transfers** provided **directly** to:

- (a) Specific individuals and/or households who meet eligibility criteria;
- (b) Mitigate the effect of social risks; and
- (c) **Address the needs of society as a whole**; but
- (d) Are not universally accessible services.

## Decisions Required (Agenda Item 6.2.2)

The IPSASB will be specifically asked whether it supports the classification approach based on how benefits are provided, as well as the proposals in respect of the social benefits definition to:

Retain references to social risks, while providing guidance on disaster relief in IPSAS 19;

Remove references to eligibility criteria; and

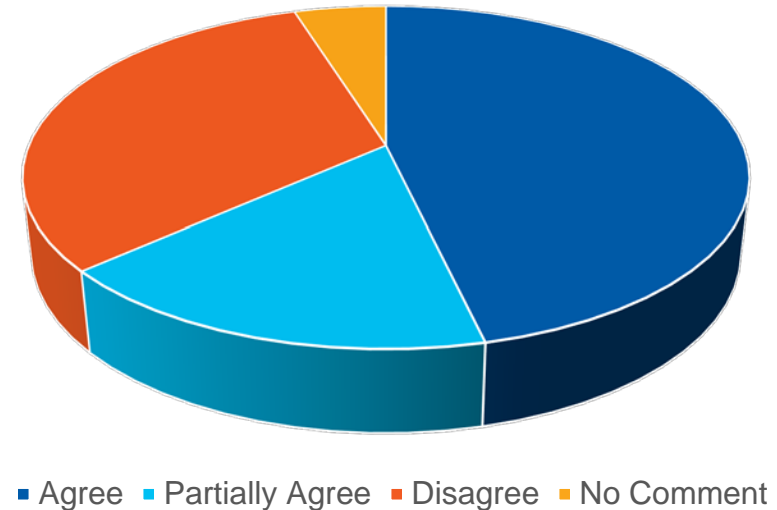
Remove references to universally accessible services.

## Definition – Social Risks (Agenda Item 6.2.2)

Social risks are events or circumstances that:

- (a) Relate to the characteristics of individuals and/or households – for example, age, health, poverty and employment status; and
- (b) May adversely affect the welfare of individuals and/or households, either by imposing additional demands on their resources or by reducing their income.

Number of Respondents



## Definition – Social Risks (Agenda Item 6.2.2)

### Key Issues Raised

Relationship with Eligibility Criteria

Distinction Between Social Risks and Other Risks

Consistency with GFS

## Definition – Social Benefits (Agenda Item 6.2.2)

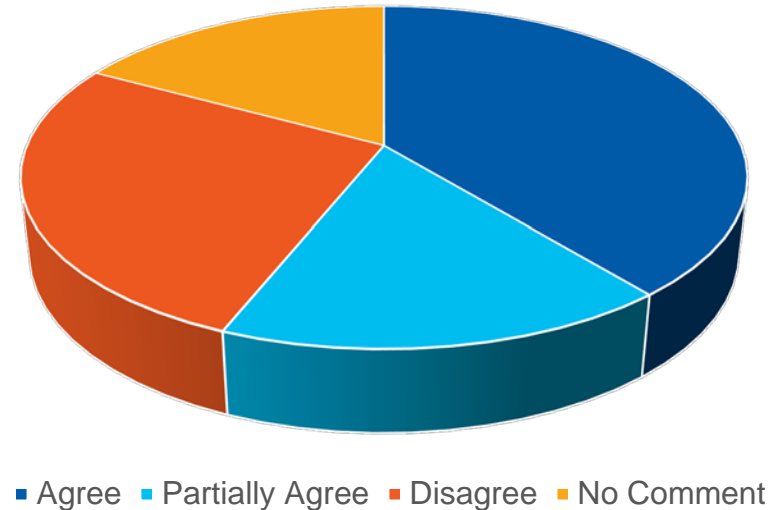
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## Definition – Universally Accessible Services (Agenda Item 6.2.2)

Universally accessible services are those that are made available by a government entity for all individuals and/or households to access, and where eligibility criteria (if any) are not related to social risk.

Number of Respondents



## Definition – Universally Accessible Services (Agenda Item 6.2.2)

Key  
Issues  
Raised

Eligibility Criteria

Social Risks and Other Risks

Consistency with GFS

Not Distinct from Collective Services

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## Definition: Collective Services

Collective services are services provided simultaneously to all members of the community. The provision of a collective service to one individual does not reduce the amount available to others.



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