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# **Where is Private Company Reporting Going?**

**Where Is It Now? -- An Introduction**

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- **Canadian GAAP changing – AcSB Strategic Plan**
  - **Widespread consultations in 2004 and 2005; Plan issued in 2006**
  - **Overarching strategy – “one size does not necessarily fit all”**
  - **Publicly accountable enterprises – IFRSs in 2011**
  - **Private enterprises (and not-for-profits) – to be determined**
    - **... although IFRSs to be available as a matter of choice**

- **Possibilities for private enterprises**
  - **Consultations in 2007 – ITC**
  - **Likely alternatives:**
    - **IFRSs with some modifications**
    - **IFRS for SMEs**
    - **Made in Canada solution – details to be determined**
  - **Mixed views, but some themes in ITC responses**
    - **Current standards generally OK**
    - **Significant problems in limited areas – financial instruments, extent of disclosure**
    - **Focus on specific circumstances/needs of the sector**

- **Developing proposed Canadian GAAP standards for private enterprises**
  - **Fast-track project – 12 months from outline to ED**
  - **Advisory Committee from the sector – users, preparers and auditors of financial statements**
  - **Roundtables during development stage**
  - **ED issued late April for comment by July 31**
    - Available on AcSB website – [www.acsbcanada.org](http://www.acsbcanada.org)
  - **Final standards planned by December**
    - Would allow for application to 31/12/09 year-ends
    - New standards or IFRSs to be adopted by 2011

- **Proposed standards**
  - Based on current Handbook
  - Irrelevant material left out (segments, EPS, interims)
  - Detailed guidance (EIC Abstracts) left out – more scope for judgment
  - Disclosures reduced by about 50%
  - Completely new financial instruments standard
  - Differential options carried forward – some extended, some obligatory

- **So, where are we?**
  - **Hopefully, close to having a set of GAAP standards suited to the needs of the private enterprise sector**
  - **AcSB gathering responses to ED through comment letters and sessions like this**

**PLEASE LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK**

***Thank you***