

ACCA UK Sustainability Reporting Awards 2009 – Q&A

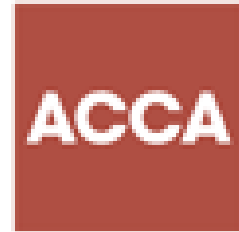
Why is ACCA UK stopping this year's Awards? After a disappointingly low level of entries for 2009, ACCA felt that it was not viable to run a credible awards scheme with such a small sample size so decided to cancel for 2009. ACCA can bring more benefit to the reporting and sustainability community by focussing on other planned reporting and sustainability work as well as the recently launched ACCA Carbon Accountancy Futures Theme. Preparation for COP15 is also a key area that ACCA would like to concentrate on, which would have coincided with the Awards.

What is ACCA doing instead? ACCA is not decreasing its commitment to reporting and transparency, but will be developing alternative projects which we feel better serve the reporting community. In terms of external partnerships, ACCA still has close involvement with the work of the GRI, with representation on its technical advisory committee, we have been part of the Prince of Wales Accounting for Sustainability project since its initiation and we sit on the Climate Disclosure Standards Board which is developing a common framework for carbon reporting.

In terms of project work specifically on reporting, ACCA is going to continue with its 'theme' work, which was introduced as part of the UK Awards scheme in order to look at state of disclosure on specific issues in more detail. ACCA and WWF UK are carrying out research on UK water disclosures, which will be published in early 2010, based on high impact sectors of the FTSE100. This 'theme' work will become a stand-alone annual project. There will also be an annual reporting event held in January 2010, which will replace the awards ceremony usually held in December. This first one will be held in January 2010 and is planned to be a half day forum/workshop and will draw on a selection of relevant reporting issues.

Additional ACCA projects areas which we plan to focus on are as follows:

- Electronic reporting techniques
- Narrative reporting research
- Carbon Accountancy Futures Theme
- Sustainability Friday Forums
- The Water Jigsaw



- Member briefing papers on climate change
- Preparation for the run up to COP15 in December 2009

For further information on these workplans, please visit:

<http://www.accaglobal.com/sustainability> and
<http://www.accaglobal.com/climatechange>

Are awards still going on elsewhere? Yes, ACCA's global Sustainability Awards will continue to run from our international offices

Is the theme research still going ahead? Yes, we will still be working with WWF UK on a piece of research assessing the standard of disclosures on water use and management of UK organisations.

What about the Electronic Media Communication (EMC) commendation? No, this award was part of the overall UK Sustainability Awards so will not be going ahead in that format. ACCA does, however, plan to carry out a separate piece of work on this topic.

Will they be back next year? We will be making a decision in the New Year as to whether the Awards will be run in 2010.

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