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Meeting:	Financial Services Sector Panel
Location:	Virtual (Platform: Teams)
Date:	10 June 2026 12:00 - 13.30 (GMT)

PRESENT

Andrew Tenn, Umidjon Khashimov, Louise Morriss, Vinay Handa, Victoria Gillespie (chair), Becky Glover (vice chair), Tania Amin Muhammad, Taurai Manyanga, Chris Wilson, Jason A'Court, Shazzette Brown, Joshua El Bidawi, Mubashir Qayyum, Noah Davis, Jerome Pemberton, Ana Burgos Barcena, David Vessey, Kyle Tyrrell, Magda Fisher, Varun Monteiro, Gayle Devaney, Matt Lawrie, Gemma Gathercole (ACCA), Laura Reay (ACCA)

APOLOGIES

Jess Ryan, Tom McGovern, Joshua El Bidawi

1. WELCOME, REGULAR BUSINESS & UPDATES

1.1 Welcome and apologies
Chair opened meeting and advised on any apologies

1.2 Previous meeting notes and actions
Actions and notes were reviewed and signed off / carried forward

1.3 Update – International Assembly

A summary was given of the International Assembly meeting, including strategic updates, Q&A with ACCA leadership, and discussion of the Global Talent Trends Report, focusing on purpose-driven careers, AI in recruitment, and multi-generational workforce challenges.

Details of all Financial Services Sector panel members can be found on our website.

2. STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

The panel were updated on recent changes in government, ongoing efforts to engage new ministers and administrations, and preparations for party conferences.

Announcement of the imminent launch of a pre-budget survey to gather member feedback for the October/November budget submission. The survey will be open through July and August, with flexible participation encouraged.

Commented [VG1]: Can we highlight this as an action too? Members to complete but also to promote it once available via social channels and their networks?

Concerns were raised about the impact of budget-related uncertainty on clients and businesses. Gemma confirmed this is a central plank of ACCA feedback to Treasury, supported by Global Economic Conditions Survey data, and welcomed further examples from panel members.

3. 2026/27 ACTIVITY PLANS & OBJECTIVES

Discussed upcoming and potential activities, including linkups, podcasts, articles, and collaborative events, with several members volunteering for specific initiatives and proposing new topics for content and engagement.

ACCA's editorial team can provide guidance and vetting for articles, with the possibility of publication in Accounting and Business or LinkedIn as self-publication. Support will be available for first-time contributors.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

ACCA Awards
Panel were informed about the soon-to-be launched ACCA awards, including Emerging Finance Leader and Finance Impact, with nominations open from end of June until August and winners receiving free conference places. The current advocacy award and new student award will remain separate.

DPB Authorisation escalation
There were reported delays in DPB authorisation for African members and asked about escalation routes. Members must raise a case via myACCA, as internal e-mails are no longer used for such requests.

ACCA Qualification changes
Panel inquired about upcoming changes to ACCA qualifications and requested access to information sessions or webinars. Confirmed ongoing information sessions and offered to share guidance and external presentations.

Membership value
Panel discussed a trend of members questioning the value of professional body memberships, especially regarding fees and CPD requirements. It was noted that communication gaps may contribute to this perception, particularly among mid-career professionals.

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next panel meeting is on 3 September 2026 and will be delivered online.

6. CLOSE