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# Standards

AccountAbility's AA1000 Series of Standards are principles-based Standards and Frameworks used by a broad spectrum of organizations – global businesses, private enterprises, governments and civil societies – to demonstrate leadership and performance in accountability, responsibility and sustainability.

For over two decades, organizations have trusted and applied AccountAbility's Standards to guide their approach to sustainability strategy, governance and operational management.

The AA1000 Series represent a simple, practical and easy to use framework for organizations to apply the Guiding Principles of AccountAbility along with robust sustainability assurance and integrated stakeholder engagement.



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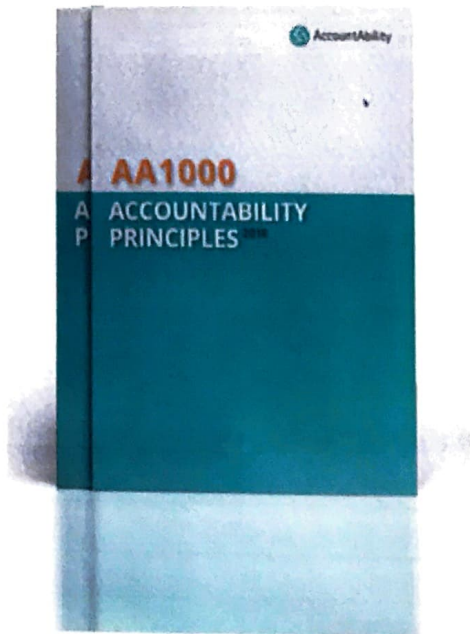
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## AA1000 AccountAbility Principles (AA1000AP) 2018

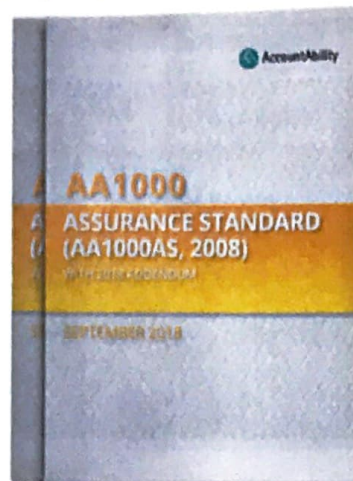
The foundation of our Series of Standards, the new AA1000AP (2018) is an internationally accepted, principles-based framework and guidance that organizations can use to identify, prioritize and respond to sustainability challenges to improve long-term performance.

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## AA1000 Assurance Standard (AA1000AS, 2008) with 2018 Addendum

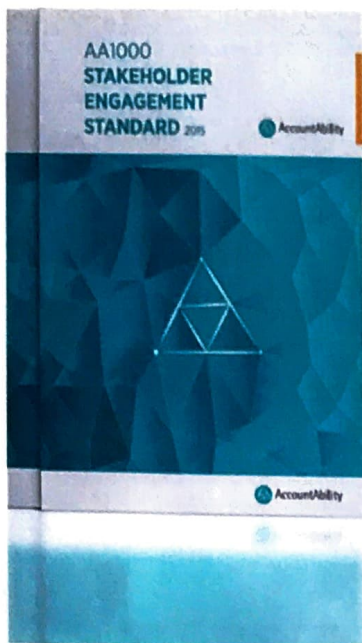
The **AA1000 Assurance Standard (AA1000AS, 2008) with 2018 Addendum** will support both organisational users and assurance providers in effectively applying the AA1000AS (2008) to the AA1000AP (2018), whilst working with the added Principle of Impact and further changes introduced.

**Until the 1st of January 2021, organisations who have transitioned to the AA1000AP (2018) seeking assurance must be assured by AccountAbility licensed assurance providers using the AA1000AS (2008) with 2018 Addendum.** Organisations who have not yet transitioned to the AA1000AP (2018) and still use the AA1000AS (2008) can continue use of the AA1000AS (2008) – available below – for assurance purposes until 2021.

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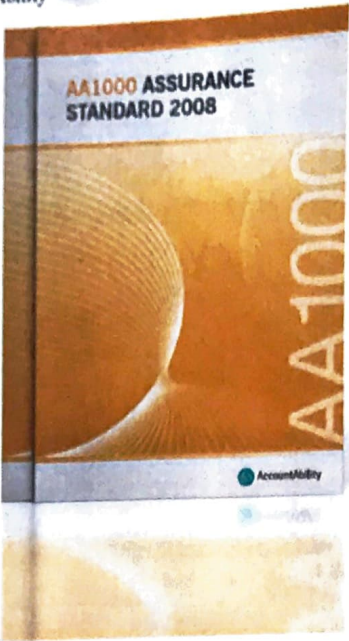
AA1000 AccountAbility Stakeholder Engagement Standard (2015) is the most widely applied global stakeholder engagement standard, supporting organizations to assess, design, implement and communicate an integrated approach to stakeholder engagement.

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# AA1000 Assurance Standard (AA1000AS) 2008

The AA1000 AccountAbility Assurance Standard (2008) (currently in revision for launch in 2019) is the leading methodology used by sustainability professionals worldwide for sustainability-related assurance engagements, to evaluate the nature and extent to which an organization adheres to the AccountAbility Principles.

Separate Guidance notes for Assurance Providers, Reporting Organizations and Stakeholders on AA1000AS (2008) are available for download via the Publications section under the Research page.

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