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David Cairns advises companies, accounting firms, government agencies and standard setting bodies on the application of IFRS and provides extensive IFRS training. As part of this work, he is a consultant to the World Bank's Centre for Financial Reporting Reform in Vienna.

David Cairns was the secretary-general of the International Accounting Standards Committee from 1985 to 1994. He was a member of the IASB's Working Group on Accounting Standards for Small and Medium-sized Entities. He was the director of an ICAEW project for the European Commission on the evaluation of the implementation of IFRS in the European Union.

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From 1995 to 2010, David Cairns was a Visiting Professor in Accounting at the London School of Economics and Political Science where he taught a post-graduate course on accounting in the global economy. He has also taught at the Vrij University in Amsterdam and Said Business School in Oxford.

In 1995, David Cairns was appointed OBE for his services to the accountancy profession. He was also recognised by the International Federation of Accountants for his outstanding contribution to the international accountancy profession.