IMPROVING THE ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS THROUGH MORE TRANSPARENT, INCLUSIVE AND EVIDENCE-BASED INTERNATIONAL RULEMAKING

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AGENDA

High-Level Webinar: International Organisations and their Members Facing the Global Crisis Together

Moderator: Nicola Bonucci, IO Partnership Facilitator

Session will be recorded and outcomes disseminated publicly

10:00-12:00 CEST

The COVID-19 crisis has underscored the need for internationally coordinated action to address global issues and the critical role of clear, evidence-based, flexible and high quality international rules supporting a comprehensive response to the crisis and its aftermath. At the same time, more than ever, the capacity of the multilateral system to deal with such global phenomenon is under question.

International organisations face unprecedented pressure to deliver timely and effective responses and help their constituencies throughout the crisis. Collective action from IOs is crucial today to strengthen the multilateral system, and maintain trust in international organisations. Efforts to guarantee the continuous effectiveness and relevance of international instruments are a central part of this challenge.

IOs need to ensure that their rulemaking practices remain transparent, inclusive and well coordinated. Against this backdrop, a diverse panel of Heads of IOs and country representatives will share their views on the core challenges international bodies are facing today in their rulemaking activities and the main priorities for both IO Secretariats and their Member States going forward. As a result of the discussion, it is expected that IO Secretariats will agree on a statement of the IO partnership, showing joint commitment to continue enhancing the effectiveness of international rulemaking.

Opening remarks

- Mr. Nigel Adams, Minister of State for Asia; Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, United Kingdom
- Mr. Angel Gurría, Secretary General, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)

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- Ms. Monique Eloit, Director General, World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)

The IO Partnership receives support from the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland.
Webinar 2: The IO Partnership in Action: Towards a Compendium of IO Practices and Beyond - Self-Reflection, Peer-Learning and Adapting to a Changing World

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15:00-17:00 CEST

Given the strain put on multilateralism and the great disruptions to regular work, IOs have been forced to reflect on the needs for changing the business as usual. The crisis has highlighted the need for well-thought and targeted reform efforts in multilateral rulemaking, to regain the trust of their Members and show the concrete impact of their value for populations worldwide.

This session will be the opportunity for IOs to show their concrete efforts to develop ever more transparent, inclusive and evidence-based international instruments. The Compendium of IO Practices for Effective International Rulemaking is a first, major step in this direction. Under collaborative development by the IO Partnership, this set of practices will offer an unprecedented toolbox to guide IOs in continuously improving the quality and impact of global rulemaking. Participants will discuss the status of this Compendium, showcase IOs ambitions to put it to use by engaging in self-reflective exercises and reforms.

At the same time, IOs have been pressured to deliver new, high quality instruments in record time and under exceptional circumstances, relying mostly on digital tools to carry out the work. In light of this recent (and mostly still ongoing) experience, IOs already have many lessons to draw on how to adapt and upgrade their normative activity going forward. This session will offer IOs the opportunity to jointly reflect on how the lessons from this crisis should shape the work of the IO Partnership going forward.

Opening remarks: Status of Compendium of IO Practices for Effective International Rulemaking & future of the IO Partnership

- Céline Kauffmann, Deputy Head, OECD Regulatory Policy Division
- Focal points interventions reporting back from breakout sessions (OECD, OIE, WHO, ISO/WCO, SIECA/BIPM)

Open discussion with the IO Partnership and the Academic Friends of the IO Partnership.
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