

BETTER INTERNATIONAL RULES FOR INCLUSIVE GLOBALISATION

5th Annual Meeting of International Organisations

DRAFT AGENDA, 12 April 2018

Palais des Nations, Room XVI
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The backlash against globalisation has created an urgent need to restore citizen's trust in the fairness and transparency of the major actors of global governance. With over 45 international organisations joining forces to reinforce the quality of their standard-setting, the partnership for effective international rule-making (IO partnership) provides a strong interface for international dialogue in support of more inclusive globalisation.

The fifth meeting of IOs will be the opportunity to take stock of progress made by the IO partnership in its different substantive areas of work (transparency, evidence-based and coordination of international instruments), and discuss the key milestones ahead. Ultimately, IO representatives, members and academics will be invited to reflect collectively on ways to leverage the partnership to advance the ambitious global commitments and help restore public trust.

With this in mind, the meeting will have the following objectives:

- Exchange on the **core focuses of the IO partnership** and reflect on the draft survey to international organisations, building on academic inputs;
- Report and discuss **progress made by the IO partnership** in the past 12 months, as part of the working groups and on the case studies under way;
- Invite actors around the table to reflect on **recent developments in international standard-setting** and identify ways in which the IO partnership could support the global agenda.

Registration and welcome coffee	
Chair. Peter Mason, Facilitator, IO partnership	
10:00-10:45	<p>OPENING REMARKS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Ivonne Higuero, Director, Economic Cooperation and Trade Division, UNECE • Ms. Mari Kiviniemi, Deputy Secretary-General, OECD • Mr. Sergio Mujica, Secretary-General, ISO • Mr. Frans Vreeswijk, General Secretary, IEC
10:45-11:00	<p>PROGRESS REPORT OF THE IO PARTNERSHIP</p> <p>The OECD Secretariat will present progress made by the IO partnership since its last annual meeting of April 2017, including the activities of the five working groups, the development of analytical work and the recently established collaboration with a network of academics (the <i>Academic Friends of the IO partnership</i>).</p>
11:00-12:30	<p>SESSION 1. UNDERSTANDING THE LANDSCAPE OF INTERNATIONAL RULE-MAKING: THE VARIETY OF INSTRUMENTS, IMPLEMENTATION AND COORDINATION</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Short presentation by working group focal points</u> (UNECE, OIE, SIECA) on key issues for discussion among IOs on the range of international norms and standards, their implementation and coordination, and related survey exercise. 2. <u>Inputs/Presentation by selected academic(s)</u> of existing research and data to support understanding of the landscape of international norms and standards and their implementation. 3. <u>Open discussion</u> <p><i>Key issues for discussion:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the state of play of international norms and standards and remaining gaps? • How to enhance the implementation of IO norms and standards? • Coordination vs. competition: when is stronger coordination among international instruments needed and how to make it happen?
12:30-14:00	Lunch break
14:00-15:30	<p>SESSION 2. TOWARDS EVIDENCE-BASED, TRANSPARENT AND INCLUSIVE INTERNATIONAL RULES</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Short presentation by working group focal points</u> (WHO, OECD) on key issues for discussion among IOs on stakeholder engagement and evaluation of international norms and standards, and related survey exercise. 2. <u>Inputs/Presentation by selected academics</u> of relevant research on the stakeholder engagement and evaluation practices of IOs.

	<p>3. <u>Open discussion</u></p> <p><i>Key issues for discussion:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the conditions for effective stakeholder engagement in international rule-making? • How can evaluation support the continued relevance of international norms and standards?
15:30-16:00	Coffee break
16:00-17:30	<p>SESSION 3. THE IO PARTNERSHIP AND RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN RULE-MAKING</p> <p>In a context of increasing internationalisation of flows of goods, services, capital and people, countries must co-ordinate their approaches to achieve their shared public interest objectives at lower costs. IOs have a crucial role to play in supporting countries to set high standards for protection of social, environmental and human rights, and building a fair and inclusive global system. This session will allow IO representatives, members and academics to reflect collectively on ways to leverage the IO partnership to rethink the international rule-based system and drawing the best out of multilateralism.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Latest developments in international rule-making: presentation by selected IOs</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International standards in support of the SDGs (ISO) • Conformity assessment in support of implementation (IEC) 2. <u>The workings of selected IOs: highlights from case studies of international organisations underway</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The contribution of TBT and SPS to international regulatory cooperation (WTO) • The experience of a trans-governmental network of Medical Device Regulators of Asian Harmonization Working Party (AHWP)
17:30-18:00	<p>CONCLUDING SESSION: THE IO PARTNERSHIP AND THE GLOBAL AGENDA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Nicola Bonucci, OECD Legal Affairs Director: <i>Effective, inclusive and responsible multilateralism: improving the quality of international norms and standards to benefit citizens worldwide</i> • Wrap-up by the Facilitator