

4TH MEETING OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS:*A partnership for effective international rule-making**Draft agenda**25 April 2017, CC9*

Effective international norms and standards are critical to ensure a sustainable world economy and shared well-being. They are an essential component to address rising nationalism and the discontents with globalisation. Since 2014, 50 international organisations (IO) have been working together in the context of OECD work on international regulatory co-operation to strengthen the quality, relevance and impact of the norms and standards they produce and remain at the cutting edge in identifying where new or revised ones are needed. The fourth meeting of international organisations will be the opportunity to discuss the continuation of this partnership and develop the basis of joint work in support of a culture of effectiveness in the development of international norms and standards. The meeting will have the following objectives:

1. Agreeing on the **organisation, working methods and resources** for continued IO co-operation;
2. Developing an **agenda** to build greater understanding among IOs on how they can improve the quality, relevance and impact of their normative activity; and
3. **Maximising synergies** with related existing initiatives.

9:00-9:30	Registration and welcome coffee
Chair of the morning sessions: Nicola Bonucci, Director, OECD Directorate for Legal Affairs	
9:30-9:50	<p style="text-align: center;">JOINING FORCES FOR EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL RULE-MAKING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gary Banks, Chair, OECD Regulatory Policy Committee • Michelle d'Auray, Ambassador and Permanent Representative, Permanent Delegation of Canada to the OECD
9:50- 11:10	<p style="text-align: center;">SESSION 1. A POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA</p> <p>Discussions will focus on priorities for joint IO work to address the key challenges identified in the first phase of the work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building greater understanding of the variety in international norms and standards, the diversity in definitions and legal effects, their benefits/challenges. • Improving implementation of international norms and standards, for instance by analysing the role of peer reviews, capacity building, conformity assessment and accreditation. • Ensuring effective stakeholder engagement in support of better international norms and standards. • Developing a greater culture of evaluation of IO norms and standards, including a greater understanding and monitoring of their use by domestic regulators. • Maximising the opportunities for co-ordination across IOs to avoid duplicative work, to minimize conflicting requirements and to join efforts in supporting implementation. <p>Introduction by Céline Kauffmann, Deputy Head, Regulatory Policy Division, OECD</p>

	<p>Group discussion</p> <p><u>Background questions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What should be the priorities and key deliverables in the five areas identified as priority for joint work? • How will the work be organised and inputs collected from IOs, including as part of dedicated working groups? • What are the timeline and critical milestones for carrying out the work? • Which other stakeholders would be relevant to engage in the work and how?
11:10-11:40	Coffee break
11:40-13:00	<p>SESSION 2. FURTHERING IO PARTNERSHIP TO PROMOTE EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL RULE-MAKING</p> <p>Discussions will focus on the modalities of IO cooperation in relation to effective international rule-making.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction by Nick Malyshev, Head, Regulatory Policy Division, OECD • Bob Diderich, Head, Environment, Health and Safety Division, OECD. An example of IO co-operation: <i>the Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals (IOMC)</i> <p>Group discussion</p> <p><u>Background questions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do you perceive the added value of the partnership for enabling closer collaboration among IOs? • Do you identify any key IOs missing from the initiative who should be invited to join the partnership? • How will IOs contribute to the partnership? • How can additional resources be collected in support of the work? • What communication tools could support the exchange of information among IOs and with a wider audience?
13:00-14:30	Lunch buffet
Chair of the afternoon sessions: Rolf Alter, Director, OECD Public Governance and Territorial Development	
14:30-16:00	<p>SESSION 3. EXISTING INITIATIVES IN SUPPORT OF EFFECTIVE RULE-MAKING</p> <p>Presentation and discussion of relevant initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction by Marianna Karttunen, Policy Analyst, Regulatory Policy Division, OECD: mapping of on-going initiatives • Aik Hoe LIM, Director, Trade and Environment Division, WTO/OMC. Principles for the development of international standards, guides and recommendations, developed by the WTO Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Olivier Coutau, Delegate to the International Geneva. Presentation of the International Geneva <p>Group discussion</p> <p><u>Background questions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What existing initiatives contribute to strengthening the quality and effectiveness of international norms and standards? • How can the partnership complement the efforts of existing initiatives and work with them?
16:00-16:30	Coffee break
16:30-17:30	<p>SESSION 4: LEVERAGING IO PARTNERSHIP TO SUPPORT INTERNAL REFORMS</p> <p>Presentation of relevant on-going IO efforts to improve their rule-making</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corinne Vargha, Director, International Labour Standards Department, ILO • Anthony Gooch, Director, Public Affairs and Communications Directorate, OECD <p>Group discussion</p> <p><u>Background questions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is your organisation undergoing any internal initiatives / reforms to ensure the quality of its rule-making? • To date, how has your involvement in the existing platform triggered internal discussions on rule-making? • How can the partnership support on-going and future reforms undertaken by IOs internally?
17:30-18:00	<p>CONCLUDING SESSION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rolf Alter, Director, OECD Public Governance and Territorial Development