



Partnership of international organisations for effective international rulemaking

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International organisations (IOs) play a crucial role in helping countries achieve their public policy objectives and supporting international regulatory co-operation (IRC). They do so through international rulemaking, by providing **platforms for continuous multilateral dialogue, exchange of experience** and the **development of common approaches**. Striving for transparency, quality and impact of these core IO activities is key to an effective global governance system.

The **Partnership of international organisations for effective international rulemaking** (IO Partnership) offers a **voluntary platform** to foster collective action among secretariats of IOs and IO constituencies to promote **greater quality, effectiveness and impact of international rules**. Ultimately, this work helps to build greater confidence of domestic regulators and legislators in international rules and support greater use of good quality international instruments in national legislation to address the policy challenges of today.

A STRUCTURED FRAMEWORK



- **Annual meetings** to foster dialogue on shared challenges and support common understanding on good practices in international rulemaking;
- **Analytical work** using OECD's long standing method of peer exchange and evidence-based analysis;
- **Collaborative workspace** through an e-platform to facilitate exchange of practices and experience;
- **Working groups** to better tailor the specific needs of IOs and address more in-depth issues.
- **A group of Academic Friends of the IO partnership** to harness expertise and on-going research of relevant academics.

OUR PARTNERS

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50 secretariats of IOs  The Partnership is flexible, cross-sector, and serves a wide variety of organisations involved in international rulemaking, notwithstanding their nature or mandate. • It also invites contributions from a broad range of stakeholders, including governments, the private sector, civil society and academia 	<pre> graph TD IO[Inter-governmental organisations] <--> P[Private standard-setters] IO <--> T[Trans-governmental networks of regulators] P <--> T </pre>
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5 WORKING GROUPS

The work of the Partnership is articulated around **five focus themes** identified as priorities in 2016. The work is developed in dedicated working groups of IOs, led by focal points (secretariats of IOs).

<p>WG1: Enhancing understanding of the variety in international instruments (Focal point: OECD)</p>	<p>WG2: Strengthening the implementation of IO instruments (Focal point: OIE)</p>	<p>WG3: Ensuring effective stakeholder engagement (Focal point: WHO)</p>	<p>WG4: Developing a greater culture of evaluation of IO rules and standards (Focal points: ISO and WCO)</p>	<p>WG5: Maximising the opportunities for co-ordination (Focal points: BIPM, SIECA)</p>
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THE STORY SO FAR

Since 2014, some 50 secretariats of IOs have worked together to strengthen the quality, effectiveness and impact of international rules through a voluntary partnership managed by the OECD. This cooperation has led to:

- **6 annual meetings** and **3 brainstorming sessions** fostering dialogue between IO representatives, country delegates and academics.
- **Academic discussions and workshops** with a group of academics (the Academic Friends of the IO Partnership), to gather evidence and research on international rulemaking.
- **2 surveys** on the landscape of IOs (2015) and the rulemaking practices of IOs (2018).
- **A Brochure** on [The contribution of international organisations to a rule-based international system](#), shedding lights on the key features of the international rulemaking landscape, launched in April 2019 at IFAC Headquarters.
- **A cross-cutting report** on [International regulatory co-operation: the role of international organisations in fostering better rules of globalisation](#), taking stock of the governance modalities and rulemaking practices of 50 IOs, launched in November 2016 at the OECD Headquarters.
- **10 specific studies** on the rulemaking practices of IOs (BIPM, FAO, IMO, ISO, OECD, OIE, OIML, UNECE, WHO, WTO).
- **4 thematic webinars** providing for in-depth discussion and exchange of experiences on the challenges and initiatives of IO rulemaking in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. A summary of the discussions will be released later on in 2020.
- **A joint Statement** from the Secretariats of the International Organisations to continue working together to improve the quality of international rulemaking.

THE NEXT KEY MILESTONE: A COMPENDIUM OF PRACTICES

The Partnership is currently developing a *Compendium of International Organisations' Practices for Effective International Rulemaking*, **due to be launched at the 8th Annual meeting of IOs, in Spring 2021**. This Compendium compiles the international experience in the five areas of the IO Partnership and offers guidance to help IOs deliver on their commitment to the inclusiveness, quality and impact of international rules. The Compendium is the fruit of a truly collaborative process, developed by the OECD Secretariat and Focal Points in close collaboration with the five working groups. Ultimately, it aims to become a reference tool for IOs to find easily what other IOs are doing and what key steps to follow in their international rulemaking.

OECD WORK ON INTERNATIONAL REGULATORY COOPERATION

The IO Partnership was first and foremost set up in the context of OECD Regulatory Policy Committee in order to help countries navigate the international normative landscape and using international rules and standards more systematically to achieve their policy objectives. This fits into the broader work led by the OECD on regulatory policy and governance for over 30 years. In 2012, OECD countries adopted the Recommendation of the Council on Regulatory Policy and Governance, making international regulatory co-operation a key ingredient of regulatory policy. In this context, OECD work has shown the role international regulatory co-operation plays to reap the benefits of an interconnected world and create the rules of globalisation. While many countries make strong efforts to recognise the international dimension of regulation, the potentials of IRC still remain largely untapped.

FIND OUT MORE

- Find out how the Partnership is supporting efforts for better regulatory co-operation here: www.oecd.org/gov/regulatory-policy/a-partnership-for-effective-international-rule-making.htm
- About OECD work on international regulatory co-operation: <http://www.oecd.org/gov/regulatory-policy/irc.htm>
- If you wish to know more about the Partnership, please contact the Secretariat (celine.kauffmann@oecd.org / sara.kincaid@oecd.org)

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