

7<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of International Organisations

**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**

3 September 2020, 15:00-17:00 (CEST)

*Virtual meeting*

Closing remarks by Stephan Naundorf,  
Chair of the OECD's Regulatory Policy Committee

- Thanks to IO representatives, country delegates and academics for their continued engagement in the work of the IO Partnership and their participation in today's meetings. The impressive high-level participation and very good turnout for the event reaffirm the relevance of the work and the **appetite from IOs and OECD member states to carry on.**
- It is also a great pleasure to **welcome UNCTAD**, which has joined the partnership today as the **50<sup>th</sup> partner.**
- In particular a huge "Thank you!" to the **Focal Points** from BIPM, ISO, OIE, SIECA, WHO, and WCO for their significant engagement alongside the OECD leading the work of the working groups **and for renewing their commitment to this task.**
- The IO partnership is also an **innovative role-model for bringing different communities** together. Besides gathering 50 IOs of very different structure and type, the partnership has also managed to establish a group called "**academic friends**". That is a very smart way of ensuring ongoing academic advice and support. We will **build on this experience for the work of the RPC** as well.
- Today's meetings underline clearly that **the current crisis has further highlighted the need for joined-up, evidence-based and transparent regulatory approaches.**
- The work in the IO Partnership **originates in the framework of the OECD Regulatory Policy Committee and the 2012 Recommendation on Regulatory Policy and Governance.** This Committee is ideally positioned to host such work given its leadership internationally on regulatory policy and cooperation. The first and foremost goal of the Committee is to **support countries in strengthening regulatory quality which includes enabling international regulatory co-operation.**

- IOs and their members at national level have a **shared responsibility to deliver transparent, inclusive and evidence-based rules** from the international to the domestic level. It is a joint effort to **continuously promote the use of good regulatory practices**. The close engagement with countries should continue to be the backbone of the Partnership.
- We are also discussing more **opportunities of the RPC** to support this important work.
- An inspiring example for the **member states' strong engagement** is provided by the launch and ministerial response to the review of the UK's efforts in International Regulatory Co-operation, which took place on 2 September. The review illustrates from a Regulatory Policy point of view **how the national and international level on the question of the quality of rulemaking can be bridged effectively**.
- To conclude, **resilience and agility of regulatory frameworks are key priorities of the RPC** going forward to **continue protecting people and supporting activity in a crisis prone environment**, while adapting to the staggering pace of technological change.
- Thanks as well to Nicola Bonucci for his **key role facilitating today's meeting**.