



Snapshots of IO Practices

OIE Observatory

Organisation(s): World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)

The Snapshots of IO Practices present examples of specific efforts undertaken by an international organisation to work towards more effective international instruments. They aim to highlight examples of practices within the five focus areas of the Partnership of International Organisations for Effective International Rulemaking (IO Partnership), namely the variety and development of international instruments, their implementation, evaluation, ensuring stakeholder engagement, and co-ordination among IOs. The snapshots are submitted by the secretariats of the relevant international organisations implementing the relevant practice. The practices were compiled by the OECD Secretariat and focal points of the IO Partnership (UNCITRAL, OIE, WHO, ISO, WCO, BIPM, and SIECA), with a brief review to ensure consistency and comparability of the information provided within the snapshots. The inclusion of a practice in these snapshots implies no endorsement or assessment of that practice on the part of the OECD Secretariat or the focal points of the IO Partnership.

1	Overview of the Practice	Answers	Comments and intersections
1.1	Organisation	World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)	
1.2	Area of relevance among the IO partnership focus themes (variety of instruments, implementation, stakeholder engagement, evaluation, co-ordination)	Implementation (Monitoring mechanism)	
1.3	Name of the Practice	OIE Observatory	
1.4	Name of person(s) completing the template	Karen Bucher	

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2	Description of the Practice	Answers	Comments and intersections
2.1	Please describe the practice shortly, providing information on its core features.	<p>The OIE Observatory will provide a continuous and systematic mechanism of observation and analysis of Member Countries' practices in implementing OIE international standards. The information collected and analysed by the OIE Observatory will contribute to better understand how the OIE standards are implemented.</p>	
2.2	What are the objectives of the practice?	<p>The OIE Observatory will produce analytical reports that will be used by the OIE to :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Tailor capacity building activities on identified needs and by sharing practices (peer learning); and (ii) Enhance the OIE standard setting-process through evidence-based assessment of the use of OIE standards. 	Intersection with area of IO Partnership on "Evaluation"
2.3	What have been the key results of the practice?	<p>The design phase is completed and that involves a five-year roadmap. Its pilot phase (2020-2021) prefigures the key stages of the deployment phase (2022-2025) and the first report of the OIE Observatory will be published in December 2022.</p>	
2.4	In what year was the practice introduced?	<p>The adoption of the Resolution No. 36 by the World Assembly of Delegates at the 86th General Session in May 2018 advocated the need of a new mechanism to monitor the implementation of OIE standards.</p> <p>The design of the OIE Observatory took 2 years (2018-2020) before its implementation. We estimate that it will take five year to make the OIE observatory fully operational.</p>	



2.5	Has the practice been updated/reformed since then? If yes, when and how has it evolved over time?	Not applicable in this case.	
2.6	What do you consider to be the primary strengths of the practice?	<p>The development of the OIE Observatory benefited from a high level political impetus through the G20 Agriculture Ministers Declaration in 2018 (Press release).</p> <p>The OIE Observatory will be a continuous and systematic monitoring mechanism, through the development of a data driven approach across the organisation. It will build on various information collection mechanisms that already exist within and outside the OIE.</p> <p>The development of the OIE Observatory will be directly related to the implementation of 7th Strategic plan of the OIE, which aims to develop the OIE data strategy and improve data management.</p>	
2.7	What do you consider to be the main challenges faced during the implementation of the practice?	<p>The Observatory project is seen as an integrating point for many current disparate data systems/processes across the organisation. This new approach will be challenging and will require from the OIE a significant cultural change in data management.</p> <p>Therefore, the implementation of OIE Observatory will follow an evolving and dynamic process depending on the progress of the digitalisation of procedures and tools throughout the organisation.</p>	



2.8	<p>Does the practice have a formal/normative basis within the organisation or is it conducted informally? Does this basis make the practice mandatory or voluntary?</p> <p>If there is formal basis, please provide the relevant link or documentation.</p>	<p>The formal basis of the OIE Observatory is the Resolution No. 36 adopted by the World Assembly of Delegates at the 86th General Session in May 2018. But this resolution does not provide any details on how this practice should be carried out.</p>	
2.9	<p>At what frequency is the practice applied? i.e. is it conducted once or on an iterative basis?</p>	<p>The OIE Observatory will produce analytical reports of two types:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Implementation review reports will be produced on an annual basis and will provide a high-level summary about the current situation regarding the implementation of OIE standards. <input type="checkbox"/> Thematic analyses will be produced on a pluriannual basis and will provide a more comprehensive and focused analysis on priority topics. 	
2.10	<p>Is this practice applied systematically, (e.g. with respect to every normative instrument, according to specific criteria or on an <i>ad hoc</i> basis)?</p>	<p>The OIE Observatory will cover all OIE standards but given the complex nature of the project, a gradual approach will be developed, in particular by initiating a pilot phase on specific standards. The OIE Observatory will start by focusing on the implementation of OIE standards that already benefit from quality data coverage.</p>	

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2.11	Please provide specific details or examples to illustrate the practice (including supporting links and documents).	Web page on OIE Observatory under renovation: https://www.oie.int/en/standard-setting/overview/oie-observatory/	
3	Design of the Practice	Answers	Comments and intersections
3.1	Who designed the practice (e.g., Was it developed internally, in collaboration with other organisations, etc?)	The OIE entered into a collaboration with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) , in July 2018, to gain analytical support for the design of the OIE Observatory. Given its expertise in international regulatory cooperation, the OECD carried out a study providing an analysis of key features of OIE standards, as well as a review of the existing sources of information in relation to their implementation. The OECD final report was published in February 2020.	
3.2	Which stakeholders were engaged with in the design of the practice?	A specific governance for the OIE Observatory project has been established during the design phase. The Council of the OIE makes strategic decisions while a Reference Group provides technical advice to support the project. The Reference Group is composed of experts from OIE Members (Canada, China, Chile, New Zealand, South Africa, Tunisia), Regional Economic Communities (European Commission, Eurasian Economic Commission, Gulf Cooperation Council) and relevant international organisations (Codex Alimentarius, IPPC, FAO, OECD, STDF and WTO).	



3.3	How long did it take to design the practice?	Two years	
3.4	What resources were needed to design the practice initially (i.e., staff, budget etc.)?	<p>The OIE has initiated the project, with a Project team, consisting of personnel from the OIE Headquarters: a Project manager and a Project officer under the supervision of Head of the Standards Department.</p> <p>The Project manager and the project officer are secondees from two OIE Members.</p>	
3.5	What challenges were encountered during the design of the practice and how were they overcome?	<p>The engagement of Member Countries and key stakeholders is a critical aspect to ensure the success of the Project.</p> <p>This engagement took place at different levels during the design phase:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The strategic role of the OIE Council in the governance of the project. At its February 2019 meeting, the OIE Council was consulted for the development of the OECD study and at its September meeting, strategic decisions were adopted on the design of the OIE Observatory based on OECD recommendations. - Communication to all Member Countries. During the 87th General Session, a side event was held, with the participation of the OECD, to communicate on the design process of the OIE Observatory. The Director General sent also a letter to the OIE Delegates in November 2019 to provide an update on the OIE Observatory project. 	Intersection with area of IO Partnership on "Stakeholder engagement"

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Technical support provided by the Reference Group through consultations during the design phase of the project and the preparations of the pilot phase. The Reference Group is composed of representatives of Member Countries, Regional economic communities and partner International Organisations. - Communication in international fora. The OIE Observatory project was presented in March 2019 at the thirty first Session of the Codex Committee on General Principles and in April 2019 at the Sixth Annual Meeting of the Partnership of International Organisations for effective international rule-making, spearheaded by the OECD. 	
3.6	Has the practice been tested before implementation (i.e. pilot phase)? If yes, please describe.	<p>The implementation of the OIE Observatory roadmap begins with a pilot phase of 18 months.</p> <p>The pilot phase aims to test different aspects of the development of the OIE Observatory, such as methodological approach, data collection and data analysis.</p>	
4	Implementation of the Practice		
4.1	Which units are responsible for implementing the practice within your IO?	<p>Currently, the Project team is working under the supervision of Head of the Standards Department. But it could change after the pilot phase depending on lessons learnt on governance.</p> <p>OIE Headquarter Organisational Chart available here.</p>	

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4.2	Are IO members involved in implementing the practice? If so, how?	<p>OIE members are involved in data collection processes. The OIE Observatory will use existing data collection processes, including voluntary reporting by members (OIE-WAHIS, OIE Official status, self-declaration) and data collection by experts during on-site mission (PVS reports).</p> <p>Data analysis will be performed by OIE Headquarters.</p> <p>The OIE will have to create forum of discussion with its members to discuss the outcomes of data analysis.</p>	
4.3	Are external actors beyond the organisation or its membership involved in implementing the practice? If so, how?	It is expected that the OIE collaborates with the private sector to identify the use made of OIE standards in practice and possibly to set up appropriate data collection processes by developing specific partnerships.	
4.4	Which resources are needed to implement the practice (e.g., staff and budget)?	<p>The implementation of the five-year roadmap will depend on securing funding to recruit relevant staff and to develop and maintain IT projects.</p> <p>Staff to recruit should have specific competencies in data management and data analysis.</p>	
5	Outputs and Evaluation of the Practice	Answers	Comments and intersections
5.1	Has the practice been evaluated or reviewed?	Not applicable in this case	
5.2	If yes, who carried out the evaluation (please specify whether it was done internally or externally)		

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5.3	If yes, please describe the evaluation methodology? (e.g. were any quantitative or qualitative indicators/criteria used to measure/assess the outcomes of the practice?).		
5.4	If yes, what were the conclusions of the evaluation, and has the practice evolved subsequently? If possible, please attach related documents or provide a link.		
6	Additional comments and information	Answers	Comments and intersections
6.1	Is there any more information or documentation that would be valuable to share in relation to the practice (e.g. links, reports, meeting minutes, supporting documents)?	Web page on OIE Observatory under renovation: https://www.oie.int/en/standard-setting/overview/oie-observatory/	
	Sources		