

**To tackle global challenges, solutions can only come from strong international cooperation**

International organisations play an important role in supporting countries to tackle the COVID-19 crisis and address global challenges. To this end, the OIE participated in the 7th Annual Meeting of International Organisations, which took place virtually on 3 September 2020. Together with 48 heads of international organisation (IOs), OIE Director General Dr Monique Éloit endorsed the Joint Statement for effective, impactful and co-ordinated international action, through international rulemaking.

The event webpage, including the Joint Statement, the recording of the high-level panel discussion and the interventions of heads of the IOs, is available at: <http://oe.cd/IOpartnership>

**Partnership of international organisations for effective international rulemaking**  
7th Annual Meeting, 3rd September 2020

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The COVID-19 crisis has underscored the need for international coordinated action to address global issues and IOs have a critical role in providing international rules that are transparent, inclusive, effective and evidence-based. This crisis has confirmed the great value of the work undertaken by the Partnership of International Organisations for Effective International Rulemaking (known as the IO Partnership).

The IO Partnership, comprising 50 international organisations, was set up by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) under the framework of work performed by its [Regulatory Policy Committee \(RPC\)](#) on international regulatory cooperation.

The IOs involved work together to exchange information, experiences, and best practices in the areas of development of international instruments, implementation, evaluation, stakeholder engagement and coordination across IOs. These efforts aim to support the greater use of international instruments, and strengthen the quality, evidence base and consistency of international rules.

A concrete effort of the IO partnership is the development of a *Compendium of IO Practices for Effective International Rulemaking*. Under collaborative development by the IO Partnership, the *Compendium* will produce detailed guidance on core features of international rule-making and will offer a toolbox to guide IOs in continuously improving the quality and impact of international rules. The *Compendium* is due to be released in March 2021.

The 7th Annual Meeting of International Organisations was structured as follows:

- A high-level webinar entitled 'International Organisations and their Members Facing the Global Crisis Together'.

The webinar brought together 100 participants and was opened by United Kingdom Minister of State (Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office) Nigel Adams, and OECD Secretary-General Angel Gurría. The opening was followed by remarks from leaders of the Pharmaceutical Inspection Co-operation Scheme (PIC/S), United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), International Maritime Organization (IMO), International Bureau of Weights and Measures (BIPM), OIE, Latin American and Caribbean Economic System (SELA), World Customs Organization (WCO), and International Organization for Standardization (ISO).

READ: [Remarks by OIE Director General Dr Monique Éloit](#)

- A second webinar entitled 'The IO Partnership in Action: Towards a *Compendium of IO Practices* and Beyond – Self-reflection, Peer-learning and Adapting to a Changing World'.

The second webinar aimed to discuss the status of the *Compendium of IO Practices*, with interventions by Focal Points. The OIE is the Focal Point for the Working Group on 'Strengthening the implementation of IO instruments'.

More information: [Flyer - The IO Partnership in a Nutshell](#)

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