THE IO PARTNERSHIP
The road so far

2014
Launch of initiative by OECD RPC

2016
First report: overview of international rulemaking & IO studies

2017
Launch of e-platform, 5 WG & Academic Friends

2018
5th Annual meeting in Palais des Nations. Discussion of survey

2019
Launch of 2nd IO survey (designed with WGs)

April 2019
6th Annual meeting, IFAC. Launch of Brochure.

5 Nov.
Technical IO meeting
Key features & outputs

- E-platform
- 5 Working groups
- Bi-annual meetings

- Harness ongoing research
- Academic sessions

- Cross-cutting report & Brochure
- IO studies (OECD, IMO, FAO, ISO, OIML, UNECE, WHO, BIPM, OIE, WTO)

- Structured framework
- Analytical work
- Academic Friends
- Wealth of survey information

- Instrument diversity, implementation, stakeholder engagement, evaluation, coordination

Wealth of survey information

Academic Friends

Analytical work

Structured framework
De facto organisation

IO Partnership
(53 secretariats of IOs)

Group of Academic Friends
Secretariat (OECD)
Facilitator

Working Group I
on the diversity of international instruments
Focal Point: UNECE & OECD

Working Group II
on implementation of international instruments
Focal Point: OIE

Working Group III
on stakeholder engagement
Focal Point: WHO

Working Group IV
on evaluation of international instruments
Focal Point: OECD

Working Group V
on coordination
Focal Point: SIECA
5 FOCUSES UNDER DISCUSSION
The 2018 IO Survey, a wealth of information still partly untapped

- Themes based on 2016 Report
- Developed following collaborative process:

**Early 2018**
- First draft by OECD Secretariat

**Spring 2018**
- Discussion in 5 WG

**Summer 2018**
- Responses by partner IOs

**Fall 2018**
- Responses processed by OECD

**May 2018**
- Finalisation by Focal points/OECD

**Nov 2018; March 2019**
- Consultation with IOs and OECD RPC
• 36 respondents, including IGOs, TGNs, private standard setters, *inter alia*.
Identification of patterns in IO instruments to support grouping in “families”
Implementation is mostly members’ responsibility – what can IO do?

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Critical role in data collection, but still non-systematic approaches to evaluation

Evaluation
(14 IOs report formal requirement or process; 14 IOs have some practices)

Ex ante impact assessment (12)

Ex post (26)

Evaluation of a single instrument (24)

Stock review (15)

Review of a sub-set (16)

Evaluation of implementation (20)

Evaluation of impacts (17)
More open and transparent IOs, but important margins for « rationalising »

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- 12 IOs report some sort of understanding but not really a definition of «stakeholder»
- Few IOs have a policy or strategy for stakeholder engagement, mapping their stakeholders & defining objectives and steps to engage them and manage risks.
- IOs engage a wide range of stakeholders, but shared strong focus on other IOs & business
- No set of guidance
IOs co-operate “softly” (not specifically on normative activities) – where to start?

- Frequent co-ordination through **soft mechanisms**: MoUs and meetings.

- 13 IOs report **written guidelines or formal instruments** addressing coordination with other IOs. Focus on:
  - promoting cooperation and avoiding overlaps;
  - Less on development and implementation of international instruments
NEXT STEPS
How do we promote understanding of good practices in the areas of the partnership

• Continue unbundling the information provided through the 2018 IO survey, to provide practical examples of what is done => compendium

• Build on what is considered « good practice » at domestic level & bridge the national / international divide => work with RPC

• How can IOs go beyond existing practices and anticipate on better ways of doing things (role of new technologies) => work with academics
Timeline

- **5 Nov 2019**: Technical IO meeting: discussion of the development of the compendium of IO practices + terms of collaboration with academics

- **27 March 2020**: Annual IO meeting, London

- **March/April 2021**: Release of the compendium and other outputs of the IO Partnership