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### **IOSCO World Investor Week campaign successfully delivered in more than 100 jurisdictions**

The seventh annual celebration of World Investor Week (WIW) started on 2 October 2023 and concluded on 8 October, although some jurisdictions will continue to conduct WIW-related events in October and November.

More than 100 jurisdictions have participated in the WIW campaign, in addition to several global and international organizations that have also joined the campaign for the first time. Stock exchanges, market intermediaries, industry associations and other relevant stakeholders in the ecosystem have joined the securities regulators around the world to support a range of investor education initiatives aimed at enhancing investor protection. The G20, under the India Presidency, has also supported the WIW campaign.

This high level of participation in the WIW from all around the world is a clear indication of the priority that regulators and market participants are giving to financial education, taking into account their local circumstances as well as the common challenges that retail investors are facing across jurisdictions.

Pasquale Munaf , Chair of the IOSCO Committee 8 on Retail Investors, said: *“Financial innovation is opening new business opportunities for the industry and potential benefits for investors. In this context, regulators, the industry and the ecosystem should cooperate to continue increasing financial consumer protection at different levels, including through financial education. Among others, the WIW campaign has delivered key messages on Crypto Assets and Sustainable Finance, two areas in which IOSCO will continue to work and deliver its guidance.”*

Eduardo Manh es Ribeiro Gomes, C8 WIW Working Group Coordinator, said *“Regulators around the world are conducting different financial and investor education initiatives, ranging from basic messages and tools to more comprehensive programs. The WIW provides an opportunity to share experiences and ways to continue engaging with industry and other stakeholders’ efforts to promote sound and practical knowledge, behaviours, attitudes that are aligned with investor protection considerations.”*

IOSCO will continue disseminating key messages on investor education and investor protection and fostering learning opportunities for investors, while continue supporting collaboration with different stakeholders under the umbrella of the WIW campaign.

Additional information on the WIW activities and events is available at the WIW website (<https://www.worldinvestorweek.org>) as well as following the WIW on Facebook (@[worldinvestorweek](#)), Twitter (@[ioscowiw](#)) and Instagram (@[ioscowiw](#)).

#### **NOTES TO THE EDITORS:**

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3. The Growth and Emerging Markets (GEM) Committee is the largest committee within IOSCO, representing more than 75% per cent of the IOSCO membership, including 10 of the G20 members. Dr Mohamed Farid Saleh, Executive Chairman of the Financial Regulatory Authority, Egypt is Chair of the GEM Committee. The committee brings members from growth and emerging markets together and communicates members' views and facilitates their contribution across IOSCO and at other global regulatory discussions. The GEM Committee's strategic priorities are focused, amongst others, on risks and vulnerabilities assessments, policy and development work affecting emerging markets, and regulatory capacity building.
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  - to cooperate in developing, implementing and promoting internationally recognized and consistent standards of regulation, oversight and enforcement to protect investors, maintain fair, efficient and transparent markets, and seek to address systemic risks;
  - to enhance investor protection and promote investor confidence in the integrity of securities markets, through strengthened information exchange and cooperation in enforcement against misconduct and in supervision of markets and market intermediaries; and
  - to exchange information at both global and regional levels on their respective experiences to assist the development of markets, strengthen market infrastructure and implement appropriate regulation.

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