

Investor Education: Opportunities and Challenges

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The Principles set out a broad general framework for the regulation of securities. The objectives of that framework are:

- To protect investors.
- To ensure fair, efficient, and transparent markets.
 - To reduce systemic risk.



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IOSCO's Work - Investor Education

- IOSCO Principles of Securities Regulation
 - Importance of investor education, key issue 6 of Principle 3

"Regulators should play an active role in the education of investors and other market participants."



The Challenges

- 1. Difficult undertaking given the complexity of today's products.
- 2. Financial literacy is not the only element for good financial decision making.
- 3. Inefficiency. Limited resources.
- 4. For some, personal finance classes increase confidence without improving ability potentially leading to worse decisions.
- 5. Avoiding a regulation through education model that might blame investors for their plight, shaming them and deflecting calls for effective regulation.



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On the IOSCO Horizon

- Investor Education Workshops
- Investor Education Website / Resources at IOSCO for IOSCO members
- Continued Member Research and Assessment
- Forums to Share "Best Practices" and "Good Ideas"
- Research Research Research
- What Works and What Does Not Work?