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### **IOSCO World Investor Week to focus on Investor Resilience, Crypto Assets, and Sustainable Finance**

The International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO) will celebrate its seventh annual World Investor Week (WIW), from 2 to 8 October 2023, although participating jurisdictions may choose any other week in October and/or November to conduct their WIW-related activities.

As reflected in the IOSCO [WIW Public Report 2022](#), published today, the participation of different jurisdictions, in both developed and emerging-market regions, keeps increasing. Hence, notwithstanding the challenging conditions experienced during the global pandemic, the number of WIW participating jurisdictions and stakeholder increased in the 2020, 2021, and 2022 campaigns, underscoring the need for financial education to enhance retail investor protection worldwide.

This year, the WIW campaign will focus on three main themes: *Investor Resilience*, *Crypto Assets*, and *Sustainable Finance*, which the IOSCO Board has identified as particularly relevant given current and expected global market conditions. Other themes cover *Frauds and Scams Prevention*, *Basics of Investing*, *Technology and Digital Finance*.

Mr. Jean-Paul Servais, Chair of the IOSCO Board, and Chairman, Financial Services and Markets Authority, Belgium said: “*Investor protection is a key IOSCO objective. Securities regulators use different tools to promote and enhance investor protection, including policy, supervision, oversight, enforcement, and financial education. During the global pandemic, retail investors encountered new and bigger risks; some of these risks may continue into the future or evolve. In response, the IOSCO Work Program 2023-2024 will continue supporting investor education as a critical pillar of investor protection, together with other measures aimed at combating retail market misconduct and fraud, promoting investor confidence and financial inclusion, and protecting the investor interests.*”

Please see additional information on the IOSCO World Investor Week and how to participate at <https://www.worldinvestorweek.org> and follow the WIW on Facebook (@[worldinvestorweek](#)), Twitter (@[ioscowiw](#)) and Instagram (@[ioscowiw](#)).

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

1. IOSCO is the leading international policy forum for securities regulators and is recognized as the global standard setter for securities regulation. The organization's membership regulates more than 95% of the world's securities markets in some 130 jurisdictions, and it continues to expand.

2. The IOSCO Board is the governing and standard-setting body of IOSCO and is made up of 35 securities regulators. Mr. Jean-Paul Servais, the Chair of Belgium's Financial Services and Markets Authority (FSMA) is the Chair of the IOSCO Board. The members of the IOSCO Board are the securities regulatory authorities of Australia, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, China, Egypt, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Kuwait, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mexico, Morocco, the Netherlands, Oman, Ontario, Peru, Quebec, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Türkiye, the United Kingdom and the United States of America (both the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission and U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission). The Chair of the European Securities and Markets Authority and the Chair of IOSCO's Affiliate Members Consultative Committee are also observers.
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.
4. IOSCO aims through its permanent structures:
  - 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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