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IOSCO concludes its 50th Annual Meeting

Nearly 500 senior representatives from 130 jurisdictions came together in Qatar to progress IOSCO priorities and share experiences

Particular focus on retail investor protection and technology

IOSCO concluded its 50th Annual Meeting this week, graciously hosted by the Qatar Financial Markets Authority (QFMA) in Doha. IOSCO welcomed near 500 participants over the course of three days, followed by the QFMA public conference.

The IOSCO Annual Meeting brings all 130 member jurisdictions together to discuss the most relevant issues and risks with regard to global financial markets, and how to assist regulators in implementing standards through capacity building.

Jean-Paul Servais, Chair of IOSCO's Board and Chair of the Belgian FSMA, said: "It has been a privilege to have been the Board Chair at our 50th Annual Meeting, which has spanned a range of topics and offered all members the chance to engage with one another and share common challenges. I would like to give my heartfelt thanks to **Dr. Tamy bin Ahmed Ali Al Boutamy Al Binali** and his team for hosting this year's meeting, which was so well executed. I

would also like to thank Rodrigo Buenaventura and colleagues at the IOSCO Secretariat as well as my own FSMA team for their excellent preparation. Delivering such a powerful program over three days is no small accomplishment.”

Chair Servais added: “We are deeply committed to supporting our members—advanced and emerging alike—in navigating complexity. Whether through facilitating peer learning, fostering trust and cooperation through our MMoU or coming up with proportionate policy frameworks consistent with our objectives of investor protection, market integrity and financial stability.”

Rodrigo Buenaventura said: “I was delighted to attend the 50th Annual Meeting of IOSCO as its Secretary General. Retail investor protection continues to be a lead theme for all IOSCO members and we will continue to provide capacity building to address the challenges in their jurisdictions. I feel fortunate to be surrounded by so many professionals who readily contribute to and support the work of IOSCO, in order for us to deliver on our objectives.”

Three regulatory workshops were also offered to members focusing on sustainability disclosure for corporates, the implementation of crypto assets frameworks and how to navigate private finance, and were attended by about 300 participants.

New signatories to IOSCO’s Enhanced Multilateral Memorandum of Understanding (EMMoU) included the CMA Kenya, the Securities Commission of Malaysia and CNMV Spain. IOSCO’s MMoU and EMMoU are acknowledged as the key standard for international cooperation and information sharing amongst regulators globally.

The Board discussed market developments and themes of common interest such as FinTech and Artificial Intelligence. It approved publication of five Final Reports, three of which relate to IOSCO’s work concerning online retail investor protection; Influencers, Online Imitative Trading Practices and Digital Engagement Practices. The other two Final Reports relate to Sustainable Bonds and Liquidity Risk Management in collective investment. These Reports will be published in the coming days.

Looking ahead to 2026, IOSCO’s 51st Annual Meeting will be hosted by the Financial Regulatory Authority of Egypt.

Notes to Editors

1. IOSCO is the leading international policy forum for securities regulators and the global standard setter for financial markets regulation. It develops, implements and promotes adherence to internationally recognized standards for financial markets regulation and works closely with other international organizations on the global regulatory reform agenda.
2. The organization's membership regulates more than 95% of the world's securities markets in some 130 jurisdictions. By providing high quality technical assistance, education and training, IOSCO supports its members to come together to achieve the following three objectives.
 - Enhance investor protection;
 - Ensure markets are fair and efficient;
 - Promote financial stability by reducing systemic risk.
3. 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. Shigeru Ariizumi, Vice Minister for International Affairs, Financial Services Agency, Japan, and Dr Mohamed Farid Saleh, Executive Chairman of the Financial Regulatory Authority, Egypt, are the Vice-Chairs of IOSCO Board.
4. The Growth and Emerging Markets (GEM) Committee is the largest Committee within IOSCO, representing more than 75% of the IOSCO membership, including ten of the G20 members. Dr Mohamed Farid Saleh is Chair of the GEM Committee. The Committee unites members from growth and emerging markets and communicates their views at other global regulatory discussions.
5. IOSCO counts four regional committees: (1) Africa / Middle-East (AMERC) chaired by Ms. Nezha Hayat Chairperson and CEO of the Moroccan Autorité Marocaine du Marché des Capitaux, (2) Asia & Pacific (APRC) chaired by Ms. Julia Leung Chief Executive Officer of the Hong-Kong Securities and Futures Commission, (3) European Regional Committee (ERC) chaired by Mr. Jean-Paul Servais and (4) Inter-American Regional Committee (IARC) chaired by Ms. Lucia Buenrostro Vice President of Regulatory Policy at the Mexican Comisión Nacional Bancaria y de Valores.

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