



Weekly Bulletin for IOSCO Members – 22

15- 29 June 2022

I. IOSCO Leadership Interviews

- A. Q&A with Ashley Alder, IOSCO Chair and CEO of Hong Kong SCF, Securities and Futures Commission:** part 1, in IFLR, 23 June

“Alder discusses the ongoing efforts of global market regulators to address the risks presented by climate change and the rapid evolution of digital assets.”

<https://www.iflr.com/article/2a9ko069inazubrybjh1c/q-a-with-ashley-alder-iosco-chair-and-ceo-of-hong-kong-sars-sfc-part-1>

- B. Regulatory Insights Session - Interview with Martin Moloney, IOSCO Secretary General,** video of an interview conducted by Mary O’Dea of the Institute of Banking (IOB), June

“Martin Moloney, Secretary General of the International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO), joins IOB’s CEO Mary O’Dea for a discussion on crypto assets, developments in ESG related disclosure for the financial sector and fund liquidity.”

<https://iob.ie/news/regulatory-insights-session-interview-with-martin-moloney-iosco-secretary>

II. Member News

- A. Capital Markets Regulation Is Stronger, but Some Gaps Still Must be Closed,** Blog, International Monetary Fund, 29 June

“Nonbank financial intermediation, as it’s known, has grown to represent almost half of the assets of the global financial system, thereby playing a much bigger role in the global economy. Regulators must better ensure that its vulnerabilities and business models don’t amplify future shocks to markets and financial stability. Applied to the asset management sector, a key priority is to broaden the range of liquidity management tools that are available to investment funds managers.”

<https://blogs.imf.org/2022/06/29/capital-markets-regulation-is-stronger-but-some-gaps-still-must-be-closed/>

- B. Culture shift for financial services as Conduct of Financial Institutions Bill passes,** press release, the Financial Markets Authority (FMA), New Zealand, 29 June

“Te Mana Tātai Hokohoko welcomes today’s announcement from the Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, confirming the Financial Markets (Conduct of Institutions) Amendment Bill, has been passed in Parliament. The Bill introduces a new legislative regime for banks, insurers, and non-bank deposit takers (NBDTs), which will now require a licence from the FMA for their conduct towards consumers.

Under the new law banks, insurers, and NBDTs will need to comply with a “fair conduct principle” to treat consumers fairly. They will be required to establish, implement, and maintain a fair conduct programme designed to ensure compliance with the fair conduct principle and take all reasonable steps to comply with their programme.”

<https://www.fma.govt.nz/news-and-resources/media-releases/culture-shift-for-financial-services-cofi-bill-passes/>

- C. A future without supervision? The challenges of decentralised finance for financial supervision**, by Birgit Rodolphe, Chief Executive Director of Resolution and Prevention of Money Laundering, © Federal Financial Supervisory Authority / www.bafin.de Germany, 28 June

“Make no mistake – the clock is ticking. The longer the DeFi market remains unsupervised, the more risk this poses to consumers. And the greater the danger that critical offerings that have systemic relevance will establish themselves. For this reason, we need to actively define a regulatory framework for new offerings and thereby give providers of innovative products and services legal clarity. The introduction of the crypto custody business shows that innovative regulation can even serve as an example of attractive regulation. Ideally such provisions would of course be consistent throughout the EU in order to prevent a fragmented market and boost Europe’s collective innovation potential.”

https://www.bafin.de/SharedDocs/Veroeffentlichungen/EN/Fachartikel/2022/Kurzkommentare_BaFinTech2022/fa_bj_2203_Kurzkommentar_Rodolphe_en.html

- D. Launch of ETF Connect**, press release, Securities and Futures Commission, Hong Kong, 28 Jun 2022

“The Securities and Futures Commission (SFC) and the China Securities Regulatory Commission (CSRC) today issued a joint announcement on the launch of ETF Connect. Trading of exchange-traded funds (ETFs) under Mainland-Hong Kong Stock Connect will commence on 4 July 2022.”

<https://apps.sfc.hk/edistributionWeb/gateway/EN/news-and-announcements/news/doc?refNo=22PR43>

- E. Resilience, right conduct and integrity of the wholesale market**, Keynote speech at ASIFMA Compliance Asia Conference 2022, by Ms Julia Leung, Deputy Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director, Intermediaries, 28 June 2022

“It’s often said the behaviour of individuals in financial firms is driven by greed and fear, as amply underscored by global financial crises and the spectacular failures of certain firms in the past. We cannot change primal instincts, but the good news is that—as many of you in the audience from compliance will know—egregious behaviour and excessive risk taking can be identified and curbed with a robust compliance framework that provides the necessary checks and balances.”

<https://www.sfc.hk/-/media/files/ER/PDF/Speeches/20220620ASIFMA-Compliance-2022DCEO-speechFinal-Publish-versionEngl.pdf>

- F. CONSOB Publishes the first Report about emerging trends in sustainable investing and cryptoasset markets**, report, CONSOB Italy, 27 June 2022 (in English and Italian).

“The Report analyses the emerging trends in sustainable investing and in the markets for cryptoassets, also with regard to the developments that can affect the achievement of CONSOB remit.”

https://www.consob.it/documents/11973/1421036/RSC_june+2022/104433fd-f2d4-492e-b6b9-17d42319d9da

- G. Artificial intelligence in the asset and wealth management**, report, CONSOB Italy, 24 June 2022

“The use of artificial intelligence techniques in asset and wealth management is under increasing scrutiny by regulators and supervisors interested in examining its benefits and costs....

...This paper takes up and develops the elements of the current institutional debate on the risks and opportunities arising from the use of new technologies in financial intermediation, also in the wake of evidence on the degree of use by the main asset management companies operating in the Italian market.”

https://www.consob.it/web/consob-and-its-activities/news-in-detail/-/asset_publisher/kcxlUuOyjO9x/content/consob-has-published-the-9th-research-paper-of-the-fintech-series-24-june-2022-/718268

- H. The Future Is Digital Assets**, press release, Swiss Six Group, 24 June

“The post-trade industry is going through a period of enormous change. Not only is the business model being transformed, but so too are the asset classes which it supports.”

<https://www.six-group.com/en/newsroom/news/securities-services/future-is-digital-assets.html>

Exchanges Can Create Transparency in ESG, by: Jos Dijsselhof, CEO, Six Group, in Focus, World Federation of Exchanges, June 2022

“Jos Dijsselhof, CEO of SIX Group AG, shares his views on the role exchanges can play in ESG, raising capital, DeFI and building an infrastructure for digital assets. Dijsselhof also is chairman of the WFE Working Committee.”

<https://focus.world-exchanges.org/articles/dijsselhof-six-group>

I. *IFRS Foundation Trustees appoint Jeffrey Hales and Michael Jantzi to the ISSB, making the board quorate*, press release, IFRS Foundation, 24 June

The IFRS Foundation Trustees have appointed Jeffrey Hales—SASB Standards Board Chair and Accounting Professor at University of Texas—and Michael Jantzi—VRF Board Director and Sustainalytics founder and former CEO—as members of the International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB), effective July 2022. Their appointments make the ISSB quorate.

<https://www.ifrs.org/news-and-events/news/2022/06/ifrs-foundation-trustees-appoint-jeffrey-hales-and-michael-jantzi-to-the-issb-making-the-board-quorate/>

J. *FCA tackling scams faster as part of data strategy*, press release, UK Financial Conduct Authority, 23 June

“The Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) is using data to tackle online fraud faster by scanning approximately 100,000 websites created every day to identify those that appear to be scams.”

<https://www.fca.org.uk/news/press-releases/fca-tackling-scams-faster-part-data-strategy>

K. *The ‘nightmare’ facing European regulators*, Interview with Robert Ophèle of AMF France, Financial Times, published in Public News Time, 22 June

“Without mentioning DWS explicitly, Ophèle warned that moves to prosecute investors for greenwashing could prove “unfair”, given that regulators have not yet produced “sufficiently precise” standards for them to follow. And while investment funds are now expected to publish sustainability disclosures, the companies they invest in are not yet required to do the same, leaving the funds with a stark data deficit.

That will change next year, when listed European companies have to start reporting under the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive. Overseeing that will be yet another

challenge for the AMF and its peers — and Ophèle worries that the burden of the CSRD requirements could deter mid-sized companies from going public. Better, he says, to apply the rules to companies above a certain size, regardless of whether they're listed."

<https://publicnewstime.com/news/economy/the-nightmare-facing-european-regulators/>

L. SBAI Publishes Guidance for Responsible Investment in ILS Funds, web, Standards Board for Alternative Investments, SBAI, 24 June (latest entry)

"The Standards Board for Alternative Investments (SBAI), an active alliance of institutional investors and alternative asset managers, has published guidance on Responsible Investment (RI) in Insurance Linked Strategy Funds. Dedicated RI approaches within ILS are in their infancy and often do not fit neatly into regulatory or industry-based reporting frameworks. As with many other alternative investment strategies, both the practicality and the effectiveness of RI integration and dedicated RI approaches can vary, and application of these strategies requires careful thought and discussions between asset managers and allocators..."

...This document forms part of an alternative investment strategy toolkit, which includes additional guidance on Equity Long/Short, Credit, Macro and Systematic strategies. The strategy toolkit supplements the SBAI's Responsible Investment Policy Framework. All SBAI resources are available in the SBAI Responsible Investment Toolbox:"

<https://www.sbai.org/toolbox/responsible-investment.html> (free account required to access all resources). The ILS memo is available here:

<https://www.sbai.org/resource/sbai-toolbox-memo---implementation-of-ri-in-ils-strategies.html>

M. Outcome of ESMA Call for Evidence on Market Characteristics of ESG Rating and Data Providers in the EU, letter to the Directorate General for Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union, European Commission, 22 June

"We consider the feedback we have received on the market for ESG rating and data providers is indicative of an immature but growing market, which, following a number of years of consolidation, has seen the emergence of a small number of large non-EU headquartered providers. In our view this market structure bears some resemblance to that which currently exists for credit ratings."

https://www.esma.europa.eu/sites/default/files/library/esma80-416-347_letter_on_esg_ratings_call_for_evidence_june_2022.pdf

N. *Delving into DLT*, interview/podcast, International Swaps and Derivatives Association, 21 June

“Distributed ledger technology could potentially revolutionize financial markets by overhauling legacy systems and slashing infrastructure costs. Where are the greatest opportunities in derivatives markets, and what will it take to effect change? Scott O’Malia talks to Digital Asset CEO Yuval Rooz.”

<https://www.isda.org/2022/06/21/episode-22-delving-into-dlt/>

O. *Proposed GFMA principles regarding Critical Third Parties*, summary, Global Financial Markets Association, June 2022

- *“Financial Institutions (FIs) are only one part of the financial services ecosystem. Some third-party providers (TPPs) that sit outside of the financial services regulatory perimeter are playing an increasingly important role in the financial system. In many cases, TPPs perform critical activities for FIs and operate in highly concentrated sectors.*
- *Global authorities and regulators are increasingly assessing the risks posed by these critical third parties (CTPs) (including Cloud Service Providers (CSPs)) and the potential impact on financial stability.*
- *This GFMA paper, therefore, outlines our set of proposed principles on how to best address these risks and is looking to proactively engage with regulators and standard setters on this important topic.”*

<https://www.gfma.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/proposed-gfma-principles-regarding-critical-third-parties.pdf>

P. *Cross-Agency Steering Group announces launch of information and data repositories and other progress in advancing Hong Kong’s green and sustainable finance development*, press release, Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission, 21 June

“Cross-Agency Steering Group announces launch of information and data repositories and other progress in advancing Hong Kong’s green and sustainable finance development
The Green and Sustainable Finance Cross-Agency Steering Group (Steering Group) announced today the progress made and the way forward to advance Hong Kong’s leading position in green and sustainable finance (GSF) and help the financial ecosystem’s transition towards carbon neutrality.”

<https://apps.sfc.hk/edistributionWeb/gateway/EN/news-and-announcements/news/doc?refNo=22PR39>

Q. *SBAI Responds to IIGCC Discussion Paper on Incorporating Derivatives and Hedge Funds into the Net Zero Investment Framework*, response to a discussion paper, Standards Board for Alternative Investments, SBAI, 17 June

“The Institutional Investors Group on Climate Change (IIGCC) is a European membership body for investor collaboration on climate change. The IIGCC Discussion Paper seeks to support investors’ commitment to achieve net zero by helping drive emission reduction in the real economy and seeks to provide the analytical foundation for incorporating derivatives and short selling in the context of equity and credit markets.

We at the Standards Board for Alternative Investments (SBAI) are supportive of better disclosure of carbon emissions to investors to enable well informed investment decisions. Specifically, we support the disclosure of position weighted gross long, gross short, and net emission metrics for both, risk management and net zero materiality purposes. In our response, we show that there is no basis for creating a “norm” or “standard”, which postulates that netting should not be allowed for “net zero” or aggregation purposes.”

<https://www.sbai.org/resource/sbai-response-to-iigcc-discussion-paper-on-incorporating-derivatives-and-hedge-funds-into-the-net-zero-investment-framework.html>

R. *Shaping the rules for a data-driven future*, speech by UK FCA Chief Executive, Nikhil Rathi, delivered at the Dutch Authority for the Financial Markets (AFM) 20th anniversary seminar, UK Financial Conduct Authority, 16 June

Highlights

- *The value of consumer data has soared, and we often trade privacy for expediency.*
- *We have had constructive engagement with Google on promotional adverts of non-regulated firms and more recently with Twitter and are hopeful other technology giants follow.*
- *Data is the lifeblood of a modern regulator and in the next five years, we expect to become as much a regulator of data as a financial one.*
- *While data can help institutions identify risk, it can also entrench bias and make it more difficult for consumers to access loans or products such as insurance.*
- *International coordination will be increasingly vital with the rise in risk associated with digitalisation and gamification.*
- *Investment in tech and skills is the key to staying ahead.*

<https://www.fca.org.uk/news/speeches/shaping-rules-data-driven-future>

III. Bank for International Settlements/Financial Stability Board

- A. ***Inflation is back, challenging central banks***, speech by Mr Agustín Carstens, General Manager of the BIS, on the occasion of the Bank's Annual General Meeting, Basel, 26 June 2022

“Lessons of the 1970s and other episodes show that shorter and front-loaded tightening tends to make soft landings more likely. At the same time, revitalising long-term growth is critical. It calls for relying less on demand-led growth and emphasising more growth-friendly fiscal actions and structural reforms. As central banks hit the brakes and steer in the right direction, other policymakers need to pave the road for the travel ahead.”

<https://www.bis.org/speeches/sp220626.htm>

- B. ***Using CBDCs across borders: lessons from practical experiments***, press release, BIS Innovation Hub, 21 June

Key takeaways

- *The BIS Innovation Hub (BISIH) is leading practical experiments to show how central bank digital currencies (CBDCs) could help deliver faster, cheaper and more transparent cross-border payments.*
- *These experiments demonstrate that common systems encompassing multiple CBDCs are operationally feasible and could bring efficiencies. Yet policy, legal, governance and economic questions remain.*
- *The BISIH is uniquely positioned to bring central banks together in the collaborative efforts that will be necessary to make further progress on this question.*

<https://www.bis.org/publ/othp51.htm>

- C. ***The BIS presents a vision for the future monetary system***, press release and report, 21 June

- *A monetary system based on central bank public goods, using a digital version of sovereign currency as its foundation, could foster innovation while safeguarding stability and security.*
- *As part of a two-tiered monetary system, central bank digital currencies and fast payments systems could enhance efficiency and financial inclusion, while buttressing data privacy.*

- *Recent turmoil in the crypto universe is a reminder of cryptocurrencies' financial vulnerabilities, but their deeper structural inadequacies have been apparent for some time, the report warns.*

The Bank for International Settlements (BIS) today set out a blueprint for a future digital monetary system. In a [special chapter](#) of its Annual Economic Report 2022, the BIS said a system grounded in a digital representation of central bank money could combine innovation with essential attributes such as safety, stability, accountability, openness and efficiency. Such a system would be capable of adapting continuously to serve the public interest. This vision is built on the foundation of trust in central banks, with a digital version of sovereign currencies at its core.

<https://www.bis.org/press/p220621.htm>

D. *BIS Innovation Hub announces new projects and expands cyber security and green finance experiments*, press release, Bank for International Settlements, 17 June

- *Eurosystem Centre projects will explore cryptocurrency markets, the implications of post-quantum cryptography for payment systems and climate-related disclosures.*
- *Cyber security project will include partnership with Israel's central bank.*
- *Hub expands green finance and regtech/suptech portfolio*

<https://www.bis.org/press/p220617.htm>

E. *Miners as intermediaries: extractable value and market manipulation in crypto and DeFi*, BIS Bulletin, Bank for International Settlements, 16 June

“Key takeaways:

- *Cryptocurrencies such as Ethereum and decentralised finance (DeFi) protocols built on them rely on validators or "miners" as intermediaries to verify transactions and update the ledger.*
- *Since these intermediaries can choose which transactions they add to the ledger and in which order, they can engage in activities that would be illegal in traditional markets such as front-running and sandwich trades. The resulting profit is termed "miner extractable value" (MEV).*
- *MEV is an intrinsic shortcoming of pseudo-anonymous blockchains. Addressing this form of market manipulation may call for new regulatory approaches to this new class of intermediaries.”*

<https://www.bis.org/publ/bisbull58.htm>

IV. Other News

- A. *Anti-money laundering: Provisional agreement reached on transparency of crypto asset transfers***, press release, Council of the European Union, 29 June

“The EU is making it more difficult for criminals to misuse crypto currencies for criminal purposes. Negotiators from the Council presidency and the European Parliament have reached a provisional agreement on the proposal updating the rules on information accompanying the transfers of funds by extending the scope of those rules to transfers of crypto assets.”

<https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/06/29/anti-money-laundering-provisional-agreement-reached-on-transparency-of-crypto-asset-transfers/>

- B. *IFRS Foundation launches Montreal ISSB centre supported by key actions***, press release, IFRS Foundation, 28 June

“The IFRS Foundation today announced a package of key actions, including a new Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Montréal International to obtain the financial support of the Government of Canada and the Government of Quebec. This support will help the IFRS Foundation to fully establish its International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB) within the Canadian sustainability ecosystem.”

<https://www.ifrs.org/news-and-events/news/2022/06/ifrs-foundation-launches-montreal-issb-centre-supported-by-key-actions/>

- C. *How can the European Union adapt to climate change?*** Report, Bruegel Think Tank, 28 June

“A stronger adaptation governance framework would benefit adaptation efforts”

<https://www.bruegel.org/2022/06/how-can-the-european-union-adapt-to-climate-change-while-avoiding-a-new-fault-line/>

- D. *Erkki Liikanen delivers opening remarks at the IFRS Foundation Conference 2022***, press release, IFRS Foundation, 23 June

“Erkki Liikanen, Chair of the IFRS Foundation Trustees, delivered his opening remarks at the IFRS Foundation Conference 2022 in London. He reflected on the changes that have happened since the International Sustainability Standards Board was created in 2021. He also explained the rationale for the formation of the International Sustainability Standards Board.”

<https://www.ifrs.org/news-and-events/news/2022/06/erkki-liikanen-delivers-opening-remarks-ifrs-foundation-conference-2022/>

E. *ISSB and GRI provide update on ongoing collaboration*, press release, IFRS, 23 June

“Technical representatives from the International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB) and the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) met in May to begin work on delivering the agreed MoU.”

<https://www.ifrs.org/news-and-events/news/2022/06/issb-and-gri-provide-update-on-ongoing-collaboration/>

F. *Applicability of ESG to Collateral in the Securities Lending Context*, report by the International Securities Lending Association (ISLA), June 2022

“The industry is increasingly factoring climate financial risk and other sustainability risk considerations into collateral selection.

The paper titled ‘Applicability of ESG to Collateral in the Securities Lending Context’ produced jointly by ISLA and Allen & Overy, submits that primary role of collateral as a risk management tool for the market, and amongst other things, how vital it is to ensure adequate diversification of collateral guidelines, as well as any analysis for collateral acceptability to include both sustainability and ESG risks.”

<https://www.islaemea.org/news/isla-publishes-applicability-of-esg-to-collateral-in-the-securities-lending-context/>

G. *The Business Impact of ESG Performance*, report, Moody’s, June 2022

“Considerations around the Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) aspects of companies have become a factor widely taken into account by investors and other market participants, consumers, and stakeholders. Using ESG controversies collected by Moody’s ESG Solutions and ESG data from RepRisk, we analyze the effects of ESG performance on firm market value. Our findings show that ESG controversies lead to large, statistically significant negative abnormal equity returns, both in the short-run and over a one-year horizon. We find that moderate to severe ESG events generate abnormal stock market losses of –1.3% to–7.5% over twelve months, which represents a loss of approximately \$400 million for a typical-sized firm in the study.”

https://www.moodyanalytics.com/-/media/article/2022/esg_business_impact_june2022.pdf

Moody's Finds ESG Risk Mitigation Delivers Higher Returns, article, ESG Investor, 23 June

“Controversial events can cause lasting damage to shareholder value, analysis suggests. Improved ESG practices lead to corporates acting as more secure investments, according to research papers by Moody’s Analytics in collaboration with ESG data firm RepRisk.”

<https://www.esginvestor.net/moodys-finds-esg-risk-mitigation-delivers-higher-returns/>

H. Remarks by Acting FDIC Chairman Martin J. Gruenberg at the CNMV Conference on Recovery and Resolution of Central Counterparties, The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), 21 June

“As CCPs have grown in importance for the functioning of financial markets, the FSB has taken on - and continues to work on - core issues relating to CCP resolvability. We are focused on deepening the FSB’s resolution policy framework in order to avoid or mitigate serious adverse effects on financial stability. The continued work by ReSG seeks to strengthen the implementation of the Key Attributes of Effective Resolution Regimes for Financial Institutions to enhance the prospects for CCP resolvability without resorting to a government bailout and without resulting in contagion to other parts of the financial system.³ This work by ReSG complements the work undertaken by the Committee on Payments and Market Infrastructures (CPMI) and the International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO) on the resilience and recovery of CCPs. Our cooperation across these groups is essential to making progress on these issues.

<https://www.fdic.gov/news/speeches/2022/spjun2122a.html>

I. Regulation of Buy-Now-Pay-Later set to protect millions of people, news story, UK HM Treasury, 20 June

“Millions of people will be protected through strengthening regulation of interest-free Buy-Now Pay-Later credit agreements, under plans announced by the government today (20 June).”

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/regulation-of-buy-now-pay-later-set-to-protect-millions-of-people>

J. ESG Regulatory Focus Presents Risks for Global Money Market Funds, release, Fitch Wire, 16 June 2022

“To the extent regulation provides investors with consistent, comparable information about fund ESG strategies and investments, this could be supportive of longer-term growth in

AUM. However, increased investor and regulatory focus on ESG also presents outflow risks for ESG-related MMFs which fall short of standards or expectations.”

<https://www.fitchratings.com/research/non-bank-financial-institutions/esg-regulatory-focus-presents-risks-for-global-money-market-funds-16-06-2022>

K. *The Role of Non-bank Financial Institutions in the Intermediation of Capital Flows to Emerging Markets*, Bank of Italy Temi di Discussione (Working Paper) No. 1367, May 2022

“This paper compares the behaviour of banks with that of non-bank financial institutions (NBFIs) in the intermediation of portfolio flows to emerging market economies (EMEs). Our analysis shows that investment funds, a key component of NBFIs, tend to reduce their exposure to EMEs more than banks during periods of financial turmoil, such as the Covid-19 pandemic. Moreover, passive funds and exchange-traded funds (ETFs) are more responsive to global shocks than active funds.”

https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=4110067

V. 2022 World Investor Week

IOSCO World Investor Week 2022 –1st WIW webinar on 20 July (13.00-14.00 CEST). The webinar will offer information about WIW (e.g., purpose, how to participate) and capacity building on materials available to participants (e.g., social media, key messages). Please use the following link to online registration (IOSCO members): [Registration link](#) Online registration is open from now until 19 July.

VI. Annual Meeting 2022

The Autorité Marocaine du Marché des Capitaux (AMMC) of Morocco will host the 47th IOSCO Annual Meeting (AM) this year.

The 2022 AM will be held on 17-19 October 2022 in Marrakesh and will be followed by an AMMC Public Conference on 20 October 2022.

Although IOSCO/AMMC plan to hold the 2022 AM as an in-person meeting, we will continue to monitor the evolution of the pandemic worldwide.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Secretariat’s Meeting and Events Team (met@iosco.org)

VII. IOSCO Capacity Building Activities 2022

Stay tuned for additional capacity building activities to be confirmed, including the following:

- **3rd IOSCO/PIFS – Harvard Law School Global Policy Development Seminar**, Virtual, 22 September
- **14th AMCC Regulatory Training Seminar**, Virtual, November (TBC)
- **C4 Training Webinar on the Use of Technology in Securities Markets Enforcement**, Date TBC

Virtual Case Study Session on Theranos, 6 July 2022

A Virtual Case Study Session on Theranos, “*The Rise and Fall of Elisabeth Holmes: An Examination of the Evidence in the Criminal Trial of Unites States of America v. Elisabeth Holmes and Ramesh “Sunny” Balwani*”, is scheduled for 6 July, 14:00 to 15:30 CEST.

This hour and a half virtual session provides rich and compelling teaching points for securities regulators – especially those with responsibility for successfully taking action against market participants that requires the methodical development of a convincing and compelling case based on evidence that is lawfully obtained and persuasively presented. See the attached [flyer](#) for more details.

The session is hosted on the BlueJeans Events platform. Please register online **by 30 June 2022**, using the following [link](#).

This session is offered free of charge and open to all IOSCO members, but available space is limited so please register soon to reserve.

For questions, please contact et-team@iosco.org.

Crypto-Assets: Latest Developments and Regulatory Implications, IOSCO Asia Pacific Hub Webcast, available on Demand,

Innovations related to crypto-assets offer opportunities for capital formation and enhanced access to financial services. However, the rapid developments of crypto-assets and their ecosystem raise concerns for regulators across the globe. The webcast discusses latest developments in the crypto-assets space, including the emergence of Stablecoins, Decentralised Finance and Non-Fungible Tokens, and the regulatory implications of these developments. The webcast also reviews current regulatory approaches to crypto-assets and measures to enhance investor protection.

The webcast is available for viewing at <https://www.iosco.org.my/news-media/webcasts-podcasts>



6th IOSCO/PIFS – Harvard Law School Global Certificate Program for Regulators of Securities Markets – Phase I, Virtual, 6-10 June 2022 & Phase II, Cambridge (MA), US, 12-16 December 2022

IOSCO and the Program on International Financial Systems at Harvard Law School (PIFS-HLS) jointly developed this two-phase program to offer IOSCO members an executive education program that is exclusively tailored for regulators of securities markets. Attendees have up to three years to complete both phases of the Global Certificate Program. Successful attendees will be awarded a joint certificate of participation issued by IOSCO and PIFS-Harvard Law School. Also, IOSCO members may attend any part of the program on a non-certificate basis. This year marks the 6th edition of the program which was inaugurated in 2016.

Phase II, hosted by PIFS-HLS, consists of a one week-long in-person module that will be conducted on campus at the Harvard Law School in Cambridge (Massachusetts, US) from 12-16 December 2022. (Note: depending on the circumstances, Phase II may be delivered in a virtual format.) This one week-long session will examine current and future regulatory challenges and emerging issues and will be delivered by leading academics, securities regulators and public policy makers. While any IOSCO member employee may attend the program, it is specifically designed for regulatory staff with strong leadership potential and approximately five to seven years of regulatory experience.

For more details, please visit the [Members Area](#).

For questions, please contact globalcertificateprogram@iosco.org.

Phase I, Virtual, 6-10 June 2022

Some 300 IOSCO members from close to 80 jurisdictions participated in the 6th edition of the IOSCO/PIFS-HLS Global Certificate Program Phase I. The virtual live sessions were held on 6-10 June 2022, complemented with pre-recorded on-demand presentations and other online content, covering the intricacies of securities regulation and compliance and related current critical issues. Nine participants had already completed the Harvard Phase II of the program in a previous year and as such received their Certificate of completion at the end. This brings the total number of IOSCO members that have completed the two-phase joint program so far to 329. This year's Phase II will take place from 12-16 December. Information on the program format (in-person at Harvard Law School or virtual) and other details will be shared in due course.

17th FSI-IOSCO Conference on Securities Trading Issues and Market Infrastructure, 5-6 October 2022



The Financial Stability Institute (FSI) of the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) and IOSCO are jointly organizing the annual Conference on Securities Trading Issues and Market Infrastructure, in Basel, Switzerland, on 5 and 6 October 2022. (Note: depending on the circumstances, the Conference may be delivered in a virtual format). This Conference, which is intended for bank supervisors and securities regulators, marks the seventeenth year that FSI and IOSCO are organizing this important joint program. For more details, please visit the [Members Area](#).

For questions, please contact capacitybuilding@iosco.org.

VIII. The 2022 Work Calendar:

https://www.iosco.org/members_area/events/?subSection=event-calendar&p=event-calendar-print

IX. Latest Investor Alerts

https://www.iosco.org/investor_protection/?subsection=investor_alerts_portal

X. Recommended Reading

- A. *Financial market regulators can do more to tackle racial economic inequality***, article, American Banker, 29 June

“What many people may not fully appreciate is that financial regulators, who can promote access to lending, capital, and other financial services, have an important role to play — indeed, often an affirmative obligation to act — in addressing racial economic inequality.”

<https://www.americanbanker.com/opinion/financial-market-regulators-can-do-more-to-tackle-racial-economic-inequality>

- B. *EU crypto rules would allow terra, just not as a stablecoin***, article, Risk, 27 June

“Final laws set to prevent algorithmic coins from styling themselves as “stable”, says insider.”

[EU crypto rules would allow terra, just not as a stablecoin](#)

- C. *Three mechanisms for crypto contagion***, article, The Economist, 25 June

“Recent events have also shown how three weaknesses in crypto can amplify trouble: fuzzy valuations, incestuous relationships and the lack of a liquidity backstop.”

<https://www.economist.com/finance-and-economics/2022/06/23/three-mechanisms-for-crypto-contagion>

D. *The SPAC Era Comes to a Whimpering End*, article, Bloomberg, 24 June

“Newly public companies are getting bought out—for far less money—while blank-check promoters prepare for a more skeptical market.”

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2022-06-24/spac-stock-prices-reflect-the-end-of-an-era#xj4y7vzkg>

E. *The deafening silence over Brexit’s economic fallout*, article, the Financial Times, 20 June

“As economists start to quantify the damage from leaving the EU, a tentative debate has begun over how to soften the blow.”

<https://www.ft.com/content/7a209a34-7d95-47aa-91b0-bf02d4214764>

F. *Wonking Out: Wasn’t Bitcoin Supposed to Be a Hedge Against Inflation?* Op-ed by Paul Krugman, The New York Times, 17 June

“There’s a financial joke, whose origin I don’t know, that has been making the rounds lately. It goes like this: If inflation continues at current rates, the purchasing power of wealth held in dollars will be cut in half over the next eight years. But cryptocurrencies can beat that: They can lose half their value in just a few months.”

<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/06/17/opinion/crypto-bitcoin-inflation-gold.html>