



Weekly Bulletin for IOSCO Members – 23

29 June to 6 July 2022

I. IOSCO leadership interviews and speeches

- A. *Regulatory Briefing***, article with comments by IOSCO SG Martin Moloney, FT Sustainable Views, 5 July

“Iosco says a key issue is the currently unavoidable dependence on non-public, and usually unaudited, ESG information. Hence representative bodies need to promote good practice to improve the trustworthiness of data providers.

‘This is not rocket science: putting in place detailed written procedures setting out clearly defined methodologies will go a long way. Internal processes to copper-fasten the independence of those involved in developing ratings is also key. Where there are conflicts of interest, be honest and open about it, and explain how your organisation ensures that those conflicts of interest don’t impact on ratings,’ said Moloney.’

<https://www.sustainableviews.com/regulatory-briefing-uk-fca-on-esg-ratings/> or

https://www.iosco.org/members_area/documents/bulletins/pdf/files/20220705-Regulatory-Briefing.pdf

- B. *Implementing a global baseline for corporate climate disclosures***, keynote address at IFRS Foundation Conference 2022 by Mr. Ashley Alder, Chief Executive Officer, Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission, 23 June

“In a keynote address at the IFRS Foundation Conference 2022, Mr. Ashley Alder related the key issues which the International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO) was considering as part of its in-depth technical evaluation of the International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB) Exposure Drafts. IOSCO placed considerable emphasis on the success of the ISSB project, and its evaluation was expected to inform IOSCO’s potential endorsement of the final standards later in 2022 or early in 2023.”

https://www.sfc.hk/-/media/files/ER/PDF/Speeches/Synopsis---CEO-at-IFRS-Foundation-Conference_28-Jun_final.pdf

II. IOSCO and related reports

- A. *IOSCO published its Crypto-Asset Roadmap for 2022-2023*, press release and roadmap, 7 July

Press release: <https://www.iosco.org/news/pdf/IOSCONEWS649.pdf>

Roadmap: <https://www.iosco.org/library/pubdocs/pdf/IOSCOPD705.pdf>

- B. *CPMI-IOSCO assesses that Turkey has implemented the Principles for financial market infrastructures for two FMI types, but material gaps remain for the other three*, press release and report, CPMI-IOSCO, 6 July

Press release: <https://www.iosco.org/news/pdf/IOSCONEWS648.pdf>

CPMI-IOSCO Report: *Implementation monitoring of PFMI: Level 2 assessment report for Turkey*

<https://www.iosco.org/library/pubdocs/pdf/IOSCOPD704.pdf>

- C. *IFRS Foundation Monitoring Board welcomes strong momentum towards establishing IFRS Sustainability Disclosure standards*, press release, 1 July

<https://www.iosco.org/news/pdf/IOSCONEWS647.pdf>

III. Member News

- A. *Digital Services Package: Commission welcomes the adoption by the European Parliament of the EU's new rulebook for digital services*, press release, European Commission, 5 July

“The Commission welcomes the adoption by the European Parliament of the Digital Services Act and Digital Markets Act, proposed by the Commission in December 2020.

The Digital Services Package sets out a first comprehensive rulebook for the online platforms that we all depend on in our daily lives. These new rules will be applicable across the whole of the EU and will create a safer and more open digital space, grounded in respect for fundamental rights.”

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_22_4313

- B. *New Research and Innovation Performance report: Building a sustainable future in uncertain times*, press release, European Commission, 5 July

“The Commission has released the 2022 edition of the [Science, Research and Innovation Performance \(SRIP\) report](#), analysing the EU's innovation performance in a global context. It provides insights into how research and innovation policies can help build an inclusive, sustainable, competitive and resilient Europe by leveraging the essential role of research and innovation as a source of prosperity and as a catalyst for change. The report also highlights how the coronavirus pandemic and Russia's invasion of Ukraine call for Europe to reinforce its preparedness to quickly and adequately react to new, unexpected challenges.”

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_22_4255

C. *Improving equity secondary markets*, consultation paper, UK Financial Conduct Authority, 5 July

“We are consulting on rule changes to improve trade execution and post-trade transparency for investors. We are also seeking views on future guidance on outages and the structure of UK markets for retail orders.”

<https://www.fca.org.uk/publications/consultation-papers/cp22-12-improving-equity-secondary-markets>

D. *Regulators announce development of Swap Connect*, press release, Hong Kong, Securities and Futures Commission (SFC), 4 July

“The Securities and Futures Commission (SFC), the People’s Bank of China and the Hong Kong Monetary Authority today jointly announced that OTC Clearing Hong Kong Limited, China Foreign Exchange Trade System (National Interbank Funding Center) and Shanghai Clearing House are working to develop Swap Connect, a new mutual market access programme.”

<https://apps.sfc.hk/edistributionWeb/gateway/EN/news-and-announcements/news/doc?refNo=22PR46>

E. *Update by the Capital Markets Board of Türkiye (CMB) on Corporate Sustainability Reporting*, email, Capital Markets Board of Turkey, June 2022

“In order to clarify Borsa Istanbul listed companies’ ESG reporting and make ESG disclosures more understandable and comparable, CMB has published templates for corporate sustainability reporting with a CMB Executive Board decision dated 23 June 2022. Corporate sustainability disclosures are made in accordance with the “CMB

Sustainability Principles Compliance Guidelines” that have been in force since October 2020 on “comply or explain” basis.

The templates are drafted in parallel with the existing corporate governance reporting templates and consisting of sections titled, “Implemented”, “Not Implemented”, “Partially Implemented”, and “Not Applicable”, as well as a field titled “Explanation” to reflect on how the principles are implemented and where the relevant disclosures were made, or reasons for non-implementation and plans for future implementation. The use of the new template will start with annual disclosures that will be made for the year 2022.”

- F. ESG integration in UK capital markets:** Feedback to Consultation Paper 21/18, feedback statement, UK Financial Conduct Authority, June 2022

“This Feedback Statement (FS) brings together respondents’ views and sets out potential future actions. In Chapter 2, we include some background on the evolving landscape for ESG-labelled debt instruments, and ESG data and rating providers. Chapter 3 summarises feedback to the discussion chapter in CP21/18 and our response. Finally, in Chapter 4, we set out our policy actions and potential future direction of travel.”

<https://www.fca.org.uk/publication/feedback/fs22-4.pdf>

IV. Bank for International Settlements/Financial Stability Board

- A. FSI Policy approaches to climate related financial risks,** video, Financial Stability Institute, 6 July

“In conjunction with the BIS AGM, the FSI invited the heads of the secretariats of standard-setting bodies and international organisations to look at whether current regulatory frameworks are adequate to address climate-related financial risks and what adjustments are needed to make them fit for purpose.”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wIzjLYZP7w>

- B. FSB proposes key performance indicators for measuring progress toward the G20 cross-border payments targets,** press release, Financial Stability Board, 6 July 2022

“The Financial Stability Board (FSB) today published for public feedback an [interim report on the approach for monitoring progress](#) toward meeting the targets for the [G20 Roadmap for Enhancing Cross-border Payments](#). The report provides preliminary recommendations about key performance indicators (KPIs) that could be used to monitor progress over time and identifies existing and potential sources of data for calculating those KPIs.”

<https://www.fsb.org/2022/07/fsb-proposes-key-performance-indicators-for-measuring-progress-toward-the-g20-cross-border-payments-targets/>

- C. *Big tech interdependencies – a key policy blind spot***, press release and report, Bank for International Settlements, 5 July

“This paper assesses the interdependencies inherent in big tech business models based on publicly available information on Alibaba, Amazon, Grab, Jumia, Mercado Libre and Rakuten. It outlines the regulatory implications of how big techs provide financial services and the tools financial authorities have at their disposal now to address related risks.”

<https://www.bis.org/fsi/publ/insights44.htm>

V. Other News

- A. *Cryptocurrencies Are ‘Clear Danger’: RBI Governor***, article, Press Trust of India, 30 June

“The [Indian] government is in the process of finalising a consultation paper on cryptocurrencies after gathering inputs from various stakeholders and institutions.”

<https://www.outlookindia.com/business/cryptocurrencies-are-clear-danger-rbi-governor-news-205822>

- B. *Views on the DEBRA proposal***, statement, Federation of European Securities Exchanges (FESE), 4 July

“FESE welcomes the Commission’s proposal on a debt-equity bias reduction allowance (DEBRA) and shares its general objective to address the tax-induced imbalance in favour of debt financing across the single market. However, we recommend refraining from imposing new fiscal barriers to debt financing and rather concentrating on the equal treatment of equity.”

<https://www.fese.eu/app/uploads/2022/07/220704-FESE-views-on-the-DEBRA-proposal.pdf>

- C. *Joint Statement on the U.S.-UK Financial Innovation Partnership Meeting 29th June 2022***, press release, US Department of the Treasury, 1 July

“U.S. and U.K. participants in the U.S.-UK Financial Innovation Partnership (FIP) met in London on Wednesday 29th June for a Regulatory Pillar meeting. In this third meeting of the Regulatory Pillar of the FIP, participants gathered to exchange views on topics of

mutual interest in the U.S. and UK regarding crypto and digital asset ecosystems and to deepen ties between U.S. and UK financial authorities on financial innovation.”

<https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy0845>

D. *A Reality Check on Green Finance: Analysis of the Size, Growth & Penetration of Green Finance in European Capital Markets*, report, New Financial, June 2022

“This report shows that while green finance in Europe has grown rapidly to more than €300bn last year alone, it is still a long way short of the sort of levels required for Europe to meet its net zero targets - and still only represents about 12% of all capital markets activity. The report drills behind the headline numbers, analyses the growth and trends in different sectors and types of green finance over the past five years, and highlights some of the challenges ahead.”

<https://newfinancial.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/2022.06-A-reality-check-on-green-finance-New-Financial.pdf?R6wF9AvbqY=3EE3E6F2F01942D653738CD18DCE6E73>

E. *SC Releases New Sukuk Framework to Facilitate Companies’ Transition to Net Zero*, press release, Malaysia, Securities Commission (SC), 30 June 2022

“The Securities Commission Malaysia (SC) today launched the Sustainable and Responsible Investment linked (SRI-linked) Sukuk Framework (Framework) to facilitate fundraising by companies in addressing sustainability concerns such as climate change or social agenda, with features that relate to the issuer’s sustainability performance commitments.”

<https://www.sc.com.my/resources/media/media-release/sc-releases-new-sukuk-framework-to-facilitate-companies-transition-to-net-zero>

VI. 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 and will remain open until 19 July.

See the IOSCO WIW 2022 announcement videos at <https://www.worldinvestorweek.org/> under “Announcements”.

VII. Annual Meeting 2022

The Autorité Marocaine du Marché des Capitaux (AMMC) of Morocco will host the 47th IOSCO Annual Meeting (AM) this year. Registration is now open at: <https://www.iosco2022marrakech.ma/>

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)

VIII. 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, video, recordings and other material available on demand

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”, took place on 6 July 2022, between 14:00 and 15:30 CEST.

This hour and a half session provided rich and compelling teaching points for securities regulators – especially those that have responsibility for successfully bringing adverse actions against market participants and that requires the methodical and tedious development of a convincing and compelling case based on the evidence that is lawfully obtained and persuasively presented.

[Click here](#) for the session materials and video.

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.

IX. Other Events

A. Fintech Week, London, 11th to 15th July, for more information, see:

<https://www.fintechweek.london/event/0d7c012f-8593-4b1a-a93d-0d4a22b5b9b9/summary>

B. SEC/CFTC Sustainability-related proposals: Views from Exchanges, webinar, panel discussion, World Federation of Exchanges,

Date: 21 July 2022, **Time:** 13:00 PM-14:00 PM BST

Introduction: Nandini Sukumar, CEO, The World Federation of Exchanges

Moderator: Christine Brentani, Senior Manager, Regulatory Affairs – Sustainability Lead, The World Federation of Exchanges

Panelists: Brian Matt, CFA, Head of ESG Advisory, New York Stock Exchange

Angelo Evangelou, Chief Policy Officer, Cboe Global Markets

Cesar Sanches, Head of Sustainability, B3



Global supervisors have now ranked sustainability risk and reporting high on the regulatory agendas. Both the SEC and the CFTC are in the process of gathering information from market participants and key stakeholders on regulatory proposals that will impact the identification and assessment of climate-related risks and opportunities. Representatives from NYSE, Cboe and B3 discuss the SEC proposals for climate-related disclosures and the CFTC's request for information on climate-related financial risk and share perspective on how exchanges are approaching these regulatory initiatives. For more information and registration:

<https://www.world-exchanges.org/seccftc-sustainability-related-proposals-views-exchanges>

X. The 2022 Work Calendar:

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

XI. Latest Investor Alerts

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

XII. Recommended Reading

- A. *Court deals blow to SEC's bid to overhaul market-data feeds from Nasdaq, NYSE***, article, Wall Street Journal/Market Watch, 6 July

"A federal court partly rejected a Securities and Exchange Commission plan to loosen the control that stock exchanges have over public market data feeds, handing a victory to Nasdaq Inc. and Intercontinental Exchange Inc.'s New York Stock Exchange."

<https://www.marketwatch.com/story/court-deals-blow-to-secs-bid-to-overhaul-market-data-feeds-from-nasdaq-nyse-11657061484?rss=1&siteid=rss>

- B. *Cryptocurrencies are not the new monetary system we need***, opinion by Martin Wolf, Financial Times, 5 July

"They proliferate uncontrollably and are objects of speculation rather than stores of value."

<https://www.ft.com/content/f2faeec9-6d42-4d78-9c68-1f59795789a7>

C. *IOSCO to rule on suitability of ISSB standards within months*, article, IPE, 5 July

“One of the first tasks on the new board’s agenda will be to begin redeliberating the first of its two draft sustainability standards dealing with general sustainability disclosures and climate change, which it issued in March.

The board expects to have finalised the two standards by the end of the year.”

<https://www.ipe.com/news/iosco-to-rule-on-suitability-of-issb-standards-within-months/10060929.article>

D. *Can crypto contagion infect mainstream finance?* Article, Financial Times, 1 July

“Most regulators and industry heavyweights believe banks and asset managers are protected.”

<https://www.ft.com/content/03bb9296-b645-4311-abb2-14bc3ab66443>