



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION (FSC) TO PARTICIPATE IN IOSCO'S 8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WORLD INVESTOR WEEK**

***Belmopan, September 23, 2024***

The Financial Services Commission of Belize (FSC) is proud to announce its inaugural participation in the International Organization of Securities Commissions' (IOSCO) 8<sup>th</sup> Edition of World Investor Week (WIW), a global initiative aimed at promoting investor education and protection.

World Investor Week 2024 will run from 7 October 2024 to October 12, 2024, bringing together more than 100 jurisdictions worldwide to spotlight critical issues impacting investors today. The campaign will focus on trending topics such as:

- Technology & Digital Finance
- Crypto Assets
- Sustainable Finance

In addition to these, WIW 2024 will also feature discussions and workshops on:

- Fraud and Scam Prevention
- Investor Resilience
- Basics of Investing

In highlighting the importance of this event, Mr. Claude Haylock, Director General, Financial Services Commission, emphasised that, "Becoming an Associate Member of IOSCO earlier this year reinforces our dedication to creating a financial environment that

prioritises investor education and protection. With the rise of AI, virtual assets and other transformative technologies, it is critical that we continue to educate and protect investors.” He added, “We encourage all investors, whether seasoned or new, to actively participate in the events and take advantage of the resources available. The knowledge gained will be crucial in navigating today’s evolving financial landscape.”

For more information about Belize’s World Investor Week 2024, including the full event schedule, visit our official [WIW 2024](#) page and follow us on the FSC’s social media platforms.

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## **ABOUT IOSCO**

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.

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.

- a. Enhance investor protection;
- b. Ensure markets are fair and efficient;
- c. Promote financial stability by reducing systemic risk.

The IOSCO Board is the governing and standard-setting body of IOSCO and is made up of 35 securities regulators.

For more information: [www.iosco.org](http://www.iosco.org)

## **ABOUT IOSCO WIW:**

IOSCO's World Investor Week is a week-long global campaign to raise awareness of the importance of Investor Education and Protection, and to highlight the various initiatives of securities regulators in these two critical areas.

**Details on IOSCO's WIW can be read here:**

[www.worldinvestorweek.org](http://www.worldinvestorweek.org)

**IOSCO's WIW 2024 Press Release is available to read here:**

[IOSCO announces themes for its 8th edition of World Investor Week](#)

## **ABOUT FSC:**

The Financial Services Commission (FSC) is the regulatory body for non-bank financial services in Belize for those services and entities licensed or registered the Financial Services Commission Act, Cap. 272 Revised Edition 2020 and the Securities Industry Act, 2021. In addition to the existing functions entrusted to FSC, combined with the Belize Companies Act No. 11 of 2022, the FSC's mandate and responsibilities include:

- Facilitating capital formation and economic growth;
- Protecting investors from unfair, improper, or fraudulent practices;
- Fostering development of fair and efficient capital markets and confidence in the capital markets in or from within Belize;
- Reducing systemic risk; and
- Promoting public understanding of the financial system, including awareness of the benefits and risks of various kinds of investment or other financial activities.
- Promoting Company formation and Business Registration

## **For more information:**

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