

PRESS RELEASE

FSC of Belize Becomes an Ordinary Member of IOSCO, Marking Full Integration into Global Securities Regulatory Community

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The Financial Services Commission (FSC) of Belize has been admitted as an **Ordinary Member of the International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO)**, marking a significant milestone in Belize's continued integration into the international framework for cross-border securities regulation, supervision, and enforcement cooperation.

Ordinary Membership is the highest level of participation within IOSCO and is reserved for national securities regulators that meet the organisation's rigorous standards for regulatory capacity and enforcement cooperation, and adherence. IOSCO's members collectively regulate more than 95% of the world's securities markets across 130 jurisdictions.

This achievement builds on the FSC's acceptance as an [IOSCO Associate Member](#) in May 2024, followed by its designation as a signatory of the **IOSCO Multilateral Memorandum of Understanding (MMoU)** in December 2025. Together these milestones reflect a structured and deliberate progression toward full participation in IOSCO's membership.

From Associate Membership to Full Participation

Associate Membership provided the FSC with formal entry into IOSCO's capacity-building framework. Following that admission, the FSC undertook the IOSCO MMoU screening process, demonstrating that Belize possesses the legal authority and operational capacity to cooperate and exchange information with foreign securities regulators for enforcement purposes.

MMoU signatory status is a prerequisite for Ordinary Membership. With that requirement satisfied, the FSC's admission as an Ordinary Member confirms that Belize now meets IOSCO's highest benchmarks for international regulatory cooperation and supervisory effectiveness.

As an Ordinary Member, the FSC now enjoys full participation rights within IOSCO, including voting rights, eligibility to serve on IOSCO committees, and the ability to contribute directly to the development of international regulatory and supervisory standards.

Strengthening Cross-Border Enforcement Cooperation

Ordinary Membership enhances the FSC's ability to engage constructively with regulatory counterparts worldwide and strengthens Belize's capacity to deter misconduct, protect investors, and support fair, efficient, and transparent securities markets.

Supporting the Supervision of Emerging Financial Technologies

MMoU signatory status also enhances the FSC's capacity to supervise emerging financial activities within an internationally credible enforcement framework. By meeting IOSCO's standards for cooperation and information sharing, the FSC supports a robust supervisory approach to financial innovation, including activities related to digital asset tokenization and other technology-driven financial services, while maintaining a strong focus on investor protection and market integrity.

Statement from the Director General

Mr. Claude B. F. Haylock, Director General of the FSC, stated:

"Becoming an Ordinary Member of IOSCO represents the culmination of a disciplined regulatory journey for Belize. From Associate Membership, through MMoU signatory status, to full Ordinary Membership, each step has demonstrated our legal, supervisory, and enforcement framework to be in line with international standards.

Ordinary Membership allows Belize to participate fully in IOSCO's policy and standard-setting work and confirms the FSC's standing as a credible and effective securities regulator within the global regulatory community."

Continuing Commitment to International Standards

The FSC will continue to implement IOSCO's Objectives and Principles of Securities Regulation and to engage actively in IOSCO's supervisory, policy, and enforcement cooperation initiatives. Ordinary Membership further underscores Belize's commitment to regulatory transparency, market integrity, and responsible financial sector development, positioning the country for continued growth and innovation in its financial markets.

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About the FSC

The Financial Services Commission (FSC) is the statutory authority responsible for the supervision and regulation of non-bank financial services in Belize. The FSC's mandate is to promote the integrity, stability, and efficiency of the financial sector while ensuring robust protection for investors through a risk-based supervisory framework.

Learn more at www.belizefsc.org.bz

About IOSCO

The International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO) is the leading international policy forum for securities regulators and the global standard setter for securities regulation. IOSCO's membership regulates more than 95% of the world's securities markets in over 130 jurisdictions, with securities regulators in emerging markets accounting for 75% of its ordinary membership.

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