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IOSCO announces Call for Applications for its first TechSprint on Investor Education in the Age of Artificial Intelligence (AI)

The call for applications for the first IOSCO TechSprint, powered by the UK Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) AI Lab, was launched today. The [online portal](#) will be open from today, 2 March, to 30 April 2026.

In collaboration with the FCA AI Lab, IOSCO is organizing a TechSprint focused on Investor Education and empowering investors to navigate financial markets shaped by new technologies, especially AI.

The selected teams will work on either or both of two problems statements, both focused on the impact of technology for retail investors:

- How to help retail investors **identify and avoid AI-enabled fraud and scams**
- How technology can be used to **educate and empower retail investors to use AI** as a learning tool about finance, while understanding AI-related risks across diverse regulatory and cultural contexts.

Key elements for both problem statements are accessibility and potential for alignment across multiple regulatory and cultural contexts.

Teams will work virtually over the next few months, with regular check-ins and mentoring from IOSCO and its members, and showcase their project at an in-person Demo Day event on 8 October 2026 in Madrid, coinciding with the 10th anniversary of World Investor Week.

The ideal applicants will hail from all corners of the ecosystem to create diverse teams with complementary skills.

See the full problem statements and description of the TechSprint [here](#).

A guide for participants is available [here](#).

Any questions regarding the application process and the TechSprint may be sent to ioscotech sprint@iosco.org.

“New technologies such as AI offer extraordinary opportunities to expand financial inclusion, enhance investor understanding and improve the quality of services for investors. They also introduce new vulnerabilities: sophisticated and lightning-fast fraud, deep-fakes, and misinformation that can erode confidence and harm consumers. These challenges demand collective action and forward-looking solutions. The IOSCO TechSprint represents precisely this spirit of international collaboration, and demonstrates IOSCO’s commitment to guiding technological progress in a way that safeguards and educates investors and supports healthy, well-functioning global markets.”

- **Jean-Paul Servais**, IOSCO Board Chair

“As AI drives the rapid evolution of markets, strengthening the digital skills and vigilance of retail investors has become critical to their financial literacy and protection. This TechSprint is proving to be a powerful platform for mobilizing expertise and innovation, advancing the collective mission of IOSCO members to better protect and educate investors.”

- **Camille Beaudoin**, Chair of the Committee on Retail Investors

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; and
- 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.

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. 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 H.E. Waleed Saeed Al Awadhi, Chief Executive Officer of the Securities and Commodities Authority, United Arab Emirates; (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.

6. IOSCO's General Secretariat is headquartered in Madrid, Spain. The Secretariat supports and coordinates the work of IOSCO and is comprised of permanent staff and member secondees. It is led by Rodrigo Buenaventura who was appointed IOSCO's Secretary General in January 2025.

7. IOSCO's Committee on Retail Investors is IOSCO's standing policy committee, responsible for addressing issues that affect retail investors, including investor education, financial literacy, and protection from fraud and misconduct. C8 works to develop guidance and best practices that help member regulators protect retail investors while promoting fair, efficient, and transparent markets.

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