INTERNATIONAL REGULATORY CO-OPERATION:
The Role of International Organisations

International organisations (IOs) play a growing role as standard setting bodies in supporting regulatory co-operation. At the OECD's initiative and with the support and leadership of a core group of 6 committed partners (FAO, IMO, ISO, OIML, UNECE, and WHO), 50 international organisations have been working together for the past 3 years to undertake comparative analysis and deepen the understanding of their contribution to global standard setting. This collaboration resulted in the collection of unique and valuable evidence, reflected in the report International Regulatory Co-operation: the Role of International Organisations and seven case studies, to be launched on 2 November 2016 at the OECD Headquarters in Paris.

This report and case studies will make publicly available reliable and precise information about the IOs practice in the field of international regulatory co-operation. This work will be accessible to the scientific community, which will thereafter be able to work on the matter, notably with a view to conceptualize as well as criticize the said practice and, more generally, formulate opinions on how to improve the role that International Organizations are called to play in the current globalized world.

In this context, three scholars have been called by the Centre of International law of the University of Nanterre to present their views, as academics, on three related questions.

Chair of the conference: Nicola Bonucci, Director for Legal Affairs, OECD

10:00-10:15 Key highlights from the OECD report on Regulatory Co-operation: the Role of International Organisations in Fostering Better Rules of Globalisation, **Céline Kauffmann**, OECD Regulatory Policy Division

10:15-10:45 **PANEL 1. NOT ENOUGH, OR TOO MANY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS?**

In a context where the number of international organisations has dramatically increased since the first of them where created, **Professor Jean-Marc Thouvenin** will address the issue of the overlap between international organisations with duplicative functions.

10:45-11:15 **PANEL 2. HOW EFFICIENT IS THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS IN THE IOs?**

Taking into account the information gathered by the OECD on the different kinds of decision-making processes that have been developed by International Organisations, and under the background that forms the "good administration" requirements, **Professor Pierre Bodeau-Livinec** will present his thoughts on the assessment of such decision-making processes as against usual criteria of good governance of IOs.

11:15-11:45 **PANEL 3. WHAT IS A GOOD INTERNATIONAL STANDARD**

International standards are deemed to offer useful and efficient regulatory tools to the international community. However, considering the very large number of international institutions, public or private, involved in standard-setting processes, **Professor Regis Bismuth** will address the question of whether it would be possible to assess the quality of such tools.

Each presentation will be followed by a debate, introduced by **Professor Alain Pellet**.

11:45-12:00 **CONCLUDING REMARKS**