OIML and the 61st CIML Meeting: New Delhi, 26-28 October 2026

Historical source context as at 20 October 2026: OIML, invitation to the 61st CIML meeting (26-28 October 2026)
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Why in the News

The **61st meeting of the International Committee of Legal Metrology (CIML) is to be held from 26 to 28 October 2026** in New Delhi. According to the OIML website, the meeting will run from Monday 26 October (afternoon) to Wednesday 28 October (morning). This meeting has not yet taken place.

The difference between the organisation and the meeting:

OIML is the organisation and **CIML** is its committee, whose 61st meeting this is. Along with the meeting there will be a CEEMS seminar on Monday morning and an OIML strategic workshop on Tuesday morning.

OIML
Intergovernmental treaty-based organisation; model rules, standards and mutual-recognition systems

61st CIML meeting
26 to 28 October 2026, New Delhi; a future meeting

Alongside
CEEMS seminar (Monday morning), strategic workshop (Tuesday morning)

Diagram: original comparison table.

What is the OIML?

The OIML website describes it as an **intergovernmental treaty-based organisation**. It prepares model rules, standards and related documents for legal-metrology officials and industry, and runs mutual-recognition systems that reduce the barriers and costs of trade. Legal metrology concerns the measurements for which governments take responsibility, such as trade and consumer protection.

Among the OIML's publications, **International Recommendations** are model rules for measuring instruments, which member countries are morally obliged to implement as far as possible. **International Documents** are for guidance. The OIML website also

describes it as an "international standard-setting body" in the sense of the WTO's TBT Agreement.

Where does confusion arise in the exam?

Do not write the meeting as an event that has already happened. "Morally obliged" does not mean legally binding. Facts about the number of OIML member countries or India's membership were not read in this source, so they have not been included here.

Direction of preparation from past questions:

The official General Studies Paper-I of UPSC Prelims 2023 carried statement-based questions on institutions and their functions. So prepare the institution, its work and the nature of its publications separately. The questions below are **original practice**, not actual PYQs.

Prelims Style: Practice Questions

Question 1. With reference to the OIML, consider the following statements:

Statement 1: It is an intergovernmental treaty-based organisation.
Statement 2: It prepares model rules and documents for legal metrology.
Statement 3: Its International Recommendations are legally binding on member countries.

How many of the above statements are correct?

(a) Only one

(b) Only two

(c) All three

(d) None

View answer and explanation
Answer: (b) Only two. Statements 1 and 2 are correct. According to the OIML, member countries are morally obliged to implement the Recommendations as far as possible.

Question 2. Which statement is correct about the 61st CIML meeting?

(a) It has already been held in New Delhi in 2025

(b) It is scheduled in New Delhi from 26 to 28 October 2026

(c) It is to be held in Paris

(d) There is no seminar or workshop along with it

View answer and explanation
Answer: (b). As per the invitation, the meeting is in New Delhi from 26 to 28 October 2026, with a CEEMS seminar and a strategic workshop alongside.

Question 3. Which of the following pairs is correct?

(a) OIML: the 61st meeting of the committee

(b) CIML: the name of the intergovernmental treaty-based organisation

(c) International Recommendations: model rules for measuring instruments

(d) International Documents: legally binding orders

View answer and explanation
Answer: (c). The OIML is the organisation, the CIML is its committee, and International Documents are for guidance.

Sources:

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