

AGENDA

23-24 February 2022

OECD 8th Forum
on Due Diligence
in the Garment
and
Footwear Sector

**RETHINKING THE
BUSINESS MODEL FOR
RESPONSIBLE SUPPLY
CHAINS**



■ About the 8th OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains in the Garment and Footwear Sector

The theme of the 2022 Forum is **Rethinking The Business Model For Responsible Supply Chains**. Discussions will consider key developments in the sector, some affecting the very essence of supply chain structures and the capacity of different actors to adopt risk-based due diligence in their day to day activities. A series of panel sessions will explore which type of business models and broader policy initiatives deliver better practice on RBC, across topics from purchasing practices to supply chain dialogue structures, from living wages to climate risk mitigation and adaptation, and from mandatory due diligence to public procurement. Together, participants will focus on opportunities and next steps for scaling those initiatives that demonstrate impact.

■ About the OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains in the Garment and Footwear Sector

The [OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains in the Garment and Footwear Sector](#) establishes a common understanding of due diligence in the sector to help companies meet expectations on due diligence laid out in the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises (OECD Guidelines). The OECD Due Diligence Guidance, which was developed through a multi-stakeholder process, was approved by all governments adhering to the OECD Guidelines and endorsed by business, trade unions and civil society. It is a direct response to the G7 Leaders' Declaration on 7-8 June 2015 in Schloss Elmau, which welcomed international efforts to promulgate industry-wide due diligence standards in the textile and ready-made garment sector. The Guidance is applicable to all companies – large and small – operating in global garment and footwear supply chains.

■ OECD Fora on Due Diligence in the Garment and Footwear Sector

The OECD Garment Forum convenes over 600 representatives from government, business, workers and civil society to discuss key issues and risks related to due diligence in global garment and footwear supply chains in a neutral environment. A common denominator of the discussions is the OECD Due Diligence for Responsible Supply Chains in the Garment and Footwear Sector. The OECD Forum pushes the needle by focusing on challenging processes and issues related to due diligence and driving towards solutions. The Forum also plays a role in supporting alignment across governments and industry initiatives on expectations of business.

During the week of the OECD Garment Forum there will also be a number of side sessions organised by partners. The side session agenda will be made available on the OECD Forum webpage nearer to the Forum date.

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■ DAY 1: WEDNESDAY, 23 FEBRUARY 2022

10:00 – 11:30 Collaboration among manufacturers on responsible purchasing practices: the missing piece of the puzzle?

Efforts towards harmonisation of expectations on responsible purchasing practices at the industry level are gaining momentum, notably among manufacturers. Recent key developments, for instance the Sustainable Terms of Trade Initiative (STTI), seek to facilitate a more balanced buyer-supplier dialogue. Within this context, this session will emphasise the importance of manufacturers having a unified voice and how this may contribute towards greater accountability and a joint and balanced ownership of due diligence responsibilities between buyer and supplier.

Moderator

Dorothy Lovell, Policy Advisor - Garment and Footwear Lead, OECD

Speakers

Miran Ali, Director, BGMEA

Matthijs Crietee, Secretary General, International Apparel Federation (IAF)

Christina Hajagos-Clausen, Director for Textile and Garment Sector, IndustriALL Global Union

Joscha Hoffmann, Senior Sustainability Coordinator, Waschbär

Fernando Pimentel, President of the Board of Directors, Brazilian Textile and Apparel Industry Association (Abit)

12:00 – 13:30 Opening plenary

12:00 - 12:20 Opening speeches

12:20 - 13:30 Opening plenary: Due diligence implementation in the garment and footwear sector: What is moving the sector forward?

In the road to due diligence implementation, certain business models and policy approaches are driving better Responsible Business Conduct practices. This opening session will explore perspectives from different stakeholder groups on the types of business models and broader policy initiatives that raise structural opportunities for scaled and improved RBC performance in the sector. A panel will discuss the importance of a number of different approaches, considering business models, supply chain structures, access to finance, design, circularity, transparency expectations, and agreements with trade unions.

Moderator

Mathilde Mesnard, Deputy Director, OECD

Keynote Speaker

Yoshiki Takeuchi, Deputy Secretary General, OECD

Speakers

Alessandra Biaggi, Senator, New York State

Valérie Boiten, Senior Policy Officer, Ellen MacArthur Foundation

Márcio Luiz de Freitas Naves de Lima, Coordinator of the NCP Brazil, Undersecretary for Foreign Investments of the Executive Secretariat of the Foreign Trade Board, Ministry of Economy

Atle Høie, General Secretary, IndustriALL Global Union

Radi Ivanova, Vice President Sustainable Product Group, Corporate Banking, Barclays

Tania Lozansky, Senior Manager of Advisory for Manufacturing, Agribusiness and Services, IFC

Madelaine Tuininga, Head of Unit, DG Trade, European Commission, EU

13:45 - 15:00 Enabling living wages through responsible purchasing practices – taking stock

This session will provide an overview of different approaches buyers and suppliers are adopting to ensure that

purchasing practices enable suppliers to pay living wages. The panel will discuss existing tools and monitoring frameworks that support these actions, and consider the intention-impact gap, what it will take to scale up good practices to achieve impact, and which co-dependent RBC actions (beyond purchasing practices) can support these efforts.

Moderator

Jos Huber, Labour Rights Expert, Retired, formerly Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Netherlands

Speakers

Renee Bowers, Senior Director for Social Compliance, Fair Labor Association

Trisha Gulati, Chief Human Resource Officer, PureCotz

Veronique Rochet, Senior Head of Sustainability, Puma

Bea Maria Ruoff, Head of Operations, Accountability and Monitoring, ACT on living wages

Daniel Vaughan-Whitehead, Co-Founder and Chair, Fair Wage Network

15:30 - 16:45 Due diligence reporting on responsible purchasing practices: what the data tells us

The session will provide an overview of the current state of play of responsible purchasing practices (RPP) coverage within due diligence reporting. The session will highlight major barriers to comparable data collection and development of measurable indicators and surveys, as well as share examples of good practice in reporting on purchasing practices across self-reporting, established benchmarks and ESG frameworks. A panel will identify key areas for action and priority next steps to improve development of specific data points and supplier assessments, to allow for sector-wide tracking of this issue.

Moderator

Benjamin Katz, Policy Analyst, OECD

Speakers

Hendrik Alpen, Sustainability Engagement Manager, H&M Group

Marsha Dickson, President and Co-Founder, Better Buying Institute

Dan Neale, Lead - Social Transformation, World Benchmarking Alliance

Miguel Perez Ludena, Research Lead, GRI

Laureen van Breen, Managing Director, WikiRate

Aruna Kashyap, Associate Director, Human Rights Watch

17:30 - 18:30 Responsible garment and footwear supply chains in the Latin America and the Caribbean region: key issues and opportunities

This session will provide an opportunity to explore current RBC issues and practices within the LAC region, drawing from the key findings of the OECD Garment and Footwear sectoral report on RBC in the region. The new Portuguese language version of the OECD Garment Guidance will also be launched.

Moderator

Germán Zarama, Regional Focal point for Latin America and the Caribbean, Centre for Responsible Business Conduct, OECD

Speakers

Paulina Campi3n, Responsable de Comercio Exterior, Camara de la Industria del Calzado (CIC) Argentina

Lilian Taise Da Silva Beduschi, Sustainability Manager, Grupo Malwee

M3rcio Luiz de Freitas Naves de Lima, Coordinator of the NCP Brazil, Undersecretary for Foreign Investments of the Executive Secretariat of the Foreign Trade Board, Ministry of Economy

Kenverly Quintana Uran, Coordinadora Gest3n Ambiental, Cueros V3lez

M3nica Salazar, Founder & CEO, Dignificando el Trabajo

■ DAY 2: THURSDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 2022

10:00 - 11:30 Addressing climate risk through due diligence for RBC: Practical actions for business

In the wake of COP 26, the UN Climate Change Conference held in Glasgow in November 2021, this session provides an opportunity to reflect on collective steps to bring the sector's contribution to climate change within global emission reduction targets, as well as preparing adaptation strategies. Hearing from practitioners applying the RBC framework to their climate mitigation and adaptation risks, the session will also provide an overview of a forthcoming OECD tool, developed in partnership with UNFCCC and UNEP, to support companies to conduct due diligence on their climate risks.

Moderator

Laila Petrie, CEO, 2050

Speakers

Sanket Bhale, Team Leader, WWF-India

Bettina Heller, Programme Officer, UNEP

Hoang Ngoc Anh, Public Private Partnership Coordinator, IDH Vietnam

Payal Jain, Head of Sustainability - Global Production, H&M Group

Lindita Xhaferi-Salih, Sectors Engagement Lead, UNFCCC

12:00 - 13:15 Considering the potential role of sectoral initiatives in mandatory due diligence

Governments are increasingly strengthening their policy tools on RBC to include legislation on human rights and environmental due diligence. Within this context, this session aims to explore the potential role for sustainability initiatives in the context of mandatory due diligence frameworks. Drawing from the current example of the EU Conflict Minerals regulation and the OECD's Alignment Assessments, the session will explore the benefits and limitations of recognising credible sustainability initiatives as a means to assessing individual companies' due diligence practice.

The session will also discuss how the OECD's Alignment Assessment methodologies can support a common understanding of due diligence and a harmonised model for recognising different types of initiatives that are aligned with international due diligence standards.

Moderator

Hannah Koep-Andrieu, Alignment Practice Manager, OECD

Speakers

Bärbel Kofler, Member of the German Parliament and Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany

Aleix Busquets Gonzalez, Director Global Sustainability, C&A

Guus Houttuin, Senior Advisor Trade, European External Action Service (EEAS)

Veronique Camerer, Head of Policy & Accountability, International Accord Foundation

Ben Vanpeperstraete, Senior Legal Advisor, European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights e.V. (ECCHR)

Margreet Vrieling, Associate director, Fair Wear

13:45 - 15:00 Exploring the impact of emerging government policy on forced labour risks

Governments are using a range of tools to tackle forced labour risk in global supply chains, from disclosure-based due diligence law, customs border checks and product bans, through to facilitating collaboration and providing issue- and sector-based guidance to businesses based on the OECD due diligence guidance.

The session will explore experiences implementing these policies, both from the perspective of government agencies responsible for enforcement, and businesses striving to meet the expectations of the policy measures. Further, the panel will consider how and to what extent these policy approaches are driving forced

labour prevention and remediation in the supply chain, through some key examples.

Moderator

Tyler Gillard, Head of Due Diligence, Centre for Responsible Business Conduct, OECD

Speakers

Chloe Cranston, Business and Human Rights Manager, Anti-Slavery International

Josephine Baiamonte, Senior Advisor, Forced Labor Division, Office of Trade, U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Christopher Faroghi, Policy Officer, Trade and Human Rights, Sustainable Development, European Commission

Nate Herman, Senior Vice President, Policy, American Apparel & Footwear Association

Kenichi Tomiyoshi, Executive Vice President, Japan Textile Federation

Heather Webb, Established Ethical Trade Partner, ASOS

15:30 - 16:45 Learnings from the pilot: Integrating RBC in Public Procurement of Textiles

In 2021, the OECD ran a pilot to support public buyers in integrating OECD risk-based due diligence into their purchases of uniforms and other garments. This session will provide the opportunity to hear from pilot participants on their experiences, and how the pilot has helped them address key challenges. The discussion is framed by the question of how to balance objectives associated with responsible business conduct and public procurement principles like value for money, competition and ample access for companies of any size. The panel will reflect on those areas where public buyers require targeted support from policy makers, as well as types of tools and frameworks adapted to public buyers' needs (building on existing OECD guidances).

Moderator

Lena Diesing, Policy Analyst, OECD

Speakers

Amol Mehra, Director of Industry Transformation, Laudes Foundation

Erika Bozzay, Senior Policy Advisor, OECD

Secil Helg, Specialist in Sustainable Procurement, Swiss Post

Julie Lødrup, First Secretary, The Norwegian Confederation of Trade Unions (LO)

Simone Terbrack, Policy Advisor, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action

