



## Strengthening responsible business conduct through international standards

Thursday, 7 June 2018  
08:30 – 16:00

Chao Phraya 1 Conference Room  
Montien Riverside Hotel

### AGENDA

#### 08.30 – 09.30 Registration

#### 09.30 – 10.00 Opening and Welcome Remarks

- **Ms. Pitikan Sithidej**, Director-General of Rights and Liberties Protection Department, Ministry of Justice, Thailand
- **Mr. Supark Prongthura**, Deputy Director-General of International Organization Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Thailand
- **Mr. Predee Daochai**, Chairman of JSCCIB-Thailand and Chairman of the Thai Bankers' Association

#### 10.00 – 11.30 Responsible Business Conduct in Practice

This session will introduce why responsible business matters and give a brief overview of the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and practical guidance for businesses, as well as the UN Guiding Principles for Business and Human Rights and the linkages between these instruments. Examples of how RBC standards are integrated in international and national contexts will be provided and latest developments in promoting responsible global supply chains will be shared.

- **Dr. Seree Nonthasoot**, Representative of Thailand to the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights
- **Ms. Cristina Tébar Less**, Head, Responsible Business Conduct, OECD

#### 11.30 – 12.00 Roundtable Q&A

12.00 – 13.00 Lunch

#### 13.00 – 15.30 Panel discussion: Best Practices on Responsible Business Conduct

This panel will discuss the ways businesses are implementing RBC standards in Thailand and will discuss concrete ways through which RBC can be further strengthened, including implementation of the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles for Business and Human Rights. The OECD will provide examples from its work in minerals, agriculture, garment and footwear, extractives, and financial sector supply chains.

*\*Simultaneous Thai-English translation will be provided*

*\*Coffee break will be served 10.30-10.45 and 14.30-14.45*

*Moderator*

**Dr. Seree Nonthasoot**, Representative of Thailand to the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights

*Panellists*

- **Mr. Krisada Piampongsant**, Advisor of the Board of Trade of Thailand
- **Mr. Suchart Chantaranakaracha**, Vice Chairman of the Federation of Thai Industries
- **Dr. Nethithorn Praditsarn**, Vice President, Group Sustainability and Communications Office of Chairman, Charoen Pokphand (CP) Group and Global Compact Network Thailand
- **Ms. Cristina Tébar Less**, Head, Responsible Business Conduct, OECD

## 15.30 – 15.50 Roundtable Q&A

## 15.50 – 16.00 Closing Remarks

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### About this event

The Government of Thailand is hosting a *Business and Human Rights Week* in Bangkok from 4-8 June 2018 in the context of its current efforts to elaborate a National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights. The purpose of this workshop is to discuss international standards on responsible business conduct with Thai businesses and to feature examples of how businesses are tackling environmental and social issues in global supply chains in Thailand and globally.

The Joint Standing Committee on Commerce Industry and Banking (JSCCIB) of Thailand was established in 1977 and is the main body bringing together three main private sector organisations in Thailand, namely the Board of Trade of Thailand (BOT), the Federation of Thai Industries (FTI) and the Thai Bankers' Association (TBA). JSCCIB aims to promote international economic, trade and investment relations, identify trade and investment obstacles in order to improve economic conditions and investment climate, and promote bilateral economic, trade and investment cooperation.

The OECD is home to the most comprehensive international instrument on responsible business conduct, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises. The OECD has developed practical guidance to help businesses carry out risk-based due diligence on environmental and social issues in order to avoid and address negative impacts associated with their operations, supply chains and other business relationships. The OECD Guidelines align with the UN Guiding Principles for Business and Human Rights and the ILO fundamental conventions, and are referenced in trade and investment agreements.

Thailand and OECD have signed an enhanced co-operation programme in May 2018, drawing on Thailand's 12th National Economic and Social Development Plan (2017-2021) and OECD member country priorities in the areas of governance and transparency, business climate and competitiveness, "Thailand 4.0" and inclusive growth. The co-operation includes promoting and enabling responsible business conduct and is supported by a joint EU-ILO-OECD initiative on *Promoting Responsible Supply Chains in Asia*, with funding from the European Union.



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