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OECD Investment Policy Review of Kazakhstan

Responsible Business Conduct and the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises

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Kazakhstan is currently undergoing an investment policy review as part of the procedures for adherence to the [OECD Declaration on International Investment and Multinational Enterprises](#) (Declaration). The Declaration is a policy commitment by adhering governments to provide an open and transparent investment environment and to encourage the positive contribution businesses can make to economic and social progress.

The purpose of this workshop is to share information with Kazakh authorities and interested stakeholders about the government obligations under the Declaration related to the [OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises](#) (Guidelines). The Guidelines are the leading international instrument for promoting responsible business conduct (RBC) and provide the most comprehensive set of government-backed recommendations on what constitutes RBC in areas related to disclosure, employment and industrial relations, environment, human rights, combating bribery, consumer interests, science and technology, competition, and taxation.

It is an obligation of each adhering government to set up a National Contact Point (NCP) for the Guidelines in order to promote RBC and the Guidelines and to help resolve issues related to their implementation through good offices and mediation.

**Simultaneous translation will be provided*



AGENDA

10:00 – 10:15 **Opening remarks**

10:15 – 11:30 **Responsible Business Conduct and the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises**

This session will introduce responsible business conduct, its connection to development, investment and trade, and will provide an overview of the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and their unique elements. Examples of how the Guidelines are used in international and national context will be provided.

Questions & answers - Open discussion

11:30 – 11:45 *Coffee Break*

11:45 – 13:00 **National Contact Points for the OECD Guidelines**

National Contact Points are government bodies tasked with ensuring implementation of the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises. This session will introduce their mandate, different institutional arrangements and core criteria for functioning.

Questions & answers - Open discussion

13:00 – 14:30 *Lunch Break*

14:30 – 16:00 **Resolving Issues in Practice - Cases**

This session will discuss practical experiences by National Contact Points in dealing with issues related to non-observance of the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises by individual companies and providing access to remedy.

Questions & answers - Open discussion