

Forum on due diligence in the
garment and footwear sector

**ROUNDTABLE FOR POLICY
MAKERS**

12 FEBRUARY 2019
OECD CONFERENCE CENTRE
PARIS, FRANCE



■ About the Roundtable for Policy Makers

Held in lead-up to the OECD Forum on Due Diligence in the Garment and Footwear Sector, this Roundtable will convene policy makers from across key economies engaged in the garment and footwear sector and its supply chain to discuss policy options for enabling and promoting vibrant and responsible supply chains in the garment and footwear sector. It will take stock of existing policy options and government-backed initiatives in the sector as well as common challenges facing policy makers. This inaugural Roundtable for Policy Makers in the sector will also provide an opportunity to discuss the structure and focus of future policy dialogues related to supply chain due diligence in the sector.

The Roundtable for Policy Makers is targeted at government officials from OECD member and Adhering governments and governments from key economies in the garment and footwear sector alongside representatives from intergovernmental organisations.

■ Date, time and venue

Tuesday, 12 February 2019, 13:00-18:30 OECD Conference Centre. The Roundtable will be followed by a networking cocktail.

The Roundtable is held under the Chatham House Rule: Participants are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s), nor that of any other participant, may be revealed *

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DRAFT AGENDA

Tuesday 12 February 2019

13:00 – 13:30 1. Opening of the Roundtable

The Roundtable will be opened by **Gabriela Ramos** (tbc), OECD Chief of Staff and Sherpa to the G20, OECD.

The Chair will facilitate a tour de table of participating governments.

Chair **Christine Kaufmann**, Chair of OECD Working Party on Responsible Business Conduct

13:30 – 16:30 2. Promoting Due Diligence in the Garment and Footwear Supply Chain

This session will seek to provide a global picture of government activities in producing and importing economies to promote responsible supply chains in the garment and footwear sector and facilitate an exchange of information on challenges and learnings. The session will include presentations by select governments followed by a discussion with Roundtable participants. Contributions from speakers and the pursuant discussions will be organised around the following key themes.

- Government as a facilitator through capacity building of industry, access to finance, awareness raising, and information sharing
- Due diligence legislation
- Government-backed multi-stakeholder initiatives
- Promoting responsible investment and trade
- Government as an economic actor (e.g. due diligence in public procurement)

**Governments and intergovernmental organisations are invited to contact Jennifer Schappert, Jennifer.Schappert@oecd.org if they would like to contribute during this session.*

Chair **Christine Kaufmann**, Chair of OECD Working Party on Responsible Business Conduct

16:30 – 17:00 *Coffee break*

17:00 – 18:00 3. Deep Dive Session: Unlocking the potential of government efforts & data to support traceability and transparency in the garment supply chain

The OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains in the Garment and Footwear Sector takes a full supply-chain approach. Within this context, visibility beyond a company's immediate suppliers is foundational to enabling companies to identify and address labour, human rights and environmental risks in their supply chains taking a risk-based approach. However, due to the complex nature of supply chains in the garment and footwear sector, establishing visibility can be difficult to achieve in practice for companies. This session will explore how governments from both producing and importing economies can facilitate traceability and transparency of the garment and footwear supply chain from raw materials to retail. It will explore a range of tools available to policy makers to facilitate traceability, including in relation to: site registries, harmonisation of data to be captured, capacity building of companies, funding traceability mechanisms, etc. and their successes and challenges. It will likewise raise the question of where alignment across governments is necessary to promote efficiencies and a level playing field. This session will include the perspective and inputs from business, civil society and trade unions.

Contributions from speakers and the pursuant discussions will be organised around the following key themes:

- Unlocking existing government data, such as customs information and site registries to support traceability
- Aligning on a lexicon of data to be collected and passed down the supply chain

Chair

Tyler Gillard, Manager of Sector Projects, OECD

18:00 – 18:30

4. Looking Forward

This session will include a discussion on the potential role of a Roundtable for Policy Makers that is focused on responsible supply chains in the garment and footwear sector and topics of interest to be researched and discussed.

Chair

Christine Kaufmann, Chair of OECD Working Party on Responsible Business Conduct

18:30 – 19:30

Networking drinks

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