Task Force Consultation and Dialogue on Responsible Business Conduct (RBC)

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Wyndham Grand Hotel Yangon
Yangon, Myanmar

AGENDA

9:00 – 9:15  Introduction
Welcoming remarks by DICA
Introductions

9:15 – 10:00  Session 1: Discussion of OECD Investment Policy Review Draft Chapter on RBC
This session will present the preliminary findings from the draft chapter on RBC. After a brief presentation by the OECD Secretariat, participants will be invited to provide feedback.

_Coralie Martin, Policy Analyst, OECD_

Comments and discussion

10:00 – 12:45  Session 2: Peer learning and experience sharing on implementing RBC policies
Coherent implementation of policies related to business conduct can be a challenge for governments. This session will discuss examples of how governments have dealt with this challenge and how RBC can be promoted across various entities. Lessons learned and good practices from other countries will be discussed.

- Experience sharing from Thailand
  _Ms. Nareeluc Pairchaiyapoom, Ministry of Justice, Thailand_
  Thailand recently underwent a 2-year process to develop a national action plan.

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee break

- Example of National Action Plans
  _Mr Sean Lees, UNDP_
  Overview of UN guidance on National Action Plans

- Implementing due diligence for RBC
  _Coralie Martin, Policy Analyst, OECD_
  The OECD has developed guidance to help businesses implement RBC principles and standards.

12:45 – 13:00  Closing Remarks

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch
About this event

The Government of Myanmar and the OECD have been collaborating since the opening of Myanmar’s economy in 2011, including to promote and enable responsible business conduct. The 2014 OECD Investment Policy Review of Myanmar included a strong RBC component. Following an official request by the Government of Myanmar, the OECD is undertaking, in close co-ordination with the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration of the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, a 2nd OECD Investment Policy Review of Myanmar which also includes a dedicated chapter on RBC.

Co-operation to promote and enable RBC is supported by a joint EU-ILO -OECD initiative on Promoting Responsible Supply Chains in Asia, with funding from the European Union. The programme in Myanmar aims to support the implementation of responsible business and labour practices, increase understanding of the benefits of due diligence in supply chains and boost the reputation of Myanmar as a responsible sourcing destination, to encourage international investment and further open access to international markets.

In this context, the OECD, in partnership with the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration of the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations are co-hosting a consultation and dialogue with policy makers on Responsible Business Conduct (RBC).

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