



What is the Policy Maker Roundtable ?

The Policy Maker Roundtable provides an important space for a unique discussion, bringing governments from across the Garment and Footwear value chain together to discuss policy options for enabling responsible business conduct (RBC) in the sector and address common challenges.

Recognising the diversity and range of experience of governments, this Roundtable was established to **increase inter-governmental communication, strengthen relations, and allow for exchange on key policy areas**, such as legislation, trade agreements, industrial strategy, facilitation of multi stakeholder initiatives, public procurement, **to support the implementation of due diligence in this sector.**

The Roundtable takes place alongside the OECD Forum on Due Diligence in the Garment & Footwear Sector.



Who is the Policy Maker Roundtable for?

The Roundtable is for policy makers from **key economies in the garment and footwear sector.**

Participants tend to be working-level policy makers working across a range of ministries and functions where there is a particular link to the garment and footwear sector, for example Industry, Trade, Commerce, Development, Environment, Labour, Economy.

Representatives from intergovernmental organisations can also participate.

How can the Roundtable support policy makers?

Linking production and consumption country perspectives and strategy

Identifying root causes of key RBC challenges and working out solutions

Sharing experiences with monitoring and evaluation for better informed policy making

Building capacity of policy makers through relevant training and tools



Did you know?

Forty-nine governments, including 11 OECD non-member countries, have adopted the OECD Recommendation on the [Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains in the Garment and Footwear Sector](#) to support the implementation of the Guidance.

Many others have adopted relevant UN and ILO instruments, which are aligned with the OECD RBC standards, and are key trading partners of OECD Governments.



What are the key working themes addressed by the Roundtable?

The Roundtable is designed to allow for cross-supply chain policy dialogue, information sharing and exchange of good practices. Working topics are proposed and driven by participants, with OECD facilitation.

Past topics have included:

- COVID-19 policy responses,
- Incorporating RBC in industrial strategy,
- Policy support for traceability and transparency,
- Harmonisation of government reporting requirements and the government role in responsible purchasing practices.



How do governments participate in the Roundtable?

The Roundtable takes place as an annual meeting alongside the OECD Garment and Footwear Forum with other webinars through the year based on need and consensus among participants.

Policy makers are invited to participate by:

- Joining webinars and meetings,
- Participating actively in discussion and research of mutual interest,
- Proposing and leading or co-leading topic presentations in webinars and meetings,
- Contributing ideas and feedback to shape an ongoing programme of work as a Roundtable.



What role does the OECD play?

The OECD plays the role of convenor assisting the coordination of the Roundtable, proactively engaging OECD member and non-member countries alike, setting up webinars or meetings, helping coordinate with participants on discussion topics and distributing pre- or post-meeting reading materials or action points as needed. The OECD can also advise on technical questions relating to due diligence and the OECD's standards.

About the Garment and Footwear Due Diligence Forum

The [OECD Forum on Due Diligence in the Garment and Footwear Sector](#) convenes 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.

The 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.



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