



EU-ILO-OECD Responsible Supply Chains in Asia Programme: Multi-stakeholder Meeting for Responsible Agricultural Supply Chains in Southeast Asia

Closing event of the OECD Southeast Asia pilot project

Wednesday 16 December 2020

9:00-11:00 in Paris time | 15:00-17:00 in Bangkok/Jakarta time | 16:00-18:00 in Manila/Singapore time

This meeting, organised by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and supported by the European Union (EU), brings together stakeholders and policy makers in the region to discuss the recommendations of the [OECD Pilot on Responsible Agricultural Supply Chains](#) (SEA Pilot). The meeting will consist of structured discussions to scale-up implementation of risk-based due diligence and responsible agricultural supply chains in the region.

Background

Global supply chains are an integral feature of international production, trade and investment, and have contributed to economic growth, job creation and poverty reduction. Southeast Asia has increasingly become a net agro-food exporter and Southeast Asia firms are a key part of global food and non-food agricultural supply chains. While companies have opportunities to optimize the benefits of this growth for the public, they also face challenges to prevent and address impacts linked to their operations and supply chains on people, the environment and society.

Under the [Responsible Supply Chains in Asia](#) Programme funded by the EU, the SEA Pilot focused on promoting application of risk-based due diligence in supply chains as recommended by the [OECD-FAO Guidance for Responsible Agricultural Supply Chains](#) (OECD-FAO Guidance). The OECD-FAO Guidance can help strengthen company risk-management practices and meet RBC expectations including accelerating business contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Programme

PARIS TIME	SESSION
9:00-9:05	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Ms. Shivani Kannabhiran, Agricultural Sector Lead, Centre for Responsible Business Conduct, OECD
9:05-9:10	Opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Ms. Cristina Tebar-Less, Acting Head, Centre for Responsible Business Conduct, Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs, OECD
9:10-9:40	Keynote address <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Mr. Laurent Lourdais, Counsellor, Agriculture and Environment, Delegation of the European Union to Thailand

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Dr. Pham Quang Minh, Assistant Director, Food Agriculture and Forestry Division, Economic Community Department, Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Secretariat – Mr. Pascal Liu, Senior Economist and Lead, Responsible Global Value Chains, Markets and Trade Division, FAO
9:40-10:20	<p>Panel 1: The OECD Pilot in Southeast Asia: Key findings and feedback for next steps Moderated by Ms. Shivani Kannabhiran, Agricultural Sector Lead, Centre for Responsible Business Conduct, OECD</p> <p><u>Presentation on the Pilot findings</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Ms. Rena Hinoshita, Analyst, Centre for Responsible Business Conduct, OECD <p><u>Panel discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Mr. John Young Simpson, Managing Director, Bluegrass – Dr. Alison Watson, Consultant to the OECD SEA Pilot – Ms. Imke Greven, Policy Advisor, Land Rights, Oxfam Novib <p><u>Audience Q&A</u> Attendees are welcome to submit questions to the panellists via Zoom Chat feature.</p>
10:20-10:55	<p>Panel 2: Promoting due diligence at scale in Southeast Asia Moderated by Mr. Tomislav Ivančić, Advisor, Responsible Business Conduct, Markets and Trade Division, FAO</p> <p><u>Panel discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Ms. Nareeluc Pairchaiyapoom, Director, International Human Rights Division, Ministry of Justice, Thailand – Mr. Hideki Kagohashi, Enterprise Development Specialist, ILO Country Office for the Philippines – Mr. Max Bulakovskiy, Policy Analyst, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities, OECD – Mr. Grahame Dixie, Executive Director, Grow Asia <p><u>Audience Q&A</u> Attendees are welcome to submit questions to the panellists via Zoom Chat feature.</p>
10:55-11:00	<p>Closing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Mr. Laurent Lourdais, Counsellor, Agriculture and Environment, Delegation of the European Union to Thailand

Resources

- Final report: OECD pilot project on responsible agricultural supply chains in Southeast Asia <https://mneguidelines.oecd.org/final-report-oecd-sea-pilot.pdf> (November 2020)
- OECD-FAO Guidance for Responsible Agricultural Supply Chains: <https://doi.org/10.1787/9789264251052-en>

- Brochure: How the OECD-FAO Guidance can help achieve the Sustainable Development Goals: <http://mneguidelines.oecd.org/Brochure-How-the-OECD-FAO-Guidance-can-help-achieve-the-Sustainable-Development-Goals.pdf>

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About Responsible Supply Chains in Asia

A partnership between the European Union (EU), the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), with funding by the European Union, the programme works with partners in Asia to promote respect for human rights, including labour rights, and responsible business standards in global supply chains. The programme, carried out in collaboration with Japan, China, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam, has two broad objectives to promote smart, sustainable and inclusive growth by ensuring that investors and businesses have a better understanding of corporate social responsibility and to create policy environments conducive to promoting responsible business conduct and increased opportunities for dialogue. Find out more at <http://mneguidelines.oecd.org/globalpartnerships/responsible-supply-chains-asia/>



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