

Forum on due diligence in the
garment and footwear sector

**ROUNDTABLE FOR POLICY
MAKERS**

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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 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 along with representatives from intergovernmental organisations.

■ Date, time and venue

Tuesday, 12 February 2019, 13:00-18:30 OECD Conference Centre Room 5. The Roundtable will be followed by a networking cocktail.

■ Chatham House Rule

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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Room CC5

DRAFT AGENDA

Tuesday 12 February 2019

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

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

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

13:30 – 15:00 **2.a Promoting Due Diligence in the Garment and Footwear Supply Chain**

This session will highlight 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.

Contributions from speakers and the pursuant discussions will be organised around the following six themes. Each discussion will include presentations by select governments followed by a discussion with Roundtable participants.

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Theme 1: Capacity building for and information sharing within government

- **Tapan Kanti Ghosh**, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Bangladesh
- **Casper Edmonds**, Head of Unit, Extractives, Energy and Manufacturing, Sectoral Policies, ILO

Theme 2: Raising awareness with industry on responsible business conduct

- **Achmad Sigit Dwiwahjono**, Director General of Chemical, Textile and Multi Various Industry, Indonesia
- **Charita Castro**, Chief of Research and Policy, Office of Child Labour, Forced Labor & Human Trafficking, Department of Labour, U.S.*

Theme 3: Handling grievances

- **Som Chamnan**, Advisor to the Minister, Ministry of Labor and Vocational Training, Cambodia

15:00 – 15:30 **Coffee break**

15:30 – 17:00

2.b Promoting Due Diligence in the Garment and Footwear Supply Chain

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Theme 4: Emerging supply chain legislation

- **Maylis Souque**, Secretary General of the French National Contact Point for RBC, Treasury, Ministry of economy and Finance, France
- **Fareed Amir**, Modern Slavery Policy Adviser, Home Office, United Kingdom

Theme 5: Government-backed multi-stakeholder initiatives

- **Janika Walter**, Senior Policy Officer, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany
- **Kim Moolenaar**, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Department for Economic Governance and Trade Policy, Netherlands
- **Bilgehan Sasmaz**, Head of Department for Textiles, Ministry of Trade, Turkey

Theme 6: Investment and trade regimes

- **Anteneh A. Senbeta**, Deputy Commissioner, Policy Research and Promotion Ethiopian Investment Commission
- **Sarah Gondy**, Policy Officer – DG Trade, Trade and Sustainable Development, Generalized System of Preferences, European Commission

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 while taking a risk-based approach. Due to the complex nature of supply chains in the garment and footwear sector, establishing visibility can be difficult to achieve in practice.

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 perspectives and inputs from business, civil society and trade unions.

Discussions will be organised around the following questions:

- What information do companies need to carry out effective due diligence in their supply chain?
- How can governments enable access to this information and what challenges regarding accessibility exist?

Chair

Tyler Gillard, Manager of Sector Projects, OECD

Speakers

- **Maria Teresa Pisani**, Economic Cooperation and Trade Division, UNECE
- **Jerry Malmo**, Civil Enforcement Division, Office of Trade, U.S. Customs and Border Protection*
- **Austin Pedersen**, Lead International Relations Officer, Office of Child Labour, Forced Labor & Human Trafficking, Department of Labour, U.S.*

Moderated discussion and stakeholder contributions

The Chair will moderate a discussion on the actions that governments can take to encourage or enable traceability in global garment supply chains for the purposes of promoting labour, human rights and environmental due diligence. Representatives from business, trade unions and civil society will be invited to contribute to the discussion.

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.

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18:30 – 19:30

Networking drinks
