

Master Class on Risk-Based Due Diligence : Asia

The OECD recommendations on Responsible Business Conduct (RBC) and supply chain due diligence help companies identify and address the full range of environment, human rights and social risks associated with their supply chains and business relationships. The value of RBC is widely acknowledged, but many businesses struggle with implementing risk-based due diligence to meet RBC recommendations.

To address this gap, the OECD is working with partners to conduct intensive **Master Classes on Risk-Based Due Diligence** in Asia. This is a unique opportunity to learn from individuals with first-hand knowledge and experience about RBC, risk-based due diligence and how the framework can be implemented in global supply chains.

What are the benefits?

i) Deep understanding of how to improve responsible supply chain management: The OECD due diligence framework is the market-accepted approach on how to demonstrate responsible supply chain management and contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals. Participants will be trained by OECD staff and other specialised organisations on how to operationalise due diligence in global supply chains.

ii) Direct access to experts and quality training materials: Trainees will receive copies of relevant OECD guidances, as well as tailored materials on due diligence. This includes a set of OECD-designed modules and training materials for future training needs. Trainees will have direct access to OECD technical staff for on-going support on due diligence and RBC beyond the Master Class.

iii) A chance to connect with other practitioners: Many environmental and social risks are common across businesses and sectors and may require collective action. The Master Classes will help build local networks of champions working on RBC and supply chain due diligence as an on-going resource for all participants.

Who is this for?

The Master Class is for individuals from organisations with a **track record in training and a commitment to promoting and enabling RBC**. Trainees could include industry associations, government agencies, companies, research institutions, civil society and consultancies.



How to apply?

Spaces are limited and applicants are encouraged to apply early. While previous experience with RBC due diligence is not required, familiarity with due diligence processes will be an asset. Interested organisations should complete the **online application HERE**. Selected organisations must commit to organise at least one training following the Master Class in collaboration with the OECD. There is no participation fee. Limited funding is available to help offset participant travel costs and follow-on training on a case by case basis.

What is the format of the Master Class?

Due to COVID-19, the Master Class will be reshaped from an in-person 2-day training in a small-classroom setting to a new format that will be accessible and useful to participants. The new format will remain being conducted in English and designed to promote quality learning and interaction.

| Focus sectors | Participants from | When and Where |
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| Agriculture and Seafood sectors | Myanmar Philippines Thailand Viet Nam | PLEASE ATTENTION: Due to COVID-19, the Master Class will be reshaped to a new format, such as virtual meetings and online learning. For the latest updates, please come back at a later date to: <u>http://mneguidelines.oecd.org/responsible-</u> <u>supply-chains-asia/</u> |
| Electronics sector | China | |
| Electronics and Vehicle Parts sectors | Japan Thailand | |
| Garment & Footwear sector | China | |
| Garment & Footwear sector | Viet Nam | |

Tentative Schedule

About the Responsible Supply Chains in Asia Programme

The Master Class is organised under the framework of the ILO-EU-OECD programme on "Responsible Supply Chains in Asia" which aims to raise awareness and build capacity on international standards on RBC in supply chains. It is funded by the European Union (EU) and includes activities with regional and national policy makers, businesses and key stakeholders in Asia. For more information, please visit http://mneguidelines.oecd.org/responsible-supply-chains-asia/.



