

# Capacity-building training on Due Diligence for businesses in the agricultural sector in Latin America

The 2021 OECD Business Survey on **Responsible Business Conduct (RBC) in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC)** found that the majority of agricultural businesses face challenges in addressing human rights, social and environmental risks in global supply chains. The need to improve understanding of and operationalisation of **due diligence in supply chains** is particularly acute for business operating in the agricultural sector.

To address this need, the OECD is launching a **capacity-building programme** to support businesses in LAC to **carry out OECD risk-based due diligence**. The training programme will enable participants to exchange experience, good practices, tools and lessons learned, and to implement OECD tools, mainly the *OECD-FAO Guidance for Responsible Agricultural Supply Chains*. This programme, which is part of the Project "[Promoting Responsible Business Conduct in Latin America and the Caribbean](#)", will launch in **November 2021** with an approximate duration of five months.



## Who can participate in the programme?

The programme is open to **businesses in the Agricultural Sector** in **Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Mexico, Panama and Peru** (as well as participants from other LAC countries in case of availability). Businesses may be operating at different stages along the supply chain (from production to retail) and involve all types of firms, including SMEs and state-owned enterprises. Representatives from industry associations of the agricultural sector and European agri-business with operations in the target countries are eligible to participate. This programme is funded by the EU and there is **no participation fee**.

To be eligible, businesses should indicate their interest and commitment to:

1. **Actively take part in all training activities** related to the programme (a total of 13 hours of dedication are estimated - see below timeline and structure).
2. **Put into practice due diligence-related process** (e.g. by publishing a due diligence report in 2022/2023, taking steps to embed risk-based OECD due diligence into company policy, etc.)
3. **Respond to a short anonymous survey** before and after the programme.



## Benefits for participants

- **Understand the five key steps of the OECD risk-based due diligence framework**, which includes risk identification, prioritisation, engaging with stakeholders, setting up effective grievance and remedy mechanisms and reporting on due diligence actions.
- **Learn how to identify, address and mitigate agricultural supply chain risks and adverse impacts of business operations** on the planet, people and society.
- **Obtain insights from experienced stakeholders and supply chain experts** on recommendations on how to address sectoral risks.
- **Access OECD due diligence tools and material** tailored to agricultural supply chains.
- **Receive a certificate of completion** at the end of the programme.
- **A safe learning environment** to share your experiences, ask questions, and discuss challenges in implementing due diligence in the agricultural sector.



## Scope & methodology of the programme

The capacity-building programme will be mainly based on the [OECD-FAO Guidance for Responsible Agricultural Supply Chains](#). In addition, the programme builds on the [OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Business Conduct](#) and the [OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises](#).

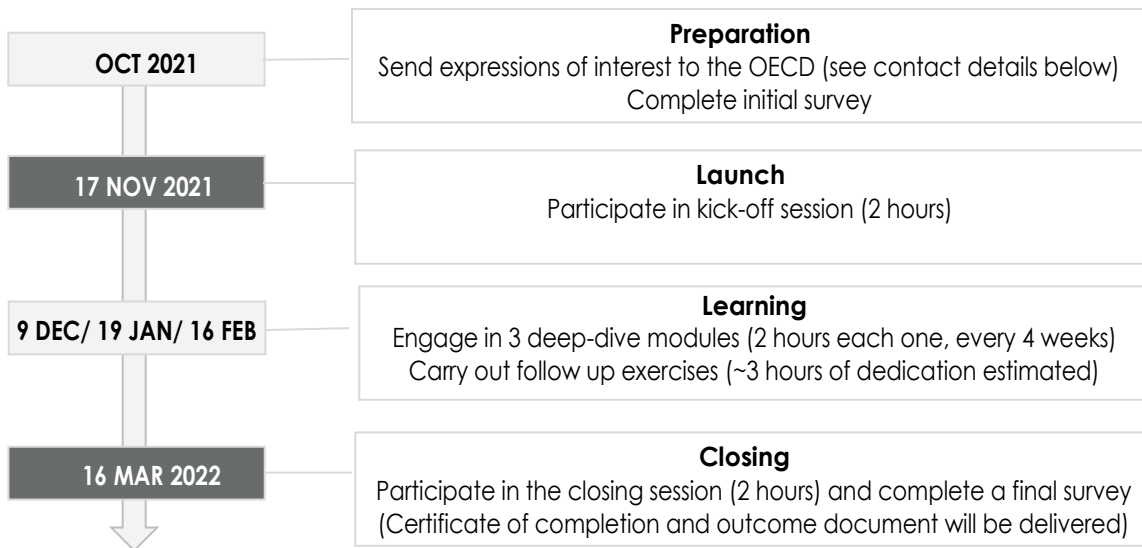
The programme will consist of a **kick-off session**, **three deep-dive modules** and a **closing session (all virtual)**. The deep-dive modules will address the following themes:

- 1. Risk identification:** Identify and assess actual and potential adverse impacts associated with the enterprise's operations, products or services.
- 2. Public reporting:** Communicate externally relevant information on due diligence policies, processes, activities conducted including the findings and outcomes of those activities.
- 3. Grievance & remedy mechanisms:** When the enterprise identifies that it has caused or contributed to adverse impacts, address such impacts by providing for or cooperating in their remediation.

The format will follow a "learning by doing" approach and include inputs from participants, case studies and practical exercises such as writing a public report on due diligence. Between workshops, participants are expected to test and apply what they have learned in their day-to-day operations. Participants will be asked to report on lessons learned and share approaches or tools which may help the larger group. The training modules will take place in Spanish and all materials will be made available in Spanish and English.



## Preliminary timeline



The OECD Secretariat is collecting expressions of interest:

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Deadline:

**5 November 2021**



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