

Due diligence capacity building program for the extractive and mineral sector in Latin America and the Caribbean

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 extractive and mineral sector.

To address this need, the OECD joined forces with the Regional Center for Responsible Companies and Entrepreneurship (CREER, by its Spanish acronym) to develop 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 due diligence tools.**

This programme, which is part of the Project "[Promoting Responsible Business Conduct in Latin America and the Caribbean](#)", will launch in **October 2021** with an approximate duration of five months.



Who can participate in the programme?

The programme is mainly open to companies and business associations that operate in the Mining and Energy Sector in nine countries covered by the RBC-LAC Project: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Mexico, Panama and Peru, as well as participants from other LAC countries in case of availability. Organisations interested in participating may be operating or intervening at any stage of the supply chain and involve all types of firms, including SMEs and state-owned enterprises. Representatives from sectoral industry associations and European 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, interested organizations must initially commit to:

1. Put in place processes related to due diligence. This can be evidenced by a commitment to one of the following actions:
 - a. Publish a public report, corresponding to step five on responsible business conduct / due diligence
 - b. Incorporate / reinforce responsible business conduct standards in company policy.
 - c. Establish a strategy to train your suppliers in responsible business conduct / due diligence
2. Actively participate in all training activities related to the program.
3. Apply training material and carry out possible follow-up exercises between training activities.
4. Answer a short evaluation survey before and after the program.



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 sectoral 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 extractives and minerals 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 extractives and minerals sector.



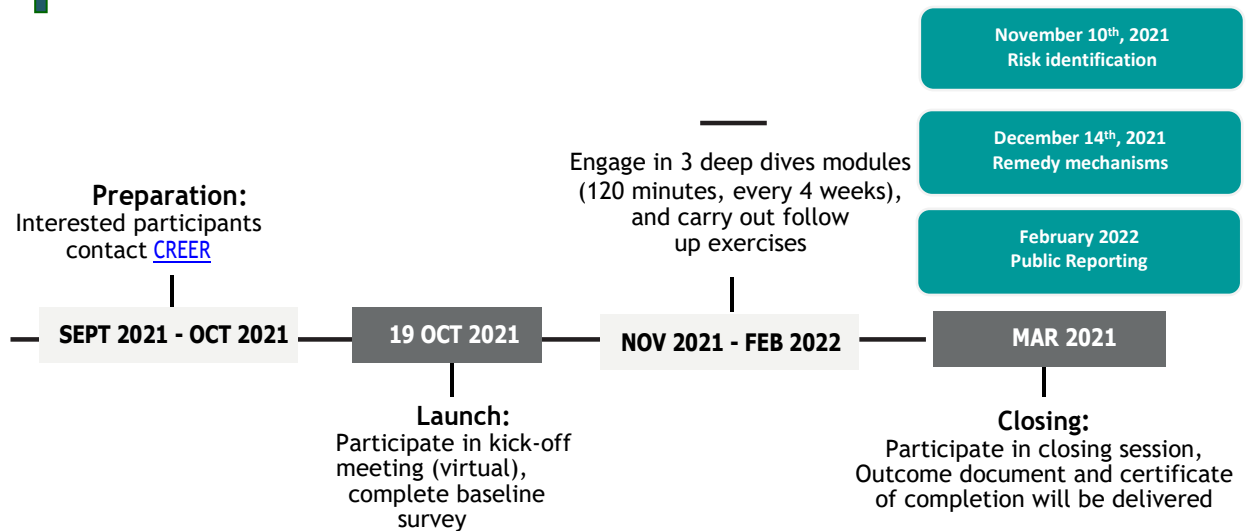
Scope & Commitments of the programme

The Capacity Building Program on Due Diligence for the Extractive and Minerals Sector in LAC will be based on the OECD Due Diligence sectoral Guidance as well as the OECD Due Diligence Guidance for a Responsible Business Conduct of 2018, applicable to all sectors of the economy, and Guide to meaningful engagement with stakeholders. The program, under a virtual participation format, includes a launch event, three deep immersion modules (120 minutes each) and a closing event. The duration of the program will be extended for a few months to allow the application of the tools learned and the collection of relevant experiences and information that will be reflected in the training materials.

Upon completion, participants will receive a certificate indicating that they have completed the training program.



Timeline & Structure



The OECD and CREER are collecting expressions of interest!



Deadline:

8 oct 2021



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