



SESSION NOTE

Comparing anti-corruption and human rights due diligence approaches

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Over time, businesses have developed varying approaches to identify human rights and anti-corruption risks, but may not realise the strong potential of linking the two for a more cohesive, all-encompassing responsible business conduct (RBC) approach. The session will also explore best practices that can be transposed between the two and will help companies understand how they could develop more robust internal and collective ways of addressing these issues.

With regards to RBC and supply chain due diligence, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises is the leading international instrument setting out recommendations by governments to business on what they expect in areas ranging from labour and human rights to environment and corruption. This is accompanied by a series of more detailed, sector specific Guidance on supply chain due diligence in agriculture, garments and textiles, and minerals.

The OECD Anti-Bribery Convention is the international standard for anti-corruption legislation and guidance. The OECD Anti-Corruption Division produced the Good Practice Guidance for companies seeking to establish effective internal controls, ethics, and compliance programmes or measures for preventing and detecting the bribery of foreign public officials in their international business transactions.

While there is no one-size-fits-all program for adhering to the multitude of anti-corruption and human rights due diligence legislation and commitments, common threads and best practice exist. These include support and commitment from company leadership, a clearly articulated and visible corporate policy, making compliance the duty of individuals at all levels of the company, prioritising and addressing risk, and risk based due diligence of business partner.

Participants will discuss what they see as best practices in both fields and what can be done to better synthesise the two in order to form a coherent and more robust approach. They will also discuss recent regulatory initiatives aiming at linking anti-corruption and human rights protection approaches.

Useful links

- [OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises](#)
- [OECD Sector Specific Guidance](#)
- [OECD Anti-Bribery Convention](#)
- [Good Practice Guidance on Internal Controls, Ethics, and Compliance](#)