



Global Forum on
Responsible Business Conduct
**ROUNDTABLE FOR POLICY
MAKERS**

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■ About the Roundtable for Policy Makers

Held as part of the Global Forum on Responsible Business Conduct, the Roundtable for Policy Makers provides a space for dialogue among policy makers responsible for designing and implementing policies to enable and promote responsible business conduct (RBC).

The Roundtable for Policy Makers is targeted at government officials from OECD and non-OECD countries and representatives from international organisations. All sessions are open to the public except the deep dive sessions starting at 16.30. The latter are open to government officials only and do not feature on the programme of the Global Forum.

Themes

This year, the Roundtable will discuss the following themes:

Open sessions:

- National Action Plans: addressing gaps and enabling policy coherence on responsible business conduct
- The role of National Contact Points and National Human Rights Institutions in the design, implementation and monitoring of NAPs
- Promoting Due Diligence: the Role of Governments

Deep dive sessions:

- RBC in Government Procurement Practices
- RBC and Development Finance
- Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development and RBC

■ Date, time and venue

Thursday, 21 June 2018, 09:00-18:00, OECD Conference Centre

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AGENDA

Thursday 21 June 2018

09:00– 9:30	Opening	Room CC12
	<p>Mathilde Mesnard, Deputy Director, Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs, OECD</p> <p>Olivier De Schutter, Professor, University of Louvain, Member of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights</p>	
09:30 – 11:00	National Action Plans: addressing gaps and enabling policy coherence on responsible business conduct	Room CC12
	<p>Currently, 21 countries have adopted a National Action Plan (NAP) on Business and Human Rights/Responsible Business Conduct, and an additional 9 countries are in the process of developing one. This session - jointly organised by the OECD and the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights - will address the role of NAPs in enabling policy coherence for RBC. It will focus on baseline assessments to identify gaps in legal, regulatory and policy frameworks and on commitments undertaken by governments to address those gaps.</p> <p>Co-Chairs Roel Nieuwenkamp, Chair of the OECD Working Party on RBC</p> <p>Anita Ramasastry, Chair of the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights</p> <p>Discussion leads</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Fabrizio Petri, President of the Interministerial Commission on Human Rights, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy▪ Masatoshi Sugiura, Director, Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs Division Foreign Policy Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan▪ Seree Nonthasoot, Representative of Thailand to the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights	
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break	
11:30 – 13:00	The role of National Contact Points and National Human Rights Institutions in RBC policy making	Room CC12
	<p>The session will discuss how NCPs and NHRIs engage in the design of NAPs and their respective roles in supporting the design, implementation and monitoring of NAPs and RBC policies. It will also discuss the various ways in which NCPs and NHRIs cooperate, and will provide examples and lessons learnt from various country contexts.</p> <p>Co-Chairs Roel Nieuwenkamp, Chair of the OECD Working Party on RBC</p> <p>Elin Wrzoncki, Programme Manager, Danish Institute for Human Rights</p> <p>Discussion leads</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Verónica Zubía Pinto, Legal Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Chile and Carolina Ibañez Kollman, Executive Secretariat, National Contact Point, Chile▪ David Rutherford, Chief Commissioner, New Zealand Human Rights Commission▪ Assia Bensaad, Chief of Department, National Contact Point, Morocco	

13:00 – 14:15	Lunch break	
14:15-16:15	Promoting Due Diligence: the Role of Governments	Room CC1
	<p>Governments can guide corporate behaviour and support best practice on RBC. This session will explore government tools to promote, incentivise and facilitate due diligence for RBC and offer reflections by business and stakeholders on the role of regulation.</p> <p>The first part of this session will provide an overview of the Government toolbox for promoting due diligence, including different approaches to regulation, incentives for RBC (e.g. public procurement, economic diplomacy, tax breaks); and efforts to facilitate due diligence (provision of credible information, convening, financing). It will include a multimedia presentation by Roel Nieuwenkamp, featuring interventions from various government representatives.</p> <p>The second part will feature a conversation between business and stakeholders on the role of regulation. The conversation will explore a series of questions: E.g. Is more regulation necessary? What is the trend? What type of interventions are governments taking? What are the risks of more regulation and what role should soft law standards and government monitoring play?</p>	
Moderator	Mary Footer , Professor, University of Nottingham School of Law	
Discussants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rob Lederer, Executive Director of the Responsible Business Alliance (RBA) ▪ Seema Joshi, Head of Business and Human Rights, Amnesty International ▪ Catelene Passchier, Chair of the Workers' Group of the ILO and Vice-president to the ILO Governing Body, Special Adviser to the FNV President ▪ Grégoire Guinand, Senior Adviser, International Affairs Department, MEDEF 	
16:15 – 16:30	Coffee break	
16:30 – 18:00	Parallel Deep Dive Sessions (government officials only)	
<p>The Deep Dive sessions aim to allow for an open discussion and experience sharing on specific issues and challenges with a view to supporting concrete follow up actions.</p> <p>They will not feature panellists; the moderator will invite participants to discuss a set of proposed questions.</p>		
	<p>Deep Dive 1: RBC in Government Procurement Practices</p> <p>This session will build on last year's discussion at the Roundtable on the benefits and challenges related to integrating RBC expectations, including on supply chain due diligence, in public procurement. There is a growing need for practitioners to share learning and best practice, spread tools, exchange information on risks related to certain products and markets and share information on follow-up and monitoring.</p> <p>Moderators</p> <p>Mahmood Bhutta, Founder of the British Medical Association (BMA) Medical Fair and Ethical Trade Group / Co-founder of the European Working Group on Ethical Procurement</p> <p>Froukje Boele, Policy Analyst, Responsible Business Conduct Unit, OECD</p> <p><i>Questions for discussion:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the challenges of integrating RBC into public procurement processes? • How can policy makers and public buyers best work together to promote RBC in public procurement? <p>How could this work be taken forward in the context of the OECD?</p>	
		Room CC15

	<p>Deep Dive 2: RBC and Development Finance</p> <p>Investment needs for the Sustainable Development Goals are in the trillions of dollars and cannot be met solely through public financing. The private sector is increasingly involved in financing development, including through foreign and domestic private investments, public-private partnerships, blended finance, and other means. International and national development financing institutions (DFIs) play an important role in bridging the gap between public and private resources to achieve development outcomes. This session will discuss efforts by governments to integrate RBC in their development financing policies and practices, including in the context of traditional development lending models and in emerging private-public partnerships.</p> <p>Moderator</p> <p>Anita Ramasastry, Chair of the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights</p> <p>Discussion leads:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rachel Davis, Managing Director and Co-Founder, Shift • Anita Haslie, Senior Adviser, Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad) • Pierre-André Cordey, Policy Advisor, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) • Lene Wendland, Chief, Human rights and Economic and Social Issues Section Thematic Engagement, Special Procedures and Right to Development Division, UN OHCHR <p><i>Questions for discussion:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can RBC efforts complement and help facilitate stronger development outcomes and lead to sustainable and inclusive economies? • What opportunities exist for governments to merge development and RBC policy objectives? • How does RBC due diligence differ from traditional due diligence efforts by DFIs? 	Room CC16
	<p>Deep Dive 3: Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development and RBC</p> <p>This session will present the OECD Framework on Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development (PCSD) and explore how it can support effective design and implementation of policies to promote to RBC in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It will consider how to apply a policy coherence lens to assess policy interlinkages (synergies and trade-offs), identify potential transboundary and intergenerational impacts, adapt institutional mechanisms and align processes to achieve the greatest positive impact. It will provide an opportunity to share experiences and lessons learned from country approaches to align National Action Plans for Business and Human Rights, National Action Plans for CSR and the SDGs in a coherent manner.</p> <p>Moderator</p> <p>Ernesto Soria Morales, Senior Policy Advisor, Policy Coherence for Development Unit, OECD</p> <p><i>Questions for discussion:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What institutional mechanisms can best support a coherent and integrated approach to RBC and ensure alignment with the SDGs? • Who are the key stakeholders that need to be consulted and be on board for implementing coherent approaches to RBC – nationally, internationally, sub-nationally? 	Room CC18
18:00 – 20:00	Closing at networking drinks (courtesy of the RBA)	G. Marshall

