

**WEBINAR: What changed in the 2023 revamp of the OECD Guidelines and why does it matter?**

**Thursday 7 September 2023**

**10:00 & 15:00 CET**

## AGENDA

### OVERVIEW

The OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises on Responsible Business Conduct are recommendations jointly addressed by governments to multinational enterprises to enhance the business contribution to sustainable development and address adverse impacts associated with business activities on people, planet, and society. The Guidelines were updated in June 2023 to respond to urgent social and environmental priorities facing business and society today.

On 7 September, the OECD is hosting two public webinars on the updated Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises on Responsible Business Conduct. This will be the first public event held by the OECD setting out what's new in the Guidelines and why the changes matter. Both webinars feature a panel of stakeholders and a panel of policymakers who will engage in a forward-looking conversation on implementation and next steps for bringing the new Guidelines to life.

### 10:00 CET SESSION

- 10:00**      **Opening**  
Allan Lerberg Jørgensen, Head of the OECD Centre for Responsible Business Conduct
- 10:05**      **Presentation: Unboxing the updated OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises on Responsible Business Conduct**  
Kathryn Dovey, Manager, OECD Centre for Responsible Business Conduct
- 10:20**      **Stakeholder panel: Focus on implementation**
- Lucia van Westerlaak, Chair, TUAC Working Group on Multinational Enterprises, FNV Netherlands
  - Joan Carling, Executive Director, Indigenous Peoples Rights International
  - Winand Quaedvlieg, Chair of the BIAC Investment Committee, BIAC
- 10:40**      **Policymakers panel: Focus on implementation**
- Eric David, Head of the Economic Desk, Mission of France to the OECD
  - Minako Kono, Deputy Director, OECD Division, Economic Affairs Bureau, MOFA, Japan
  - Annika Kohnert, Policy Officer, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action, Germany

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- 11:00**      **Open Q&A with participants**
- 11:20**      **Closing reflections**  
Christine Kaufman, Chair, OECD Working Party on Responsible Business Conduct
- 11:30**      **Close**

## 15:00 CET SESSION

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Kathryn Dovey, Manager, OECD Centre for Responsible Business Conduct
- 15:20**      **Stakeholder panel: Focus on implementation**
- Miguel Barboza Lopez, South America Researcher and Representative, Business & Human Rights Resource Centre
  - Ashwini Sukthankar, AFL-CIO
  - Laura Rubbo, Vice-Chair, BIAC Investment and RBC Committee, BIAC
- 15:40**      **Policymakers panel: Focus on implementation**
- Annika Kohnert, Policy Officer, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action, Germany
  - Marcio Luiz de Freitas Naves de Lima, Undersecretary for Foreign Investment, Coordinator NCP Brazil, Brazil
  - Terry Cowl, Director, Global Affairs, Canada
- 16:00**      **Open Q&A with participants**
- 16:20**      **Closing reflections**  
Christine Kaufman, Chair, OECD Working Party on Responsible Business Conduct
- 16:30**      **Close**

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