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*“Solutions for Responsible Business Conduct”*



**30 November 2023**

# AGENDA

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- 14.00 h**      **Welcome: “Solutions for Responsible Business Conduct”**  
**Helene Budliger Artieda**  
State Secretary and Director State Secretariat for Economic Affairs SECO,  
Co-President of the Advisory Body of the Swiss NCP
- 14.15 h**      **Update of the OECD-Guidelines for Responsible Business Conduct**  
**Christine Kaufmann**  
Chair of OECD Working Party on Responsible Business Conduct
- 15.00 h**      **Views of the stakeholders from business, NGO, trade unions, academia (panel)**  
**Denise Laufer** - SwissHoldings - Member of the Executive Committee  
**Denis Torche** - Travail.Suisse - Member of the Management Board  
**Laurent Matile** - Alliance Sud - Senior Policy Advisor, Business and Development  
**Christian Hauser** - University of Applied Sciences of the Grisons - Head of PRME Business Integrity Action Center
- 15.40 h**      **Break**
- 16.10 h**      **Implementation of the OECD Due Diligence - Challenges and opportunities (panel)**  
**Lindsay Zingg** – Georg Fischer – Head of Corporate Responsibility  
**Yanina da Silva de Lima** – Roche – Sustainability Compliance Lead  
**Nicolas Schmidt** – Swiss Federal office of environment - Sustainable Consumption and Products  
**Christoph Wiedmer** – Society for Threatened Peoples – Co director  
**Tihana Bule** – OECD Center for Responsible Business Conduct - Manager
- 16.50 h**      **Closing**  
**Rolf Beyeler**  
Co-President of the Advisory Body of the Swiss NCP
- 17.00 h**      **Apéro**

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**Date and time:** 30 November 2023, 14.00h - 17.00h followed by an Apéro

**Moderation:** Barbara Dubach

**Language:** German, French and English without translation

**Location:** Berne, [Welle 7](#) (Schanzenstrasse 5, 3008 Bern) at the railway station and virtual participation (by MS Teams)

**Registration: The event is fully booked. Registrations for online participation** are still possible until 28 November to: [afin@seco.admin.ch](mailto:afin@seco.admin.ch) (please state first and last name, organisation and function).

## Background

The OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises for Responsible Business Conduct are the most comprehensive multilateral code of conduct for corporate social responsibility (CSR). They are addressed to all internationally active companies – from small businesses to large corporations. They contain recommendations on information disclosure, human rights, employment and labour relations, the environment, anti-corruption, consumer interests, science and technology, competition and taxation.

Over the last two years, the Guidelines were updated to remain fit for purpose. The delegates of the 51 signatory countries as well the institutional OECD stakeholder from business, trade unions and NGO welcomed the updated guidelines.

The 51 signatory countries promote the implementation of the Guidelines through their National Contact Points (NCP). Alleged violations of the Guidelines can be reported to the NCP. They offer a dialogue platform for handling enquiries and act as mediators for fostering out-of-court conflict resolution.

At the event, you will learn about the main updates of the Guidelines and what this means for the future work. Furthermore, you will learn about the views of stakeholders from Business, Trade Unions, NGO and academia on the updated guidelines and how they contribute to their implementation.