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Guidelines for Responsible Business Conduct

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“Solutions for Responsible Business Conduct”



30 November 2023

AGENDA

- 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 Human Rights
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
Nicolas Schmidt – Swiss Federal office of environment - Sustainable Consumption and Products
Christoph Wiedmer – Society for threatened people – 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**

What's new about the OECD-Guidelines for Responsible Business Conduct?

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: until 15. November 2023 to: afin@seco.admin.ch (please state first and last name, organisation and function and whether you would like to participate on site or online). The places on site are limited and will be assigned after receipt of registration.

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.