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Invitation > 20 Years Swiss National Contact Point for the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises

Solutions for Responsible Business Conduct



13 December 2021

AGENDA

14.00 h Welcome: Mediation as an opportunity

Marie-Gabrielle Ineichen-Fleisch

State Secretary and Director State Secretariat for Economic Affairs SECO,
Co-President of the Advisory Body of the Swiss NCP

14.10 h A Look Back at the Last 20 Years

Christine Kaufmann

Chair of OECD Working Party on Responsible Business Conduct

Lukas Siegenthaler

Head of Secretariat of the Swiss NCP

Views of stakeholders from business and trade unions

Denise Laufer - SwissHoldings - Member of the Executive Committee

Denis Torche - Travail.Suisse - Member of the Management Board

14.50 h Practical Experiences with the Swiss NCP

Experiences of involved parties and a mediator in Swiss NCP cases

Feliciano González Muñoz - Holcim - Member of the Group Executive Committee
/ Group Head of Human Resources

Matthias Hartwich - IndustriALL Global Union – Director for Mechanical
Engineering and Base Metals

Ursula König - Ximpulse Ltd. - Professional Mediator

Antje Simon - BKW Group - Sustainability Manger

Tabea Willi - Society for Threatened Peoples Switzerland

15.40 h Break

16.00 h Where is the journey going?

Youth's expectations regarding responsible business conduct

Leena Raass - Young Green Liberals – Co-President Canton Berne

Benjamin Klaus - Forum of the Federal Youth Session – Co-Chair

Tobias Frehner - Young Liberals of Switzerland – President Canton Berne

Expectations of stakeholders from business, NGOs and academia
regarding responsible business conduct and the NCP

Laurent Matile - Alliance Sud - Senior Policy Advisor Business and Human Rights

Denise Laufer - SwissHoldings - Member of the Executive Committee

Raymond Saner - Vice Chair of the academic OECD RBC Network

17.00 h Closing

Rolf Beyeler

Co-President of the Advisory Body of the Swiss NCP

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Moderation: **Antonio Hautle**, Global Compact Network Switzerland and Liechtenstein

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Location: Berne, [Welle 7](#) (Schanzenstrasse 5, 3008 Bern) at the railway station¹ and virtual participation (by MS Teams)

Registration: until 3 December 2021 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).

Background

The OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises 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.

These guidelines contain recommendations on information disclosure, human rights, employment and labour relations, the environment, anti-corruption, consumer interests, science and technology, competition and taxation.

The 50 signatory countries promote the implementation of the Guidelines through their National Contact Points (NCP). NCPs promote the Guidelines and alleged violations of the Guidelines can be reported to them. NCPs offer a dialogue platform for handling enquiries and act as mediators for fostering out-of-court conflict resolution.

At the event, you will gain insights into the activities of the Swiss NCP including concrete mediation cases. In the second part of the event, representatives of various stakeholder groups will venture an outlook on the future of NCP activities and responsible business conduct. The Swiss youth will also have its say.

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