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 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 the Secretariat of the Swiss NCP

         Views of stakeholders from business, NGOs and trade unions

14.40 h  Practical Experiences with the Swiss NCP
         Experiences of involved parties and mediators in Swiss NCP cases

15.40 h  Break

16.00 h  Where is the journey going?
         Youth’s expectations regarding responsible business conduct and the NCP

         Expectations of stakeholders from business, NGOs, trade unions and
         academia regarding sustainable management and the NCP

17.00 h  Closing
         Rolf Beyeler
         Co-President Advisory Body of the Swiss NCP

17.15 h  Cocktail
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**Date and time:** 13 December 2021, 14.00h - 17.15h

**Location:** Berne, in the building Welle7 at the railway station and virtual participation (by MS Teams)

**Registration:** until 30 November 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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