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

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

**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 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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