

Draft Programme

The OECD Responsible Business Conduct agenda:

The OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the National Contact Point procedure

High level business session organized in cooperation with the OECD

OECD, Paris - 28 June 2017

Business at OECD (BIAC) considers responsible business conduct as promoted by the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises (MNE) to be an essential part of an open investment environment, but also underlines that expectations to business must remain realistic and practical.

The MNE Guidelines, which were updated in 2011 in close co-operation with business, cover all major areas of business ethics and provide for a unique grievance mechanism in the form of National Contact Points (NCP). The NCP provides for a mediation platform where issues can be raised concerning the alleged non-adherence of the Guidelines by a company in a specific instance.

The meeting will allow business leaders to share experience regarding the concrete implications of the MNE Guidelines and the functioning of the NCP system, which is increasingly being called upon. Specifically, the objectives of the meeting are to facilitate discussion among RBC business leaders to:

1. Raise awareness about the NCP procedure and to exchange experience about advantages and drawbacks of the system.
2. Explore the strategic question of how business should position itself towards the future development of the NCP system, and discuss the conditions that must be in place to facilitate proactive engagement of all stakeholders in the process.

After introductions by OECD and BIAC leadership and a panel discussion with stakeholders about the broader OECD responsible business conduct agenda, the central part of the meeting will be a business only discussion among business leaders from MNEs to exchange practical experience with the system and identify key recommendations to ensure the system provides value to business. At the end of the meeting, the preliminary conclusions will be reported back to the OECD.

The business session will be followed by a joint BIAC/OECD cocktail reception to allow for a networking opportunity with senior OECD staff and RBC policy makers.

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Paris, OECD Conference Centre, Room 20

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2:00 p.m. Registration

2:30 - 6:00 p.m.

1. High-level opening remarks by the OECD and BIAC
2. Stakeholder perspectives on the OECD responsible business conduct agenda and the OECD MNE Guidelines
3. Panel discussion on companies' practical experience with the OECD MNE Guidelines and the NCP system (business only)
4. Lessons learned and recommendations for making the system most effective
5. Report back to the OECD

OECD Château, Salle Roger Ockrent

6:15 p.m.

Cocktail reception with the participation of OECD leadership and participants in the OECD roundtable for responsible business conduct policy makers