



OECD Watch **workshop series** 

Using the **OECD Guidelines** for change

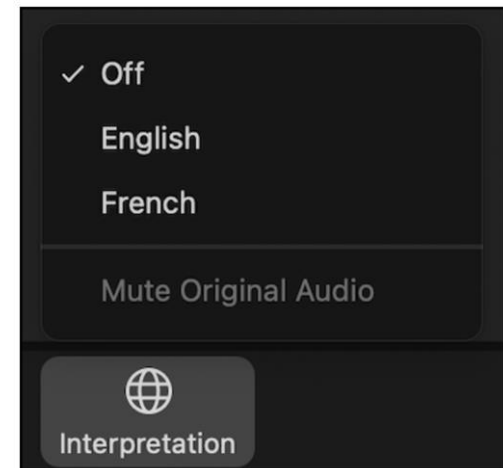
# HUMAN AND INDIGENOUS RIGHTS

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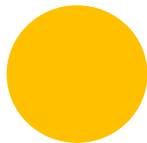
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**20** **OECD Watch**  
**YEARS**

**How well do you  
know the OECD  
Guidelines?**



**Not very well**



**Basic understanding**

# Agenda

1. OECD Watch network
2. Context and purpose of workshop
3. The OECD Guidelines
4. Guidelines and human rights, Indigenous rights, marginalised groups, human rights defenders, land rights, stakeholder engagement
5. Discussion

## About OECD Watch

- **Global network** of 140+ CSOs in 54 countries
- **Official representative of civil society** at the OECD Investment Committee
- Our work: capacity building, research, advocacy



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About us

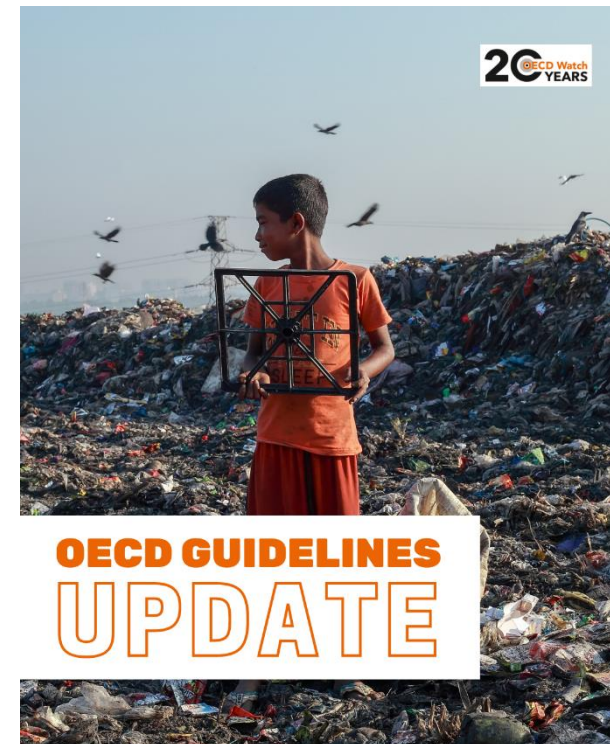
## Context and purpose of workshop

### Context:

- Diverse human rights and environmental harms of companies – particular harms to marginalised groups
- Lack of strong binding regulation / accountability

### Purpose:

- Discuss & strategise how the Guidelines could be an **additional tool** for your work



# What are the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises on Responsible Business Conduct?

- Recommendations from OECD governments to companies on how to act responsibly
- Non-binding (voluntary) standards for responsible business conduct – broad issue and value chain coverage
- Governments that follow the Guidelines must establish a body called a National Contact Point (NCP) to promote the Guidelines and handle (non-judicial) complaints
- Updated in June 2023





## What do the Guidelines say on human rights?



### Companies must:

- Respect **all internationally recognised human rights** and address harms
- Conduct due diligence paying particular attention to risks to **vulnerable or marginalised groups**
- Conflict settings

For more information click here

[Factsheet on human rights](#)



## What do the Guidelines say on Indigenous rights?



### Companies must:

- Respect rights of Indigenous Peoples as set out in the **UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples** (UNDRIP)
- Includes reference to right to **Free, Prior and Informed Consent** (FPIC)

## What do the Guidelines say on human rights defenders?



### Companies must:

- Refrain from taking **reprisals**
- Provide or contribute to **remedy for harm from reprisals**
- Promote **safe space** for communities and defenders, including via partners including states

For more information click here

[Factsheet on human rights defenders](#)

## What do the Guidelines say on land rights?



### Companies must:

- Respect **land rights** and rights supported by **land security** (housing, food, health, life)
- Consider the close relation between environmental impacts and **responsible governance of tenure**
- Consider VGGTs

For more information click here

[Factsheet on land rights](#)

## What do the Guidelines say on stakeholder engagement?

### STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT



### Companies must:

- Conduct **meaningful stakeholder engagement** that is: two-way, conducted in good faith, responsive to stakeholder's views
- Ensure engagement is **timely, accessible, appropriate and safe**

# Strengths & weaknesses

## Strengths

- Due diligence across whole value chain
- Recognition of intersecting risks for vulnerable and marginalised groups
- Explicit mention of human rights defenders, reprisals
- Explicit mention of FPIC

## Weaknesses

- Unclear recognition of Indigenous Peoples' *collective* rights; no mention of other core (e.g. culture, self-determination)
- Does not address common land-related impacts (land-grabbing etc.), weak language on land

# How to use the Guidelines

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**Raise  
community  
awareness  
about company  
standards**

**Talk to  
companies  
to demand  
better  
conduct**



**Advocate for  
strong laws  
and policies  
on corporate  
responsibility**



**File  
complaints  
when companies  
fall below  
the standards**



# **Interventions from speakers**





# Questions?

**What human rights challenges are you fighting?**

**What ideas or questions do you have about using the Guidelines for human rights?**

**What next steps could you/we take to advance human rights frontiers using the Guidelines?**

**Strategic  
complaints**

**Policy  
advocacy**

**Company  
engagement**



## **Consider becoming a member of OECD Watch for:**

- Connections with other global members for complaints and advocacy
- Access to information on RBC-related activities at the OECD
- Opportunities to advice on policy at the OECD
  - And more...

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## Thematic workshops



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