



**OECD Watch** workshop series



Using the **OECD Guidelines** for change

# CLIMATE CHANGE, **ENVIRONMENT & A JUST TRANSITION**







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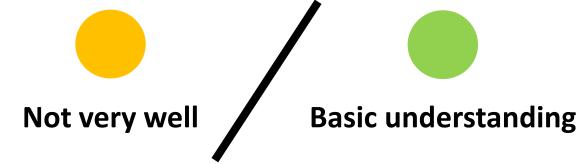


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How well do you know the OECD Guidelines?







# Agenda

- 1. OECD Watch network
- 2. Context and purpose of workshop
- 3. The OECD Guidelines
- 4. Guidelines and environment, climate change and just transition
- 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





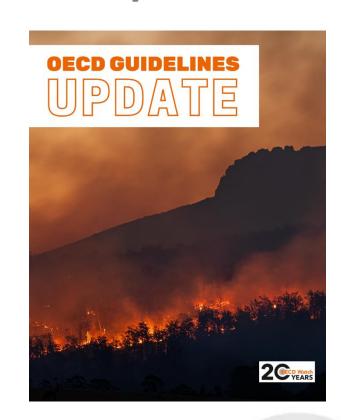
# Context and purpose of workshop

#### **Context:**

- Diverse environmental harms
  - including climate change
- Lack of strong binding regulation / accountability

#### **Purpose:**

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



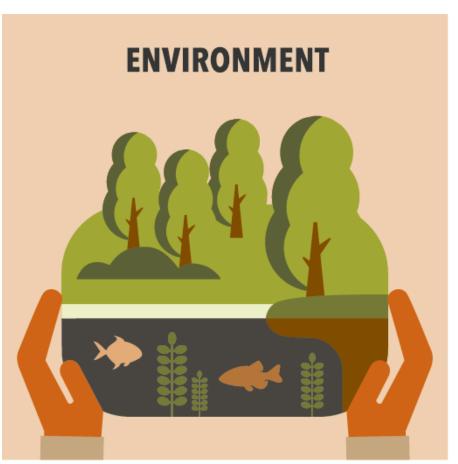


# What are the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises on Responsible Business Conduct?

- 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 National Contact Point (NCP) to promote the Guidelines and handle (non-judicial) complaints
- Updated in June 2023



### What do the Guidelines say on environment?



Non-exhaustive list of environmental harms:

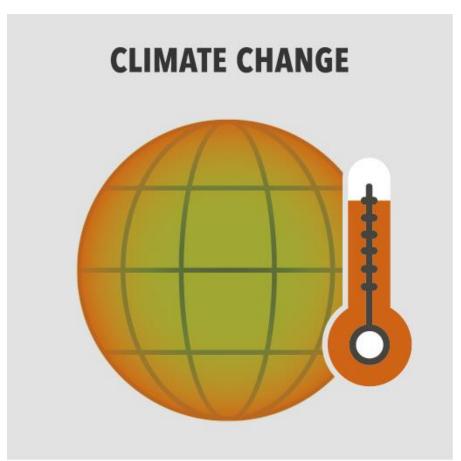
climate change; biodiversity loss; degradation of land, marine, and freshwater ecosystems; deforestation; air, water, and soil pollution; mismanagement of waste, including hazardous substances

For more information click here

**Factsheet on environment** 



## What do the Guidelines say on climate change?



- Take action against CC
- GHG emissions consistent with Paris Agreement and international goals
- Implement CC policies, transition plans and mitigation targets
- Prioritise reducing and eliminating emissions over offsetting



### What do the Guidelines say on just transition?



#### **Companies must:**

- Address harms in transition away from fossil fuels and towards greener models
- Ensure worker training and upskilling to adapt to future environmental and technological changes





#### **Strengths**

- Non-exhaustive list of environmental impacts
- Inclusion of climate change expectations
- Environmental plan involving due diligence

#### Weaknesses

- Enviro harms = "significant" changes
- Set and monitor
  scope 3 emissions –
  to extent possible
  based on best
  available info
- No definition of "just transition"

# **How to use the Guidelines**









File complaints when companies fall below the standards



# Interventions from speakers



# **Questions?**

Ideas about using the Guidelines?

Questions about strengths/weaknesses?

Next steps for environmental/climate change campaigns using the Guidelines?

Strategic complaints

Policy advocacy

Company engagement



# Consider becoming a member of OECD Watch for:

- Connections with other global members
- Access to information on OECD activities
- Opportunities to advise on OECD policy
  - > And more...



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# **Upcoming workshops**



Climate Change, Environment & Just Transition	14 Nov 2023
Due Diligence	16 Nov 2023
Animal Welfare	20 Nov 2023
Policy Coherence	21 Nov 2023
National Contact Point Complaints	23 Nov 2023
Central & Eastern Europe	4 Dec 2023

Register here



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