

# 20 ECD Watch YEARS

OECD Watch **workshop series** 

Using the **OECD Guidelines** for change

## DUE DILIGENCE

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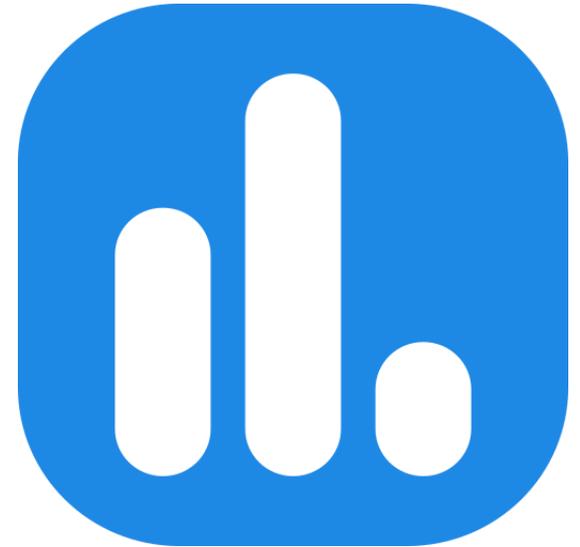
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**How well do you  
know the OECD  
Guidelines?**



**Not very well**



**Basic understanding**



## Agenda

1. OECD Watch network
2. Context and purpose of workshop
3. The OECD Guidelines
4. Guidelines and due diligence
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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## Context and purpose of workshop

### Context:

- Diverse human rights and environmental harms of companies across value chains
- Lack of (but developing...) 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

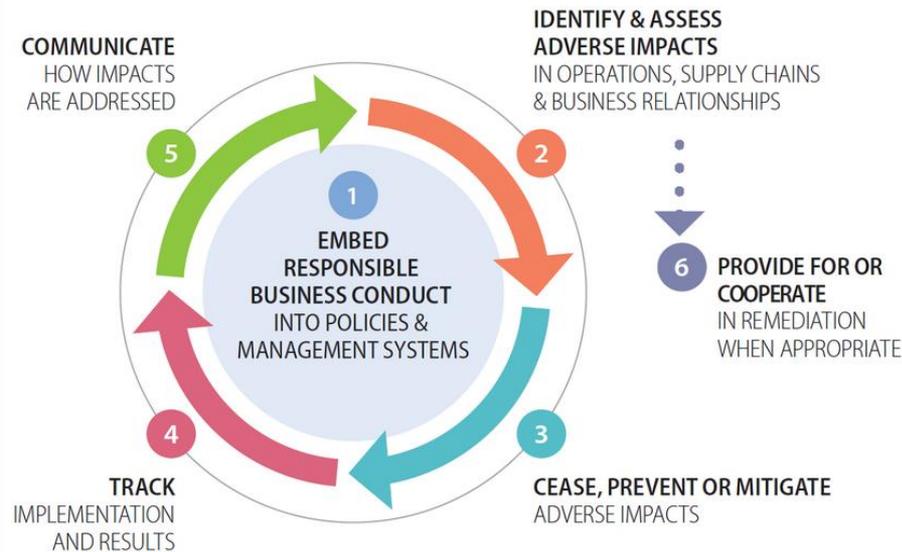
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[What's in the Guidelines](#)

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## What do the Guidelines say on due diligence?



- Follow OECD's six-step due diligence process
- Identify and prevent or mitigate potential harms to **people and planet**, and stop and remedy harms that have occurred
- Prevent **future harm**, and remediate past harm
- Address impacts (from business relationships) across **whole value chain**

## What do the Guidelines say on due diligence?



- Address distinct and intersecting risks to **vulnerable or marginalised groups**
- Ensure **meaningful stakeholder engagement**
- Address risks from misuse, individuals
- Enhanced due diligence in conflict settings

# Strengths & weaknesses



## Strengths

- Due diligence guidance reflected in Guidelines
- Clarified up and downstream scope
- Clarified remedy responsibilities C/C/DL
- MSIs don't replace company's own DD
- Covers individuals, misuse
- Covers tech chapter

## Weaknesses

- Due diligence expectations still not applied to Taxation and Competition chapters

# How to use the Guidelines on due diligence



# Questions?

**What work are you doing on due diligence?**

**What ideas or questions do you have about using the Guidelines for due diligence?**

**What next steps could you/we take to advance due diligence 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



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

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