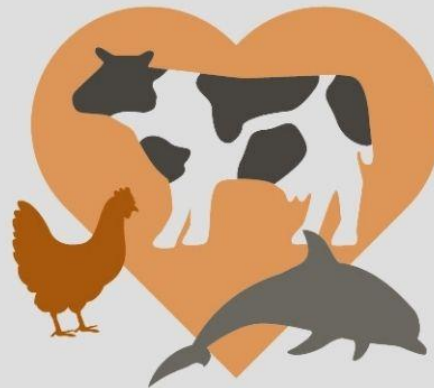




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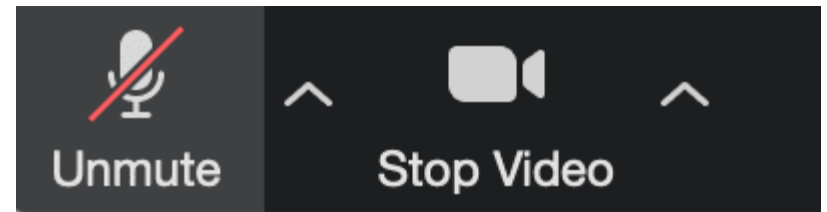
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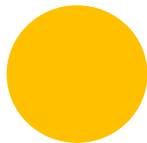
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**How well do you
know the OECD
Guidelines?**



Not very well



Basic understanding



Agenda

1. OECD Watch network
2. Context and purpose of workshop
3. The OECD Guidelines
4. Guidelines and animal welfare
5. Interventions
6. 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:

- Working on promoting good animal welfare & exposing inhumane treatment of animals
- 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 animal welfare?



- Respect animal welfare standards consistent with **World Organisation for Animal Health Terrestrial Code**
- **Good welfare** = healthy, comfortable, well nourished, safe; not suffering from pain, fear, distress; able to express behaviours important for physical and mental state

What do the Guidelines say on animal welfare?



- Disease prevention, appropriate veterinary care, shelter, management, and nutrition
- Stimulating and safe environment for animals
- Ensure humane handling and slaughter/killing
- Adhere to **guidance on transport of live animals**

Strengths & weaknesses

Strengths

- Inclusion of animal welfare in text of the Guidelines (previously not mentioned)

Weaknesses:

- Animal welfare not listed under (non-exhaustive) list of environmental harms
- Lack of explicit reference to due diligence to address impacts to animal welfare (but implied)

How to use the Guidelines on animal welfare

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Questions?

What work are you doing on animal welfare?

What ideas or questions do you have about using the text on animal welfare in the Guidelines?

What next steps could you/we take to advance animal welfare using the Guidelines?

**Strategic
complaints**

**Policy
advocacy**

**Company
engagement**



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- 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



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| 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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