

Project launch event

RBC ASIA

RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS CONDUCT FOR GREEN, DIGITAL AND RESILIENT SUPPLY CHAINS IN ASIA

Date 5 September, 2024

Time 8 am (CET) / 2 pm (SGT)
3 pm (JST, KST)
4 pm (AEST) / 6 pm (NZST)

Where Zoom (Virtual event)

08:00 – 08:05 CET

14:00 SGT
15:00 JST, KST
16:00 AEST
18:00 NZST

Opening and introduction

Ms. Kate Wilson, Project Manager,
OECD Centre for Responsible Business Conduct

08:05 – 08:20 CET

Opening remarks

Mr. Yoshiaki Takeuchi, Deputy Secretary-General, OECD
Ms. Cristina Vasile, Head of Unit, Directorate-General for Trade, European Union

08:20 – 08:25 CET

Video

Business perspectives on implementing
responsible business conduct in the Asia-Pacific region

08:25 – 09:15 CET

Expert panel

on the current state-of-play for responsible business conduct in the region,
and what all stakeholders can prioritise to increase uptake of
sustainable business practices.

09:15 – 09:20 CET

Closing

Ms. Kate Wilson, Project Manager,
OECD Centre for Responsible Business Conduct

Opening speakers



Yoshiki TAKEUCHI

Deputy Secretary-General
OECD



Cristina VASILE

Head of Unit
Directorate-General for Trade
European Union

Expert panelists



Allan JORGENSEN

Moderator

Head of the Centre for
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Monika WAKEMAN

NEW ZEALAND

Sustainability and ESG Partner
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Miwa YAMADA

JAPAN

Chief Senior Researcher
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Director
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About the project

This project is leveraging the good practices of OECD Member countries to build the capacity of businesses operating in Asia to undertake responsible business conduct due diligence and promote convergence and alignment of RBC practices in Asian markets with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises on Responsible Business Conduct.

To deliver the project, the OECD is collaborating with government and non-government stakeholders in Australia, Japan, New Zealand, Republic of Korea and Singapore as well as businesses with operations and supply chains throughout Southeast Asia.

Over 2024 – 2027, the OECD will release and disseminate practical tools, hold events and deliver training to assist businesses in Asia to conduct supply chain due diligence and raise awareness of international responsible business conduct standards. The OECD will also conduct analysis and convene meetings to facilitate dialogue between policymakers in the region on responsible business conduct policy areas.



Project launch event

During the project launch, OECD Deputy Secretary-General Mr. Yoshiki Takeuchi and the European Union Directorate-General for Trade's Head of Unit Ms. Cristina Vasile will provide opening remarks.

Businesses from the Asia-Pacific region will reflect on the benefits and challenges of implementing supply chain due diligence, and an expert panel will share their views on the current state-of-play for responsible business conduct in the region, and what all stakeholders can prioritise to increase uptake of sustainable business practices.