



Workshop for responsible business conduct in the garment and shoe sector – launch of the OECD Guidance

INGENIØRENE'S HUS, KRONPRINSENS GATE 17, 9:00–13:00.

The garment and footwear sector is one of the largest consumer goods sectors in the world, and employs millions of low-skilled worker, many of whom are women. Although the sector represents an important economic driving force, the tragic collapse of the Rana Plaza factory in 2013 brought global attention to the risks of severe adverse impacts both in manufacturing, but also further upstream.

Enterprises operating in the garment and shoe sector have the potential to create growth, employment and skill development through their operations and sourcing. However, human rights and labor abuses and harm to the environment by enterprises are prevalent throughout the supply chain in this sector.



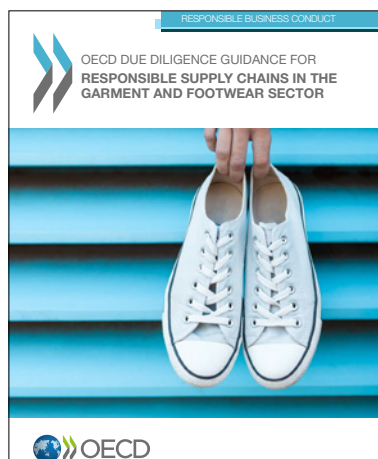
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The OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains in the Garment and Footwear Sector was developed by the OECD through a multi-stakeholder process. The Guidance aims to help enterprises implement the due diligence recommendations contained in the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises. Furthermore, the Guidance supports a common understanding of due diligence and responsible supply chain management in the sector.

The Guidance provides recommendations for enterprises on how to implement due diligence in their own operations and in their supply chains. It provides specific advice in a complex sector, and is a helpful tool for businesses operating in the sector.

The workshop will focus on specific scenarios within the sector, tailored to a Norwegian context.



Program:

Welcome

Frode Elgesem, member of the Norwegian OECD Contact Point

Presentation of the Guidance and Q/A

Jennifer Schappert, Policy Analyst, OECD

Coffee break

Case scenario workshop

In cooperation with Ethical Trading Initiative Norway (Katrine Karlsen) and HM – Norway (Luisa Book).

Participants will be presented with the different dilemmas and will discuss in smaller groups. The scenarios target Norwegian enterprises.

Closing discussion





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