



# HOW THE OECD GUIDELINES FOR RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS CONDUCT CAN REINFORCE THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

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# OECD Guidelines for Multinationals

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- Most comprehensive set of guidelines for responsible business conduct
- All areas of corporate responsibility (labor, environment, corruption, taxation, etc)
- Overarching objective: [Sustainable Development](#)
- Government backed, binding for governments, non binding for MNE's
- Unique grievance mechanism (Mediation by National Contact Points)
- NCPs promote the Guidelines and deal with complaints about company behaviour in specific instances.
- 46 Members, including non OECD members (Brazil, Arg, Col, Morocco, etc)
- More non members process of adherence
- Most global supply chains covered





# Adoption by the 2011 Ministerial Council Meeting



Secretary of State, Ms. Hillary Clinton, at the adoption of the update:

*“If you look at these guidelines, they will be helping us determine how supply chains can be changed so that it can begin to prevent and eliminate abuses and violence. We’re going to look at new strategies that will seek to make our case to companies that due diligence, while not always easy, is absolutely essential.”*



# Interesting NCP cases

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- Cargill Uzbekistan Cotton      SDG: Child Labor
- Socapalm/ Bolloré      SDG: Decent work,  
Environment
- Karl Rieker      SDG Decent work



# Information

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For further information:

<http://mneguidelines.oecd.org>

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