

National Contact Points Network

An Introduction

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Exchange seminar on National Human Rights Mechanisms



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Data collection and analysis

Discussion and consultation

Standard setting
and policy guidance

Implementation support

Peer review



The **Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)** is an international organisation in which governments work together to find solutions to common challenges, develop global standards, share experiences and identify best practices to promote **better policies for better lives**.

— Alignment among international standards on RBC



OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises



UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights



ILO Tripartite Declaration of Principles concerning Multinational Enterprises and Social Policy



— OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises

Responsibilities of Governments

Implement the Guidelines and **encourage RBC** by businesses operating **in or from their territories**

Provide a **policy environment** that supports and promotes responsible business conduct

Set up **National Contact Points** to promote RBC and facilitate access to remedy

Disclosure	Human Rights	Employment & Industrial Relations
Environment	Consumer interests	Science & Technology
Combating Bribery, Bribe Solicitation and Extortion	Taxation	Competition

Responsibilities of Businesses

Maximise positive impacts, minimise adverse **impacts on people, planet and society**

Carry out **risk-based due diligence** to identify, prevent and mitigate actual and potential adverse impacts **regardless of their financial materiality**

Cover **own operations; supply chain and business relationships**

— National Contact Points for RBC – Mandate

Twofold mandate

Promotion

Information material

Trainings/workshops/events

Policy coherence

Remedy

Non-judicial

620 cases since 2000

100 countries and territories

— The NCP Network: Characteristics

Action plan

Mandated by the Guidelines:
Procedural Guidance

Peer learning network

Meetings twice per year (June,
November)

Supported by OECD Secretariat



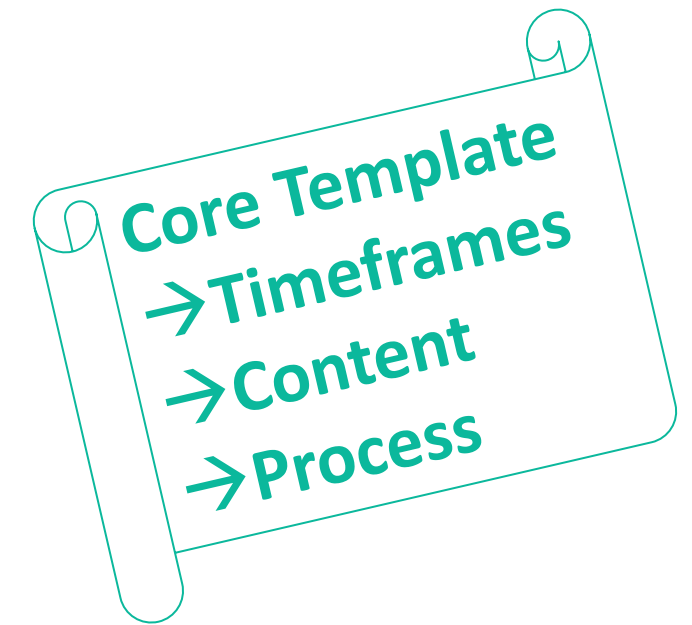
— The NCP Network: Topics

- 1) Substance: questions around RBC
- 2) Procedure
- 3) Enhancing performance and implementation
 - Institutional set-up
 - Peer reviews
 - Action Plans

— NCP peer reviews

The **objectives of NCP peer reviews** are to:

- Compare implementation to benchmark
 - OECD Guidelines (Procedural Guidance)
 - core criteria for functional equivalence
 - guiding principles for handling specific instances
- Identify the NCP's strengths and possibilities for improvement
- Make recommendations for improvement
- Serve as a learning tool for reviewed and participating NCPs



MCM 2017: aim to have all NCPs peer reviewed by 2023

— Limitations & Opportunities

