

# WEBINAR: Unlocking Accountability: How OECD NCPs Shape Corporate Human Rights Responsibility – Launch of the OECD Case Law Database

As businesses face increasing pressures to uphold human rights, the OECD National Contact Points (NCPs) play a pivotal role in advancing corporate accountability through the resolution of specific instances. The OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises on Responsible Business Conduct require proactive Human Rights Due Diligence (HRDD) to identify, prevent, and mitigate human rights risks across companies' operations and value chains.

This webinar will focus on the analysis of OECD NCP-specific instances as a tool for promoting corporate accountability and enhancing the effectiveness of the NCP mechanism. Additionally, the event will feature the launch of the **OECD Case Law Database**, created under the <u>OECD Case Law Project</u> led by Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg. The database compiles and categorizes NCP cases, offering valuable insights and guidance for businesses and stakeholders.

Through a panel discussion, participants will explore how NCPs have addressed significant issues related to labour rights, environmental concerns, and responsible business conduct, drawing key lessons from past cases to shape future practices.

## Agenda

16:00 - 16:10

#### Welcoming Words and Introduction

Prof. Dr. Markus Krajewski, Chair of Public Law and Public International Law, Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg

## 16:10 - 16:30

#### **Keynotes**

Christine Kaufmann, Chair of the OECD Working Party on Responsible Business Conduct, Professor of Law, Chair of International and Constitutional Law

Anne-Kathrin Roethemeyer, Head of the German National Contact Point of the OECD The importance, research value, and impact of analysing OECD NCP-specific instances as case law.

#### 16:30 - 17:00

## Launch of the OECD Case Database with Q&A

Otgontuya Davaanyam, Research Associate / Diego Salvador, Website Developer Introduction to the OECD Case Law Project and the newly developed database, offering key summaries from NCP-specific instances and guidance on implementing OECD Guidelines.

### 17:00 - 17:30 Roundtable Discussion: Effective Grievance Mechanism under OECD NCPs

## Key topics:

- The Impact of Specific Instances on Strengthening Corporate Accountability

- Overcoming Challenges: How NCPs Work Toward Delivering Substantive Remedies

- Leading by Example: Best Practices of NCPs in Facilitating Effective Remediation

## Speakers:

Marian Ingrams, Director of OECD Watch

Nicolas Hachez, Head of Access to Remedy, OECD Centre for Responsible Business Conduct Christine Kaufmann, Chair of the OECD Working Party on Responsible Business Conduct, Professor of Law, Chair of International and Constitutional Law Anne-Kathrin Roethemeyer, Head of the German National Contact Point of the OECD

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Markus Krajewski

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