

Joint IOE-Business at OECD (BIAC) virtual event Connecting the anti-corruption and human rights agendas

Monday, 19 October 2020, 14:00-15:30

Corrupt practices and human rights abuses share many of the same root causes, frequently occur in areas with weak governance, and pose similar reputational, financial, operational, and legal risks to companies. Responses to corruption and human rights issues, however, often involve different actors, laws and regulatory considerations, and as a consequence are often dealt with in separate departments.

To help break down silos, *Business at OECD* (BIAC) and International Organisation of Employers (IOE) have recently published their [Connecting the anti-corruption and human rights agendas: A guide for business and employers' organizations](#). The guide proposes ideas for how companies can leverage existing synergies and foster experience- and information sharing between anti-corruption and human rights experts – where this is desirable and feasible - by presenting a number of questions for self-assessment. It also provides an overview of the vast array of instruments and resources that exist in the two fields and outlines examples of companies, which have already embedded a more coordinated risk assessment approach in their operations.

Opening remarks

Moderator: **Matthias Thorns**, Deputy Secretary-General, IOE

14:00 – 14:15 Welcome: **Roberto Suárez-Santos**, Secretary-General, IOE

Introduction of the guide: **Hanni Rosenbaum**, Acting Secretary-General, *Business at OECD*

Panel discussion

14:15 – 14:45 Panelists will further explore the nexus between human rights and anti-corruption and discuss ongoing horizontal work in this area at the OECD and the UN.

Speakers:

- **Anita Ramasastry**, Chair of the UN Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises
- **Drago Kos**, Chair of the OECD Working Group on Bribery
- **Corinne Lagache**, Chair of the Business at OECD Anti-Corruption Committee
- **Mthunzi Mdwaba**, Chair of the IOE Human Rights and Responsible Business Conduct Working Group

Q&A

Best practice

14:45 – 15:20 Company representatives will discuss the case studies presented in the guide as well as other practical examples of implementing a more holistic approach to anti-corruption and human rights.

Speakers:

- **Rauno Hoffman**, Head of Policies, Advisory & Anti-Bribery Program, Novartis
- **Nicola Allocca**, Director Risk Management, Compliance and Business Continuity, Atlantia
- **María Rocha**, Deputy Director of Integrity Repsol S.A.
- **Brent Wilton**, Director of Global Workplace and Human Rights, The Coca-Cola Company
- **Elaine McKay**, International Affairs Director, JT International SA

Q&A

Closing remarks

15:20 – 15:30 This session will wrap up the discussion and highlight key business considerations for the fight against corruption and the promotion of human rights going forward.

- **Roberto Suárez Santos**
- **Hanni Rosenbaum**