

The OECD Centre for Responsible Business Conduct is pleased to announce the call for applications for its **2024 business capacity-building programme on due diligence for the garment and footwear sector** in the Middle East, North Africa, and Türkiye.

The training programme is designed to support companies in carrying out risk-based due diligence to identify, prevent and mitigate adverse impacts. It is based on the <u>OECD Due Diligence Guidance</u> for Responsible Supply Chains in the Garment and Footwear Sector (<u>AR|TR|FR</u>).

The **training sessions are free of charge** thanks to the support of Switzerland's State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO) and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ). The training is part of the Responsible Business Conduct in Middle East, North Africa, and Türkiye <u>regional programme</u>.



Who can participate in the programme?

Companies from the garment and footwear sectors in **Egypt**, **Jordan**, **Morocco**, **Tunisia**, **and Türkiye** as well as participants from other countries in the Middle East and North Africa.

Businesses may be operating at different stages along the supply chain (from production to retail) and include **small, medium-sized, large, and state-owned enterprises**.

Representatives from garment and footwear industry associations and companies with operations in the target countries are also welcome to participate.

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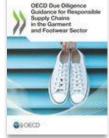


Benefits for participating companies

- ✓ Strengthen capacities to respond to emerging regulatory due diligence requirements in key export markets.
- ✓ Build capacity on the latest OECD standards and tools relevant to the sector, including the updated 2023 Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises on Responsible Business Conduct (EN|FR|TR) and the OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains in the Garment and Footwear Sector.



✓ Access a safe learning environment, tailored training materials, and exchange experiences and good practices with regional peers.



 \checkmark Receive a certificate of participation at the programme's conclusion.



Programme structure and timeline

- ✓ The format, fully virtual, will follow a "learning by doing" approach and include participant inputs, case studies and practical exercises.
- ✓ Participants are expected to participate actively in all workshops and test and apply what they have learned in their day-to-day operations between webinars.

