



# **THE OECD GUIDELINES FOR MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISES AND ISO 26000**

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# GUIDELINES FEATURES

- **Voluntary recommendations to MNEs in all major areas of business ethics**
- **Adopted in 1976, major revision in 2000**
- **Based on universally shared values , principles and norms**
- **Applicable worldwide**
- **41 adhering countries (30 OECD countries, 11 non-OECD countries: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Egypt, Estonia, Israel, Latvia, Lithuania, Peru, Slovenia and Romania) and other countries have applied**
- **The most comprehensive government-backed code of conduct for enterprises with multi-stakeholder involvement**

# A UNIQUE IMPLEMENTATION MECHANISM

- **National Contact Points** are responsible for promoting observance of the Guidelines and facilitate resolution of alleged non-observance of the Guidelines (« specific instances »)
- **150 specific instances** have been considered by NCPs a majority relating to employment and industrial relations and human rights. Half have been concluded.



# REVIEW OF NCP PERFORMANCE

## Determining factors:

- **Organisational structures and institutional arrangements**
- **Procedures for considering specific instances**
- **Resource and capacity constraints**

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- Several synergies
- OECD-ISO MOU
- ISO as a platform for promoting the Guidelines



## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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- [www.oecd.org/daf/investment/guidelines](http://www.oecd.org/daf/investment/guidelines)
- [www.oecd.org/daf/investment/pfi](http://www.oecd.org/daf/investment/pfi)

**Thank you!**