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OECD training programme on due diligence for responsible banking and capital markets in the Asia-Pacific region

Starts on 1 October 2026

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Selected participants will be notified.

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Is your institution working to overcome challenges when conducting responsible business conduct due diligence on clients, investees and counterparties across its portfolios?

Do you want to build practical knowledge of responsible business conduct due diligence and to strengthen your institution's environmental and social risk management?

Join the OECD's free training programme to hear insights on how to identify, prevent, and mitigate environmental and social impacts linked to financial transactions and investments.

The training programme is specifically designed for financial institutions with operations in Australia, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, and Singapore. Starting on **1 October 2026,** the programme consists of **four online sessions**, which are all free of charge. Participants are free to attend all sessions or only those that are the most relevant to their enterprise. Those attending at least three sessions are eligible for a **certificate of completion**.

Training overview

Session 1	☑ Introduction to due diligence and key risks and impacts linked to financial transactions and investments ☑ Embedding responsible business conduct into policies and management systems
Session 2	☑ Identifying and assessing adverse risks and impacts in operations, investments and lending portfolios ☑ Ceasing, preventing or mitigating adverse impacts
Session 3	☑ Tracking due diligence implementation and results ☑ Communicating how impacts are addressed
Session 4	☑ Providing for, or cooperating in, remediation when appropriate ☑ Key takeaways from the training

Who can participate?

Financial institutions and industry associations operating in the banking sector, financial markets and financial services, including banks, asset managers, and institutional investors, financial service providers with operations in the Asia-Pacific region. The programme is particularly useful for institutions headquartered in **Australia, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, and Singapore.**

Open to **asset and portfolio managers, legal and compliance officers, sustainability specialists, executives,** and any representative of the sector wanting to deepen their knowledge on due diligence.

Multiple representatives from the same institution are welcome to participate.

Why join?

☑ **Gain practical knowledge based on:**

OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises on Responsible Business Conduct	EN JP KR
OECD Responsible Business Conduct Due Diligence Guidance	EN JP KR
OECD Due Diligence Essentials for Responsible Banking and Capital Markets	EN

Other relevant OECD resources referenced include:

OECD Responsible Business Conduct For Institutional Investors	EN JP
OECD Responsible Business Conduct Due Diligence For Project And Asset Finance Transactions	EN
OECD Due Diligence for Responsible Corporate Lending and Securities Underwriting	EN JP

☑ **Respond to evolving expectations**

Better understand the responsible business conduct due diligence framework embedded in international standards.

☑ **Increase synergies and coherence**

Explore how the OECD due diligence standards are reflected in and integrated into key industry frameworks (e.g. the Equator Principles, IFC Performance Standards, GRI and TCFD), helping business improve sustainability and resilience to market changes.

☑ **Connect with peers from across the region**

Share experiences with a network of regional institutions.

☑ **Learn in English, Japanese or Korean**

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided for the presentation segments of each session (Q&A sessions will be in English only).

How does it work?

Sign up

Register for the training sessions.

Join the free sessions

Attend as many as you can, and join at least three sessions to receive a certificate of completion. Session two will be delivered twice: once with a focus on the perspective of banks, and once with a focus on the perspective of investors.

Engage actively

Participate in interactive exercises and real-world case studies from the Asia-Pacific region.

Apply what you learn

Test insights in your daily work between sessions.

Register now!

Registration deadline:
10 September 2026

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Implemented by the OECD Centre for Responsible Business Conduct, the training is part of the "Responsible Business Conduct for Green, Digital and Resilient Supply Chains in Asia," project which is funded by the European Union.

What is responsible business conduct due diligence?

Financial institutions play key roles in enabling economic growth and innovation, underpinning development across most sectors in the real economy. At the same time, through allocating capital, financial institutions can be connected to a wide range of adverse environmental, social, and governance impacts.

The OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises on Responsible Business Conduct (OECD MNE Guidelines) set out the expectation that enterprises, including financial institutions, conduct due diligence to manage potential and actual adverse impacts on people and the planet in their operations, supply chains, and investments. In addition to the OECD MNE Guidelines and other key international instruments on responsible business conduct (RBC),[1] policymakers, standard-setters, and financial service providers have developed various responsible and sustainable investment and lending practices, frameworks and policies, including some related to risk-based due diligence for RBC.[2]

A number of specific challenges remain for financial institutions in implementing due diligence for RBC, including information deficits, indirect relationships with clients, challenges and limitations for exercising leverage, and the need to balance transparency expectations with client confidentiality.

The OECD MNE Guidelines and related guidance can help businesses address these challenges and improve the environmental and social outcomes in their operations, supply chains, and investments. They are risk-based and encourage companies to prioritise their most significant impacts and engage with business partners and stakeholders to create meaningful improvement over time, not to respond to everything, everywhere, all at once.

[1] I.e. the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and the ILO Tripartite Declaration of Principles concerning Multinational Enterprises and Social Policy.

[2] E.g., the EU's Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive introduces mandatory sustainability reporting and due diligence-related disclosures for large EU companies and non-EU companies with significant operations in the EU, including financial institutions. Australia's Modern Slavery Act requires companies with annual consolidated revenue of at least AUD$100 million operating in Australia, including financial institutions, to report on modern slavery risks in their operations and supply chains.