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Dear Madam/Sir,

I would like to introduce the Responsible Supply Chains in Asia programme. A joint initiative of the [European Union \(EU\)](#), the [International Labour Organization \(ILO\)](#) and the [Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development \(OECD\)](#) that aims to boost levels of responsible business conduct in Thailand.

Following the COVID-19 pandemic, we believe our programme is highly relevant both in restoring the national and regional economy and ensuring its greater resilience to future shocks. In recent years, civil society, multinational enterprises, workers and increasingly consumers' organisations around the world have become more vigilant about the ways goods and services are produced. The G20, the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, and regional meetings have called for action in implementing Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and Responsible Business Conduct (RBC). Most trade agreements now include chapters on responsible business behaviour.

Activities in Thailand.

The programme has been present in Thailand since February 2018. Examples of recent activities include: [Training of lecturers in Business Administration](#) to influence their curricula.

[The Responsible Business and Human Right Forum](#) 2019 – a leading multilateral conference held as part of Thailand's Business and Human rights week,

[Businesses share insights on navigating complex labour issues](#) - a seminar on eliminating child and forced labour.

[Workshop on policy framework for the promotion of responsible business conduct](#) – with Thai government officials to build policies supportive of responsible business practices.

Of Interest.

The multilateral Responsible Business and Human Right forum, usually held in Bangkok was held online from June 9 -11. The theme this year "[New challenges. New approaches](#)" examined, amongst other themes, **ways to rebuild the global economy to be fairer and more resilient.**

About the programme. ([Click here for the country brochure.](#) [Click here for introductory video](#))

- The programme uses as a basis the ILO's [MNE Declaration](#). This Declaration provides direct guidance to enterprises (multinational and national) on social policy and inclusive, responsible and sustainable workplace practices.
- The regional programme commenced in January of 2018, and funding of **EURO 9 million** is principally from the EU while implementation is equally shared between the ILO and OECD.
- In Thailand, it targets national and multinational companies and their supply chains in the seafood and agricultural sectors.
- Through original research, training, opening platforms for dialogue and policy advocacy it is supporting businesses and governments to shift policies to align with international guidelines (instruments) on best practices for corporate behaviour. In practice, it means complying with these international standards on human and labour rights, environmental protection and accountability, even in environments where the laws or their enforcement currently fall short. You can find a summary of the instruments in the brochure "[Key Messages from International Instruments](#)".
- In Thailand, the programme is represented by the National Programme Coordinator, who works with a team to implement its activities. This NPC is supported by a regional head of programme, Fredy Guayacan. The programme also calls on the resources of the ILO and OECD when relevant.