

► Advancing Responsible Business Conduct in Latin America and the Caribbean

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► Partnership for leading transformation

The Responsible Business Conduct in Latin America and the Caribbean Project (RBC-LAC) is implemented jointly by the International Labour Organization (ILO), the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), with funding from the European Union's Directorate-General for International Partnerships (DG INTPA).

In its second phase, the project's implementing organizations (ILO, OHCHR and OECD) created a regionally coordinated strategy manner to support leading national business associations in strengthening due diligence in the agriculture and mining sectors through the development of national sectoral roadmaps in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Mexico and Peru. These roadmaps are grounded in formal collaboration agreements and aim to equip companies with knowledge and practical tools—such as self-assessment templates, model human rights policies, and implementation frameworks—to support alignment with international standards and drive responsible business practices on the ground. For more information see [Sectoral Transformation through National Roadmaps on Responsible Business Conduct \(agriculture & minerals\)](#).

Another example of concrete improvement of business practices, supported by the ILO, is the revised [Argentine Viticulture Sustainability Protocol](#) that incorporates the principles of the MNE Declaration, adopted by the Argentine wine industry chamber (Bodegas de Argentina). This has led, among others, to the adoption of a “Sustainable Labour Practices” certification programme by the National Registry of Rural Workers and Employers.

As part of a wider ILO effort, the project developed a Fair Recruitment Toolbox for the Costa Rican Sugar Industry, which translates broader due diligence frameworks into concrete, sector, and subject specific guidance for LAICA (Costa Rica Agricultural and Industrial Sugarcane League) and its members. A forced labour self-assessment tool was also developed in Mexico for the mining sector. For more information see [Addressing Forced Labour and the labour dimension of RBC through Human Rights Due Diligence in Agriculture and Mining](#).

Policy coherence

Chile's third [National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights \(2026-2029\)](#) was adopted in December 2025 and guided by the Tripartite Declaration of Principles concerning Multinational Enterprises and Social Policy (MNE Declaration), among other main instruments on responsible business conduct.

With technical advice from the ILO, **Colombia** has finalised a draft national decree on Responsible Business Conduct and Business and Human Rights, informed by the first national baseline study developed through a participatory methodology. The decree seeks to institutionalise the first legally established technical inter-ministerial group on RBC in the region and serves to regulate the responsibilities of public entities in the coordination and implementation of actions on RBC and Business and Human Rights. It also provides for the adoption of a national baseline assessment on Business and Human Rights, to support more effective decision-making for prevention, protection, accountability, and access to remedy.

The Project supported **Brazil's** Ministry of Human Rights and Citizenship in developing their national Business and Human Rights policy, including by developing tools to engage companies on supply chain responsibilities.

Inclusive stakeholder engagement

128 trade union leaders from [Chile](#), [Colombia](#), [Ecuador](#), [Mexico](#) and [Panama](#) strengthen their Responsible Business Conduct (RBC) leadership and capacities. Participants explored the MNE Declaration as a tool to promote responsible business practices, deepened their understanding of due diligence and updated their union action plans to integrate regional lessons and trends.

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