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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 Viet Nam.

Why is it important:

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. The trend of society, multinational enterprises, workers and increasingly consumers' organisations around the world being more vigilant about the ways goods and services are produced is likely to continue. 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, such as the CPTPP and EVFTA, now include chapters on responsible business behaviour.

Activities in Viet Nam.

The programme has been present in Viet Nam since February 2018. It focuses on the seafood and wood processing sectors. In February of this year, the programme hosted a ['think tank'](#) for CSR promotion in seafood supply chains. This was followed by extensive CSR training for seafood processing companies and establishing a series of policy dialogues with D-FISH. Other examples of recent activities include this work with the [Wood sector](#), and the [Responsible Business Forum – Viet Nam](#) which examined the importance of responsible business practices in Viet Nam's increasing global integration. This event was widely covered in the national press – e.g. [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#). The programme has also worked to embed its CSR agenda in training curricula for students at the National Economics University in Hanoi, Nha Trang and others.

Of upcoming interest.

The Programme recently commissioned a study on labour practices in the seafood supply chains. Preliminary findings indicate the industry is growing quickly and bringing growth and employment but that that awareness of both the expectations and benefits of socially responsible labour practices is lagging. For more information contact Tran Minh Tri, Tri@ilo.org

About the regional 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 Viet Nam, 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 Viet Nam, the programme is represented by the National Programme Coordinator, who works with a small team to implement its activities. This NPC is supported by a regional head of programme, Fredy Guaycan. The programme also calls on the resources of the ILO and OECD when relevant.

Yours respectfully,

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