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ANTI-BRIBERY AND CORRUPTION TASK FORCE

MISSION STATEMENT

The BIAC Task Force supports OECD efforts to fight against bribery and corruption and ensure integrity and a level playing field for business. Business at OECD provides regular input to the implementation of the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention and contributes the business voice to consultations with the OECD Working Group on Bribery, the OECD Integrity Forum and other relevant OECD meetings where the issue of bribery and corruption are addressed. Since the B20 summit in Cannes, Business at OECD has also been an active contributor to B20-related activities in the fight against corruption.

KEY AREAS OF INTEREST

- Implementation of the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention
- Tackling Bribe Solicitation
- Incentivizing and rewarding self-reporting
- Fostering public-private dialogue and innovative collective action
- Encouraging good compliance and self-disclosure
- Fostering outreach to non-adhering countries and capacity-building
- Involvement in the OECD Integrity Initiative

POLICY GROUP STRUCTURE

Chair

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Vice Chairs

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(France)

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Maersk

Mr. Gerrie Lenting, Deloitte
(US)

OECD Engagement

Working Group on Bribery

Integrity Forum

2017 PRIORITIES

- Contribute to the implementation of recommendations from the 2016 Anti-Bribery Ministerial Meeting, including on voluntary self-disclosure and collective action
- Engage in the B20 working group on anti-corruption and responsible business conduct
- Provide business input to cross-cutting initiatives, such as trade without corruption

BUSINESS RELEVANCE

- The OECD Anti-Bribery Convention and the monitoring mechanisms put in place have clearly positioned the Organization as a leading institution in the international fight against corruption. Working towards the effective implementation of the commitments under the Convention and seeking continued expansion of adherence, including major emerging economies, are key to creating a global level playing field. At the same time, business highlights the need to recognize efforts undertaken by the private sector and the importance of close public-private cooperation.

BIOTECHNOLOGY EXPERT GROUP

MISSION STATEMENT

Biotechnology continues to expand in various economic sectors and shows great potential, in particular in health and bio-economy. The BIAC Biotechnology Expert Group contributes to the wide range of OECD biotechnology-related projects, including industrial biotechnology, human health-related biotechnology, the harmonization of regulatory oversight for the products of modern biotechnology and international harmonization in the safety assessments of novel foods and feeds. A major focus for the coming years will be on how biotechnology can contribute to addressing global challenges including health and green growth.

KEY AREAS OF INTEREST

- Open Innovation and Open Science
- Industrial biotechnology, bio-based production, innovation for sustainable bio-economies
- Emerging technologies for health: microbiome, gene-editing, neurotechnology, precision medicine
- Addressing megatrends: ageing, digitalization
- Data access and data infrastructure

2017 PRIORITIES

- Advancing the OECD Project on Next Production Revolution
- OECD Horizontal Project on Digitalization
- OECD Science, Technology & Innovation Outlook

BUSINESS RELEVANCE

- Business at OECD Members are senior biotechnology experts from Business at OECD Member organizations and senior company representatives working on biotechnology policy.
- OECD analyses and studies reflect Business at OECD views on biotechnology policies that support business-efficient measures, private sector growth and job creation.
- Through Business at OECD, the voice of the biotechnology sector is heard at the highest political level

POLICY GROUP STRUCTURE

Chair

Ms. Lisa Zannoni, Syngenta
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Vice Chairs

Ms. Alessandra Salamini,
Monsanto (United States)

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Consult (Belgium)

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Diagnostics GmbH
(Germany)

OECD Engagement

OECD Working Group on the
Harmonization of Regulatory
Oversight in Biotechnology

OECD Working Party on Bio-,
Nano- and Converging
Technologies (BNCT)

OECD Global Forum on
Biotechnology

Business at OECD is invited to attend the bi-annual meetings of all relevant OECD bodies working on biotechnology. Business at OECD members also participate in specific OECD projects in technical/business advisory groups and provide comments addressing specific issues.

CHEMICALS COMMITTEE

MISSION STATEMENT

The chemicals industry is one of the world's major economic sectors. The industry is committed to acting responsibly and transparently and in partnership with governments to ensure that its products meet the necessary safety requirements. The BIAC Chemicals Committee is involved in a wide range of OECD activities and contributes to the development of policies and instruments for chemical testing and assessment, fostering information exchange and providing a framework for the sharing of burden.

KEY AREAS OF INTEREST

- Test guidelines
- Hazard and exposure assessment
- New chemicals
- Pollutant Release and Transfer Register (PRTR)
- Chemical accidents
- Pesticides
- Biocides
- Sustainable chemistry

2017 PRIORITIES

- Continue its active contribution to OECD activities fostering burden sharing and cost savings, by providing detailed technical expertise and strategic advice to the related working groups
- Contribute to the review of OECD Council legal instruments related to chemicals management, which are the foundation of the chemicals program
- Help shape the OECD's long-term strategic vision for chemicals management and global cooperation

BUSINESS RELEVANCE

By avoiding duplicative data requirements, the OECD chemicals program generates cost savings of about 150 million Euros annually for business and governments. In Business at OECD's view, the specific added value of the OECD EHS program lies in its concrete cost-saving effects for industry and governments by harmonizing testing and assessment approaches. The development of high-quality tools and guidance on technical issues as well as the sharing and mutual assistance among members and non-members play a key role in global discussions on chemicals management.

POLICY GROUP STRUCTURE

Chair

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Dr. Fumiaki Shono, Japan Chemical Industry Association (Japan)

Mr. Benjamin Davies, International Council on Mining and Metals (UK)

Mr. Ladislav Novák, Confederation of Industry of the Czech Republic (Czech Republic).

OECD Engagement

OECD Joint Meeting of the Chemicals Committee and the Working Party on Chemicals, Pesticides and Biotechnology

Working Group of National Co-ordinators of the Test Guidelines Program

Working Group on Pesticides

Working Group on Chemical Accidents

Task Force on Hazard Assessment

Task Force on Exposure Assessment

Task Force on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers

CHINA TASK FORCE

MISSION STATEMENT

The BIAC China Task Force contributes expert guidance to China-OECD cooperation in areas that improve the investment climate and overall business environment in China. It promotes adherence to OECD instruments and the sharing of knowledge on policy practices, contributing to a more level playing field for all businesses operating both inside and outside of China.

KEY AREAS OF INTEREST

- Competition between private companies and state-owned enterprises (SOEs)
- Market access, including export credits and trade and investment agreements
- Corporate governance
- Responsible business conduct
- Green growth

2017 PRIORITIES

- Work with the OECD's senior representative in Beijing and help to scale-up the OECD's presence in China
- Engage and brief, via a dedicated event, OECD Secretary General Gurría during his visit to Beijing (March)
- Contribute business perspectives to the updated China-OECD work program, 2017-2018
- Participate in, and contribute to, the OECD's Informal Reflection Group meeting on China in Paris
- Provide business expertise to the OECD's ongoing economic projections for China's economy

BUSINESS RELEVANCE

- OECD cooperation with China is longstanding (20 years) and is increasingly well regarded by the current Chinese leadership. Building on the visit by Chinese Premier Li Keqiang to the OECD in July 2015, China and the OECD took the unprecedented step to co-sign a joint Program of Work for 2015-16. This partnership is now being taken forward and updated with a new Program of Work 2017-2018.
- The BIAC China Task Force offers a unique voice in which private enterprises and organisations can raise reform priorities in China for an improved business environment, by contributing to and leveraging upon the OECD's evidence, instruments, and policy recommendations.

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Chairman, ATA Holding
(Turkey)

OECD Engagement

OECD Reflection Group on
China

COMPETITION COMMITTEE

MISSION STATEMENT

The BIAC Competition Committee informs OECD discussions on competition and encourages senior regulators and antitrust enforcers to act consistently and proportionately in accordance with due process and best practice, with respect to the objectives of effective enforcement of competition laws. Its primary objective is maintenance of business competitiveness and the efficient operation of markets with a minimum necessary level of regulatory intervention across all business sectors.

KEY AREAS OF INTEREST

- Innovation and competition, disruptive innovation, Big Data
- Market studies and geographic market definition
- Decision-making and independence of Competition Authorities
- Hard Core Cartels, price discrimination

2017 PRIORITIES

- Contribute papers and reflect business views to the OECD Roundtable discussions of the OECD Competition Committee, and its working parties on competition and regulation (WP2); International Co-operation and Enforcement (WP3)
- Continue dialogues with the OECD Competition Committee and its Working Parties as relevant on the issue of agency co-operation at the international level
- Participate in the annual OECD Global Forum on Competition, which addresses competition policy issues in the development context
- Address competition policy issues as it intersects with other policy areas i.e. consumer policy, Intellectual property rights issues (IPR), innovation, green growth, trade and investment

BUSINESS RELEVANCE

- The BIAC Competition Committee includes senior business experts in Antitrust from multinational co-operation and law firms (at general counsel and partner level across all sectors), and Business at OECD Member federation experts in competition policy.
- OECD proceedings on competition issues include the perspectives submitted by Business at OECD advocating open competitive markets for trade and investment.

POLICY GROUP STRUCTURE

Chair

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OECD Engagement

OECD Competition Committee (CLP)

OECD CLP Working Party 2 on Competition and Regulation

OECD CLP Working Party 3 on Co-operation and Enforcement

The BIAC Competition Committee meets with the OECD 2 times a year in Paris and develops BIAC positions on competition topics address by OECD via conference calls and e-mail exchange.

BIAC members participate to specific OECD projects and meetings related to competition policy.

CONSUMER POLICY TASK FORCE

MISSION STATEMENT

Business at OECD works to ensure that in the globalised marketplace, consumer protection and consumer product safety will be secured and well balanced within a regulatory environment that enables business-led economic growth, and technological innovation.

KEY AREAS OF INTEREST

- Consumer protection, in particular for digital consumers
- Internet of Things: consumer protection and safety aspects
- International regulatory cooperation in the field of consumer protection and consumer protection enforcement
- Consumer Product Safety: OECD work on product traceability and traceability labels, recalls portal, consumer protection awareness raising campaigns

2017 PRIORITIES

- Strategic engagement in consumer policy aspects of the OECD Projects on Next Production Revolution and on the Benefits of Digitalization for Growth and Well-Being: promote a more positive image of the digital consumer / digital environment (information, choice, flexibility etc.);
- Promote a level playing field for consumer protection online and off-line
- Internet of Things: develop leadership in product safety aspects and monitor new developments in consumer protection (e.g. privacy)
- Monitor developments of OECD Recalls Portal and develop appropriate engagement strategy
- Contribute to the OECD thinking on behavioural insights and to the use thereof

BUSINESS RELEVANCE

- Within an enabling regulatory environment, consumer protection and consumer product safety are at the core of business concerns.
- Business at OECD Members are senior consumer policy experts from Business at OECD Member originations and Senior Company representatives responsible for consumer policy.
- The BIAC Consumer Task Force seeks to promote OECD analysis and studies that support adequate consumer protection, business-efficient measures, private sector growth and job creation.
- Through Business at OECD, the voice of the private sector gets heard at the highest political level.

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OECD Engagement

Consumer Policy Committee

Working Party on Consumer
Product Safety

BIAC is invited to attend the bi-annual meetings of relevant OECD bodies working on consumer affairs. In addition, BIAC members participate in specific OECD projects in technical/ business advisory groups and provide comments addressing specific issues.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

MISSION STATEMENT

The BIAC Corporate Governance Committee promotes effective corporate governance designed to foster business growth, create and optimize sustainable value, and stimulate innovation and entrepreneurship in line with the overarching principles outlined in its [Guiding Principles](#). The Committee provides direct business input to the OECD during the bi-annual consultations with the OECD Corporate Governance Committee and its Working Party on State Ownership and Privatization Practices.

KEY AREAS OF INTEREST

- Implementation of the updated OECD Principles on Corporate Governance
- Implementation of the revised OECD Guidelines on Corporate Governance of State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs)
- Role of institutional investors
- Involvement of emerging economies

2017 PRIORITIES

- Implementation of the updated OECD/G20 Corporate Governance Principles, including the development of a well-balanced assessment methodology
- Implementation of the SOE Guidelines, including further engagement of non-OECD G20 economies
- Contribution to cross-cutting OECD work, including the link to anti-bribery and responsible business conduct as well as SOEs in the marketplace.
- Contribution to the corporate governance review of financial institutions

BUSINESS RELEVANCE

- Thanks to its newly updated OECD/G20 Corporate Governance Principles and its SOE Guidelines, the OECD is widely recognized as an international standard setter in this area. The Principles have become an international benchmark for policy makers, investors, corporations and stakeholders worldwide and play a major role in informing local codes and practices around the world.

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OECD Engagement

OECD Corporate Governance
Committee

OECD Working Party on
State Ownership and
Privatization Practices

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MISSION STATEMENT

The BIAC Development Committee, originally created as a Task Force in 2012, contributes private sector priorities and on-the-ground experience to the work of the OECD, and related fora, in strengthening economic opportunities and social wellbeing in developing countries.

KEY AREAS OF INTEREST

- Fundamental reforms that improve the business environment in developing countries, such as rule of law, good governance, reducing informality, market access, among others.
- Financing for development, including the role of public sources (such as official development assistance – ODA) and risk-mitigation instruments (such as guarantees) in attracting private investment into developing countries.
- Public-private dialogue in developing countries

2017 PRIORITIES

- Contribute private sector expertise to the implementation of the OECD Policy Framework for Investment (PFI) tool
- Provide expert inputs to the work of the OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC) in modernizing measures of development finance, including private sector and risk-mitigating instruments
- Via the Global Business Alliance for Post-2015, share Business at OECD views and expertise as appropriate in the UN processes relating to implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals
- Cooperate with other business organizations to coordinate business inputs to the Second High Level Meeting of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation in November 2016 in Nairobi.
- Foster cooperation with the OECD Development Centre

BUSINESS RELEVANCE

- The OECD DAC is the world's foremost body of donor countries and source of official aid statistics and analysis, while other OECD bodies design and disseminate instruments (such as the OECD Policy Framework for Investment) and policy recommendations (in areas such as anti-corruption, trade, taxation, etc.) – all of which position the OECD as a leader and influencer in international development.
- The BIAC Development Committee offers a unique channel for private sector enterprises and organisations to raise priorities and share their firsthand expertise with the OECD, in order to instigate reforms at both global and national levels that improve the ability of businesses to operate in and across developing markets.

POLICY GROUP STRUCTURE

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OECD Engagement

OECD Development
 Assistance Committee (DAC)

OECD Advisory Group on
 Investment and
 Development (AGID)

Global Partnership for
 Effective Development
 Cooperation (supported by
 OECD and UNDP)

OECD Development Centre

DIGITAL ECONOMY POLICY COMMITTEE

MISSION STATEMENT

The BIAC CDEP Committee covers all aspects of OECD analysis and development of Information Communications Technology (ICT) and digital policy guidance. Building on the outcomes of the 2016 OECD Ministerial on the Digital Economy held in Cancun, Business at OECD advocates the necessary policy frameworks that promote investment and innovation in ICT and digital technologies and their supporting communications infrastructure; the diffusion of ICT/digital goods and services across all sectors; online security and privacy; and benefits to Internet users and consumers.

KEY AREAS OF INTEREST

- Internet Policy-making
- Broadband/telecommunications Infrastructure and Regulation including Mobile
- Online Security and Privacy including Consumer Protection
- Electronic Commerce
- Digital Content
- Data and Measurement of the Digital Economy
- Big Data
- Internet of Things
- Cloud Computing
- Artificial Intelligence
- Jobs and Skills for the Digital Economy

2017 PRIORITIES

- Contribute to the OECD Horizontal Project on Seizing the Benefits of ICT for Growth and Well Being
- Contribute to shaping the communication infrastructure regulatory environment to support investment in fixed and mobile communications
- Ensure policies foster an environment of online trust, security and consumer confidence
- Provide business leadership and input to the OECD project to develop more robust source data and measurement of the digital economy
- Contribute to the German B20 Task Force on Digitalisation as a Network Partner

BUSINESS RELEVANCE

- In the framework of promoting resilient economies and economic prosperity, the OECD views the digital economy as a key aspect of the overall agenda for social development and economic growth.
- The BIAC CDEP committee has a prominent role at the OECD as a trusted provider of the voice of private sector experts in (ICT) and digital policy.

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OECD Engagement

Committee for Digital
Economy Policy (CDEP)

Working Party on Security
and Privacy in the Digital
Economy (WPSPDE)

Working Party on
Communication
Infrastructures and Services
Policy (WPCISP)

Working Party on
Measurement and Analysis of
the Digital Economy
(WPMADe)

ECONOMIC POLICY COMMITTEE

MISSION STATEMENT

The BIAC Economic Policy Committee (EPC) advises the OECD on macro-economic issues as well as priorities for structural reforms in countries. It aims to help create an enabling policy environment that supports private sector-led growth and open, competitive markets.

KEY AREAS OF INTEREST

- Promoting structural reforms that contribute to sustainable growth
- Macro-economic trends and projections
- Interactions, complementarities and possible trade-offs between policies for economic growth, stability, environment, financial markets, taxation, and income distribution, among others.

2017 PRIORITIES

- Contribute macro-economic expertise to the annual Business at OECD consultation with OECD Ambassadors and Business at OECD's statement to the OECD Ministerial Council Meeting, with special focus in 2017 on the economic benefits of trade
- Undertake a 'business confidence' survey for presentation at the BIAC General Assembly and for input to the OECD's ongoing workstreams
- Participate in sessions of the OECD Economic Policy Committee and sessions of the OECD Working Party on Macroeconomic and Structural Policy Analysis to convey Business at OECD priorities
- Contribute expertise on the main driving forces behind OECD projections for the global economy, key risks and priority policy messages via webinars and meetings with the OECD EPC leadership.

BUSINESS RELEVANCE

- The OECD is a leading purveyor of cross-cutting statistics and fact-based policy recommendations. Through a unique system of peer review and monitoring of implementation, these OECD recommendations have important bearing on the business environments in OECD and many emerging economies
- The BIAC EPC offers a unique channel by which the private sector can, at an early stage, work to shape the ground-breaking analysis and policy recommendations of landmark OECD publications.

POLICY GROUP STRUCTURE

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Bayazit Consulting Services
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(Germany)

Mr. Shinishi Hara, Sompo
Holdings, Inc. (Japan)

Mr. Henrik Bach Mortensen,
Danish Employers'
Confederation (DA)
(Denmark)

Mr. Raymond Van der Putten,
BNP Paribas (France)

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

MISSION STATEMENT

The BIAC Education Committee brings together the experience and perspectives of employers to support and help shape the OECD's world renowned surveys, analyses, and recommendations in the area of education and skills. The ultimate objective is to spur policy reforms that increase the employability of individuals and good citizenship.

KEY AREAS OF INTEREST

- Access to quality education and skills development for individuals of all ages
- Curriculum reform
- Vocational education and training (VET)
- Teaching quality
- Effective allocation of educational resources
- Innovation in education
- Evaluation and assessment
- Higher education

2017 PRIORITIES

- Develop a comprehensive Business at OECD discussion paper on policy priorities for education and skills, as input to the OECD's future work program
- Contribute expertise and guidance to the preparation of the 2016 OECD Annual Summit of the Education Industry
- Share Business at OECD views and comments to OECD projects such as critical thinking skills, measuring learning outcomes in VET, higher education, and allocation of school resources
- Contribute to the 2016 OECD Digital Economy Ministerial meeting, which includes a focus on skills

BUSINESS RELEVANCE

- The OECD is a global leader on statistics, evidence, surveys, and analysis of education policies. Its recommendations to governments and rankings of countries (such as the Program for International Student Assessment – PISA) contribute to national policy reforms.
- The BIAC Education Committee provides a unique channel through which to contribute to the OECD's work and recommendations on education and skills, providing employers' perspectives on labor markets and societal needs.

POLICY GROUP STRUCTURE

Chair

Mr. Charles Fadel, Center for Curriculum Redesign (United States)

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Mr. Attilio Oliva, Associazione TreeLLLe (Italy)

Mr. Gerhard Riemer, Federation of Austrian Industry (Austria)

OECD Engagement

Education Policy Committee

Center for Educational Research and Innovation

Skills Strategy Advisory Group

Program for International Assessment of Adult Competences

Program for International Student Assessment and Development

Teaching and Learning International Survey

Group of National Experts on Vocational Education and Training

EMERGING MARKETS CONTACT GROUP

MISSION STATEMENT

Business at OECD supports the promotion of OECD instruments, tools, and good policy practices around the world, thereby contributing to a more level playing field for businesses operating in and across markets. Business at OECD therefore contributes to the OECD's cooperation with non-member countries and regions.

KEY AREAS OF INTEREST

- Enabling business environments in countries around the world, rooted in rule of law, good governance, and open and competitive markets
- OECD enlargement and relations with non-member countries and regions

2017 PRIORITIES

- Contribute to the OECD Eurasia Week in November 2017
- Contribute to an OECD Southeast Asia Business Meeting in H1 2017
- Monitor developments in the OECD accession process concerning Colombia, Russia and Costa Rica
- Contribute as and when appropriate to OECD reports and activities focused on the major emerging markets of Brazil, China, India, Indonesia and South Africa
- Monitor OECD regional initiatives pertaining to Eurasia, Latin America and the Caribbean, the Middle East & North Africa (MENA), and Southeast Asia

BUSINESS RELEVANCE

- The OECD has redefined itself in recent years to bolster its relations with major emerging markets and developing economies. As a result, a growing number of non-member countries are adhering to OECD instruments and tools, and the OECD is working with governments to support policy reforms in these countries.
- From a business perspective, the spread of OECD data, instruments and good practices to the rest of the world – and in turn the sharing of experiences and information to the OECD – helps to promote a level playing field for businesses operating in and across markets. This promotes efficiencies and increases market confidence for companies to invest, trade, hire and innovate.

POLICY GROUP STRUCTURE

BIAC work on Emerging Economies operates through a network of business experts operating in and across emerging markets and developing economies.

In addition, BIAC provides input to OECD regional and country-specific initiatives through dedicated BIAC Task Forces on China, the Middle East and North Africa (MENA), and Russia.

OECD Engagement

OECD Reflection Groups on Major Emerging Economies

OECD Eurasia Regional Program

OECD Latin American and Caribbean Program

OECD MENA Program

OECD Southeast Asia Regional Program

EMPLOYMENT LABOUR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

MISSION STATEMENT

Ensure that OECD analysis reflects the need for flexible labor markets, reduction of non-wage labour costs and a comprehensive policy approach to employment strategies, which supports private sector led growth and job creation. Ensure effective linkage between employment and education policy, including skills. Oversee Business at OECD work on demographic change, private pensions and migration.

KEY AREAS OF INTEREST

- Labour market policy analysis and structural reform: OECD Jobs Strategy
- The future of work
- Enhancing employability: Education, training, skills: OECD Skills Strategy
- Addressing youth employment: OECD Action Plan on Youth
- Financial sustainability and coverage of social benefit systems
- Job quality
- Economics of collective bargaining
- Labour market mobility and migration
- Gender equality
- Addressing informality
- Migration and business
- Centre of Equality and Opportunity: Inequality in the Labour Market

2017 PRIORITIES

- Contribute to the revision of the OECD Jobs Strategy including the annual Employment Outlook publication
- Advocate policies to support youth employment supporting the OECD Action Plan on Youth including through the BIAC IOE Global Apprenticeship Network
- Advise on improving linkages between employment and education, training, in context of the OECD Skills Strategy, jointly with the BIAC Education Committee
- Lead business engagement in the G20 Labour Ministerial process and B20 Employment and Education Task Force, jointly with the International Organisation of Employers
- Lead business engagement in review and implementation of the OECD Council Recommendation on Gender Equality in Employment, Education, and Entrepreneurship
- Contribute to the current OECD ELSA projects on Income Inequality, Older Workers and Mental Health
- Address the issue of reducing informality

BUSINESS RELEVANCE

- Business at OECD ELSA Members are senior employment experts from Business at OECD Member organisations and Senior Company representatives responsible for Human Resources policy.
- OECD analysis and studies reflect Business at OECD views on employment and social policies that support labour market flexibility, employability, private sector growth and job creation.

POLICY GROUP STRUCTURE

Chair

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OECD Engagement

OECD Committee for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs (ELSA)

OECD ELSA WP5 (Employment)

OECD ELSA Working Party on Social Policy

OECD ELSA Working Party on Migration

ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY COMMITTEE

MISSION STATEMENT

The BIAC Environment and Energy Committee contributes private sector expertise to the OECD program of work on environment, including in the areas of climate change, resource efficiency, and sustainable materials management. The Committee also contributes to selected IEA activities. Business at OECD underlines the importance of implementing measures that are both cost-effective and environmentally efficient. The Committee also works closely with other BIAC policy groups on cross-cutting issues, such as green growth and sustainable development.

KEY AREAS OF INTEREST

- Climate change
- Resource efficiency
- Economic-environmental policy integration
- Innovation to address environmental and energy challenges
- Biodiversity
- Energy security

2017 PRIORITIES

- Contribute to the implementation of the Paris climate agreement
- Encourage private sector participation in the development of NDCs
- Encourage policy coordination and highlight the importance of innovation and investment for addressing environmental challenges
- Foster resource efficiency, life-cycle approaches and effective waste management

BUSINESS RELEVANCE

- As an economic organization that has committed itself to the horizontal integration of sustainable development and green growth considerations, the OECD makes an important contribution to global policy discussions on environment, focusing on economic analysis and helping to identify policies that are both economically efficient and environmentally effective. The OECD also plays a key role in monitoring and analyzing evolving trends, providing fact-based policy recommendations based on objective research, and fostering synergies for informed policy-making.

POLICY GROUP STRUCTURE

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OECD Engagement

OECD Environment Policy
Committee

Working Party on
Biodiversity, Water and
Ecosystems

Working Party on Climate,
Development

Working Party on Integrating
Environmental and Economic
Policies

Working Party on Resource
Productivity and Waste

Green Growth and
Sustainable Development
Forum

EXPORT CREDITS TASK FORCE

MISSION STATEMENT

Officially supported export credits are an important instrument helping companies to win export business and to invest overseas. The OECD sets terms and conditions for the use of export credit support in member countries. The BIAE Export Credit Task Force advises the OECD on how to maintain the practicability and efficiency of official export credit support as a tool for export promotion. The key priority is to avoid OECD rules that unfairly disadvantage OECD exporters against competitors from emerging economies.

KEY AREAS OF INTEREST

- OECD Common Approaches on the Environment and Officially Supported Export Credits
- OECD Sector Understanding on Export Credits for Climate Change Mitigation and Water Projects Climate Sector Understanding
- Coal fire-powered plants
- Outreach to non-OECD countries
- Rail Sector Understanding
- Sustainable Lending
- Funding

2017 PRIORITIES

- Implementation of the revised OECD Common Approaches on the Environment and Officially Supported Export Credits and the new OECD Sector Understanding on Export Credits for Climate Change Mitigation and Water Projects Climate Sector Understanding
- Engagement with the OECD on any export credit developments of relevance to business (outreach, rail sector, ship sector funding, sustainable lending etc.)

BUSINESS RELEVANCE

- Through its fact-based analysis, the OECD helps policymakers assess the options, understand the new dynamics of world trade, identify new opportunities, and devise approaches to negotiations that can lead to a new era of trade and investment.

POLICY GROUP STRUCTURE

Chair

Mr. Steven W. Howlett, GE
(United States)

OECD Engagement

Annual Consultation Meeting with Civil Society Organizations and the OECD Export Credits Committees

The BIAE Task Force on Export Credits participates in the annual stakeholder consultation with the OECD Working Party on Export Credits and Credit Guarantees (the "Export Credits Group" or ECG) and the Participants to the Arrangement on Officially Supported Export Credits (the "Participants"). In addition, the BIAE Secretariat regularly organizes conference calls with the OECD Secretariat to discuss relevant issues and possibilities for cooperation.

On specific occasions, BIAE members are also invited to attend technical expert meetings to provide business input.

FINANCE TASK FORCE

MISSION STATEMENT

Created in 2011 under the BIAC Economic Policy Committee, the BIAC Finance Task Force contributes private sector expertise and perspectives to OECD finance-related activities (including vis-à-vis the G20), in order to develop a stronger and more sustainable global financial system. The Task Force is open to all private sector actors from the financial industry and the rest of the economy.

KEY AREAS OF INTEREST

- Promoting coordinated approaches to financial regulation
- SME financing, including equity finance
- Financing of long-term investment by institutional investors
- Sustainable finance, including green finance
- Due diligence in the finance sector
- Digitalisation and innovation in the financial sector, including FinTech

2017 PRIORITIES

- Continue to encourage the OECD, G20 and other fora to examine the cumulative impact and possible unintended consequences on customers and businesses of different financial regulatory regimes. Contribute to a joint BIAC/IFAC survey on the costs of regulatory fragmentation with a view to encouraging a more coordinated approach.
- Organize a roundtable and publication on Financing SMEs in Global Value Chains, together with B20 Germany, World SME Forum, and SME Finance Forum (March 2017).
- Continue to contribute to OECD's activities to the G20; including the implementation work associated with the [G20 Principles on Financial Consumer Protection](#) and the [G20/OECD Principles of Long-term Investment Financing by Institutional Investors](#).
- Contribute to OECD work on due diligence in the finance sector, specifically in clarifying the ways by which the [OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises](#) may apply to financial service providers.
- Continue to provide inputs to OECD activities on SME financing, including the annual [OECD Scoreboard on Financing of SMEs and Entrepreneurs](#) and seek ways to actively promote greater analysis and awareness of the challenges of accessing equity finance for SMEs.

BUSINESS RELEVANCE

- The OECD is uniquely well-placed to contribute analysis on financial markets through its whole-economy expertise and its focus on economic growth and stability. Moreover, the OECD is neither a financial regulator nor an international lender, giving the Organization a key complementary perspective. In addition, the OECD's contribution to the G20 is growing significantly. The BIAC Finance Task Force offers a key channel into these OECD activities.

POLICY GROUP STRUCTURE

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OECD Engagement

OECD Committee on Financial Markets

OECD Working Party on SMEs and Entrepreneurs

OECD/G20 Task Forces

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

MISSION STATEMENT

Recognizing the vital importance of food security and nutrition for our economies and societies, the BIAC Food and Agriculture Committee contributes private sector expertise to the broad range of activities carried out under the auspices of the OECD Committee for Agriculture.

KEY AREAS OF INTEREST

- Innovation and productivity
- Sustainable agriculture
- Agricultural policies and markets
- Trade and agriculture
- Agriculture and development
- Nutrition

2017 PRIORITIES

- Contribute to and participate in the OECD Global Forum on Agriculture (May)
- Contribute expertise to OECD work on green growth and agriculture, including projects on private sector initiatives for improving energy efficiency in the agri-food chain, nitrogen and farm-level innovation dynamics
- Coordinate with the BIAC Health Committee to monitor OECD work on nutrition and obesity and provide private sector expertise on these issues
- Highlight the importance of trade in managing global food security and the functioning of global value chains

BUSINESS RELEVANCE

- The OECD is a global leader of statistics, forecasts, and evidence-based policy recommendations in the area of food and agriculture. Its annual publications, such as Monitoring and Evaluating Agricultural Policies and the OECD-FAO Agricultural Outlook, are closely followed by policymakers and industry. The OECD contributes actively to the G20, including on the Agricultural Market Information System (AMIS).
- The BIAC Food and Agriculture Committee is the primary business channel through which to follow and contribute to OECD work on food and agriculture issues. It is open to all private sector actors in the agri-food chain.

POLICY GROUP STRUCTURE

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Mr. Francis Reid, Fonterra (New Zealand)

OECD Engagement

OECD Working Party on Agricultural Policies & Markets

OECD Joint Working Parties on Agriculture, Environment and Trade

OECD Group on Commodity Markets

OECD Food Chain Network

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

MISSION STATEMENT

Business at OECD advocates pro-competitive, transparent, predictable and quality regulatory frameworks that support business, entrepreneurship and innovation with minimum administrative burden. The BIAC Governance Committee contributes to the OECD's work on regulatory policy and good public governance, with a view to improving the quality and impact of rule-making processes across sectors. The BIAC Governance Committee also addresses the regulatory dimension in other policy fields such as competition and market openness.

KEY AREAS OF INTEREST

- Regulatory Policy
- Measuring Regulatory Performance
- International Regulatory Co-operation
- Transparency and Integrity
- Public Investment, Public-Private Partnerships, Public Procurement

2017 PRIORITIES

- Implementation of the [2012 Recommendation of the Council on Regulatory Policy and Governance](#)
- 2018 *Regulatory Policy Outlook*
- Promotion of broader scope for Regulatory Impact Assessment
- Promotion of increased stakeholder engagement, consultation, *ex post* evaluation and oversight in governance policy developments
- Support to joint OECD TAD/GOV work on International Regulatory Cooperation
- OECD Trust Strategy and related activities

BUSINESS RELEVANCE

- Committee Members are senior experts from Business at OECD Member organizations and senior company representatives responsible for government relations.
- OECD analyses and studies reflect Business at OECD views on public governance policies that support business-efficient measures, private sector growth and job creation.
- Through Business at OECD, the voice of the private sector gets heard at the highest political level.

POLICY GROUP STRUCTURE

Chair

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Vice Chairs

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Entrepreneurs Association of
Slovakia (Slovak Republic)

OECD Engagement

OECD Regulatory Policy Committee (RPC), OECD Public Governance Committee (PGC), OECD Territorial Development Policy Committee (TDPC), OECD Steering Group on Measuring Regulatory Performance, Network of Economic Regulators, Working Party of Senior Public Integrity Officials, Meeting of International Organizations, OECD Network on E-Government

BIAC members are invited to participate in the bi-annual meetings of the OECD Regulatory Policy Committee and to parts of the OECD Public Governance Committee and Territorial Development Policy Committee. BIAC experts provide written comments where needed and participate in OECD expert meetings.

HEALTH COMMITTEE

MISSION STATEMENT

The BIAC Health Committee contributes the views and expertise of different industries to OECD work on health. The Committee includes biopharmaceutical manufacturers, medical device industry, medical information systems and technologies, food and beverages, the sports industry, private hospitals, and employers' federations, among others. Work for the 2017-18 biennium focuses on responding to the OECD's work program as defined in the January 2017 paper "Vision and Priorities on the Future of Health, highlighting the need for integrating care services, incentivizing innovation, encouraging balanced nutrition and active lifestyles, promoting investments, and reducing waste in health spending". Demonstrating the value of business contributions to OECD policy discussions in the follow up of the 2017 OECD Meeting of Health Ministers, Business at OECD will organize a second high-level global forum on health and well-being to further develop its proactive approach to present cross-industry priorities in the field of health to an audience from governments, business, academia, and patient organizations to identify policy solutions in the field of health. Business at OECD will continue working with its membership to highlight opportunities for public-private collaboration.

KEY AREAS OF INTEREST

- Sustainability of health care systems
- Promotion of healthy lifestyles to curb NCDs
- Disease prevention models and research-based innovation in health

2017 PRIORITIES

- Non-communicable diseases
- Promotion of healthy lifestyles
- Alzheimer's and dementia
- Innovation in health care
- Reducing harmful use of alcohol
- Public-private partnerships
- Pharmaceutical pricing and innovation

BUSINESS RELEVANCE

- The OECD work on health provides governments with policy options to address health challenges
- This work is focuses on responding to the OECD's work program, highlighting the need for integrating care services, incentivizing innovation, encouraging balanced nutrition and active lifestyles, promoting investments, and reducing waste in health spending.
- Committee Members are senior experts from BIAC Member organizations and senior company representatives responsible for health policy.

POLICY GROUP STRUCTURE

Chair

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COCIR (Belgium)

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Mr. Scott Ratzan, AbInBev
(United States)

OECD Engagement

OECD Health Committee, OECD Health Data National Correspondents Expert Group, OECD Health Care Quality Indicators Expert Group (HCQI), OECD Health Accounts Experts Group, OECD Expert Group on the Economics of Prevention

BIAC participates in selected items of the bi-annual meetings of the OECD Health Committee. BIAC Members participate to specific OECD projects in technical/business advisory groups (e.g. economics of prevention, Alzheimer's and dementia etc.) and provide comments on request addressing specific issues.

INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

MISSION STATEMENT

The BIAC Innovation and Technology Committee provides business input to OECD discussions on how science, technology and innovation contribute to addressing global challenges such as the digitalization of economies and societies. Business at OECD recommends a whole of government, cross-cutting approach to align policy work to the changing global context and to new innovation drivers as they come up. In addition to providing high-level input to cross-cutting OECD initiatives, such as the recent OECD work on the Next Production Revolution or the Horizontal Project on Digitalization, Business at OECD is directly involved in including specific projects work on Open Innovation & Open Science, international cooperation, system transformation and emerging technologies for health, as well as innovation in specific fields, such as nanotechnology, biotechnology, health, energy- or software- and eco-innovation.

KEY AREAS OF INTEREST

- Policy information and indicators, analysis of megatrends
- Open Innovation, Knowledge Triangle
- Digitalization of economies: Artificial Intelligence, Internet of Things, Big Data
- Convergence of new technologies: digitalization, biotechnologies, neurotechnologies, nanotechnologies
- System Transformation

2017 PRIORITIES

- Support to OECD project on Next Production Revolution
- OECD Horizontal Project on Digitalization

BUSINESS RELEVANCE

- The OECD provides governments with the analytical basis to develop innovation policies that are both effective and economically efficient.
- BIAC Members are senior experts from BIAC Member organizations and senior company representatives responsible for innovation and health policy.

POLICY GROUP STRUCTURE

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OECD Engagement

OECD Committee on Scientific and Technology Policy (CSTP), OECD Committee for Industry, Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CIIE), OECD Global Science Forum (GSF), OECD Global Forum on the Knowledge Economy (GFKE), OECD Working Party on Innovation and Technology Policy (TIP), OECD Working Party on Bio-, Nano- and Converging Technologies (WPBNCT), OECD Working Party on Manufactured Nanomaterials (WPMN)

INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT AND CONDUCT COMMITTEE

RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS

MISSION STATEMENT

The BIAC Committee on International Investment and Responsible Business Conduct encourages improved investment conditions for business and supports the OECD's leading role in promoting open markets for investment. The Committee also oversees Business at OECD work in the area of responsible business conduct, particularly in relation to the implementation of the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises (MNEs).

KEY AREAS OF INTEREST

- Highlight the importance of foreign direct investment (FDI) for economic growth, jobs and development worldwide as well as the need for open, transparent and non-discriminatory investment policies and agreements
- Support a pro-investment policy framework in OECD and non-OECD countries both for domestic and international investment
- Support effective implementation of the OECD MNE Guidelines as well as increased outreach efforts to ensure a global level playing field

2017 PRIORITIES

- Encourage the OECD to make a strong case for open markets and communicate effectively to policy makers and the wider public
- Highlight the importance of International Investment Agreements, including bilateral investment agreements, as well as Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) as indispensable components of an efficient investment protection system
- Assist with the implementation of the updated OECD Policy Framework for Investment (PFI) in OECD member and non-member countries
- Encourage implementation of the MNE Guidelines and foster a shared understanding of the role of National Contact Points as a mediation platform
- Ensure that the general OECD due diligence guidance becomes a practical tool for companies and does not go beyond the MNE Guidelines

BUSINESS RELEVANCE

- The OECD plays a leading role in the international debate on the freedom of cross-border investment and in ensuring that markets are kept open for foreign investment with a view to boost economic growth and job creation.
- The OECD MNE Guidelines are the most comprehensive international instrument for promoting responsible business conduct. Effective implementation in the spirit of the Guidelines and further outreach and adherence are essential to foster a more level playing field and protect business against unrealistic expectations.

POLICY GROUP STRUCTURE

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OECD Engagement

OECD Investment Committee

OECD Working Party on
Responsible Business
Conduct

OECD Global Forum on
Responsible Business
Conduct

OECD Global Forum on
Investment

NANOTECHNOLOGY EXPERT GROUP

MISSION STATEMENT

The OECD leads international efforts to improve global understanding of the responsible development of nanotechnology. Business at OECD contributes strong, fact-based business input both to the activities related to safety assessments of manufactured nanomaterials and efforts to create an innovation-friendly business environment for nanotechnology.

KEY AREAS OF INTEREST

- OECD sponsorship program for the safety testing of a representative set of nanomaterials, where Business at OECD acts as lead/co-sponsor or contributor for a number of materials
- Assessment of the framework conditions for innovation and the development of nanotechnology
- Converging technologies for sustainable growth policies
- Cross-cutting issues including statistics and measurement, human resource requirements, and public perception issues

2017 PRIORITIES

- Encourage continued business input to the OECD Sponsorship Programme for the Testing of Manufactured Nanomaterials, giving due attention to how the results from phase 1 of the project will be presented.
- Contribute to the implementation of the OECD Council Recommendation, which recognizes that the approaches for the testing and assessment of traditional chemicals are in general appropriate for assessing the safety of nanomaterials, but may have to be adapted to the specificities of nanomaterials.
- Encourage additional work on the benefits of nanotechnology, including through the development of case studies that demonstrate the important contributions of nanotechnology to addressing global challenges.
- Contribute to related discussions in other OECD Working Groups, such as in the areas of nano-waste and chemical accidents.
- More specifically, provide continued support to the BIAC-OECD Nanotechnology and Tyres Project and to the OECD's cooperation with Prosafe, OECD Test Guidelines activities
- BIAC vision paper on Responsible Development of Nanotechnology

BUSINESS RELEVANCE

- Nanotechnology is an enabling technology that impacts a growing number of industry sectors. It is expected that major forthcoming benefits of nanotechnology will be reaped from the great potential to increase energy security, food security, counter disease, provide clean water, enhance information exchange, and remediate pollution. Nanotechnology provides a growing range of tools for industry to improve product performance beyond what could normally be achieved using conventional technologies.
- Thanks to the significant expertise it has acquired and its strong analytical and multi-disciplinary skills, the OECD is the most effective forum within which to explore the right policies going forward.

POLICY GROUP STRUCTURE

Chair

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Dr. David Carlander,
Nanotechnology Industries
Association (NIA)

OECD Engagement

OECD Working Party on
Manufactured Nanomaterials

OECD Working Party on Bio-,
Nano- and Converging
Technologies (BNCT)

OECD Working Group of
National Coordinators of the
Test Guidelines Programme
(WNT)

PRIVATE PENSION TASK FORCE

MISSION STATEMENT

The BIAC Ad Hoc Group on Private Pensions covers economic and regulatory issues related to private pension schemes including funding, governance, protection of benefits, and financial education. The BIAC group advocates that regulation of pension plans must balance the interest of all stakeholders, including sponsor organisations. Business at OECD works to ensure this balance on the range of policy guidance developed by OECD on occupational pension defined benefit (DB) plans as well as defined contribution plans (DC).

KEY AREAS OF INTEREST

- Regulatory frameworks and accounting approaches for defined benefit and defined contribution plans
- Sustainability of private pensions schemes
- Pension fund governance
- Financial education

POLICY GROUP STRUCTURE

Chair

Mr. Hans Gidhagen, Senior
Advisory in Pensions,
Confederation of Swedish
Enterprise

OECD Engagement

Working Party on Private
Pensions

G20/OECD Long-term Finance

2017 PRIORITIES

- Provide business perspective to governments on Economic and Regulatory Issues related to Private Pension Schemes including Funding, Governance, Protection of Benefits, and Financial Education
- Contribute to the Policy Guidance developed by OECD on the Core Principles of the Regulation of Private Pensions
- Follow and contribute as appropriate to work of the IOPS through participation to the OECD WPPP
- Provide the OECD with examples of how employers are addressing issues relating to the administration and financing of private pensions programs

BUSINESS RELEVANCE

- Regulation on private pensions has an impact on the way in which pension funds may be invested and is an important aspect of regulation of long-term finance, and can have a profound effect on long-term growth projections and availability of long-term finance.
- Coordination of regulation of private pensions is a challenge to policy makers in the insurance and pensions industry.

RAW MATERIALS TASK FORCE

MISSION STATEMENT

Raw materials play a strong role in the industrial production system and quality of life in OECD countries. Members of the BIAC Raw Materials Task Force work towards:

- Providing support to the OECD and Business at OECD on policies affecting the development, trade and use of raw materials from the metals and mining perspective.
- Providing advice on issues and policies related to and affecting the supply of industrial raw materials (including secondary raw materials), such as environmental aspects.
- Identifying ways to optimize the contribution of the raw materials (metals/mining) sector both within and beyond the OECD region.
- Improving understanding of the interaction between raw materials production and other aspects of the economy.

KEY AREAS OF INTEREST

- Export Restrictions
- Measures Supporting Minerals and Primary Metals
- OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas
- Regulatory Transparency
- Resource Productivity and Green Growth
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Steel Market developments

2017 PRIORITIES

- OECD Business Survey on Export Restrictions on Raw Materials
- Improving natural resource use efficiency
- Training webinars on gold
- Stakeholder Engagement and Due Diligence in the Extractive Sector

BUSINESS RELEVANCE

- Businesses at OECD Members are senior experts from Business at OECD Member organizations and senior industry representatives.
- OECD analyses and studies reflect Business at OECD views on raw material policies that support business-efficient measures, private sector growth and job creation.
- Through Business at OECD, the voice of the private sector is heard at the highest political level.

POLICY GROUP STRUCTURE

Chair

Mr. Guy Thiran, Eurométaux (Belgium)

Vice Chair

Mr. Pierre Gratton, The Mining Association of Canada (Canada)

OECD Engagement

OECD Steel Committee

OECD Trade Committee (and Working Party)

OECD Joint Working Party on Trade and Environment (JWPT), OECD Working Party on Responsible Business Conduct, ICGLR-OECD-UN Forum on implementing due diligence for responsible mineral supply chains

BIAC members are invited to attend all meetings of the OECD Steel Committee (except confidential sessions) and the ICGLR-OECD-UN Forum on implementing due diligence for responsible mineral supply chains. They participate in specific OECD projects in technical advisory groups (e.g. on stakeholder engagement and due diligence, on conflict minerals etc.) and are regularly invited to provide written input to relevant OECD papers.

SMALL & MEDIUM SIZED ENTREPRISES TASK FORCE

MISSION STATEMENT

The BIAC Task Force on SMEs provides expert support and input to engage with the OECD on SME and entrepreneurship activities, including SME finance, SME participation into global value chains, administrative hurdles for SMEs, and employment policies. The Task Force also responds to issues addressed in other BIAC committees in the areas of innovation, tax and regulatory reform.

KEY AREAS OF INTEREST

- SMEs' and entrepreneurs' access to finance
- SMEs and Entrepreneurship Statistics
- Women Entrepreneurship
- Global Value Chains

2017 PRIORITIES

- SME Financing
- Internationalization of SMEs

BUSINESS RELEVANCE

- The OECD work provides governments with the analytical basis to develop economic policies that are both effective and economically efficient for SMEs.
- This work includes economic performance reviews, data collection, projections, as well as policy analysis in different areas of interest to SME's.
- Businesses at OECD Members are senior experts from Business at OECD Member organisations, who represent the private sector including SMEs in their respective countries.

POLICY GROUP STRUCTURE

Chair

Mr. François Hurel, CNCC
(France)

OECD Engagement

OECD Committee on Industry,
Innovation and Entrepreneurship
(CIIE)

OECD Working Party on Committee
SMEs and Entrepreneurship
(WPSMEE)

OECD Regulatory Policy Committee

OECD Working Party of the Trade
Committee

MENA-OECD Investment Programme

BIAC members are invited to participate in the bi-annual meetings of the OECD Committee on Industry, Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CIIE) and the OECD Working Party on SMEs and Entrepreneurship (WPSMEE). BIAC experts provide input where needed.

TAXATION AND FISCAL POLICY COMMITTEE

MISSION STATEMENT

BIAC's Committee on Taxation and Fiscal Affairs advocates for predictable, stable and transparent tax frameworks and tax administrative practices for the elimination of double taxation and of other tax barriers to cross-border trade and investment.

KEY AREAS OF INTEREST

- Tax Treaties
- Transfer Pricing
- Indirect Tax/VAT
- Tax Administration
- Tax Policy (BEPS, tax and growth etc.)
- Tax and Development/Outreach

2017 PRIORITIES

- OECD/G20 BEPS project and its implementation
- The BEPS Inclusive Framework, the joint Platform for Collaboration on Tax, and new ways to engage with non-OECD countries in respect of international tax reform
- Responding to the OECD Survey on Tax Certainty
- Automatic Exchange of Information (AEOI): OECD/G20 Common Reporting Standard (CRS)/TRACE
- Tax and growth – Economic impact of BEPS Actions and the inclusive growth agenda
- OECD International VAT/GST Guidelines
- Engagement with the OECD Forum on Tax Administration (Cooperative compliance, MAP Forum, tax and governance)
- B20/G20 Engagement on International taxation and Investment
- Engagement of the OECD Task Force on Tax and Development

BUSINESS RELEVANCE

- BIAC Tax Committee gathers 125+ experts from OECD and non-OECD Member Countries – Companies, Business Associations, Advisory and Law Firms, – and works closely with other key business organizations on relevant issues
- BIAC Tax Committee work is consensus based: Policy positions reflect BIAC Tax Committee Member consensus views and the Committee aims to organise consultations and engagement that will best take forward dialogue and bring positive result for an issue – no one size fits all approach
- The Committee organizes BIAC Tax meetings outside of Paris as relevant, and inputs into OECD high level meetings/Ministerials on tax relevant issues
- Expanding outreach efforts:
 - Transfer pricing experts group to support OECD capacity building efforts on tax with developing countries
 - Dialogue with the China SAT
 - India
 - Brazil
 - United Nations

POLICY GROUP STRUCTURE

Chair

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+ Karl-Heinz Haydl, Chris Faiferlick, Henriette Fuchs, Piergiorgio Valente

OECD Engagement

The BIAC Tax Committee meets twice a year in Paris in plenary session. BIAC Members participate in specific OECD projects through technical/business advisory groups (i.e. VAT Framework project, FATCA Business Advisory Group) BIAC provides written comments on OECD drafts, developed at meetings, through conference calls and e-mail deliberations.

BIAC engages with OECD CTPA, CFA Bureau, Tax Working Parties and the FTA on key issues. Experts engage on specific projects and associated technical advisory/business groups (CRS/ TRACE, VAT) & Administration

TRADE COMMITTEE

MISSION STATEMENT

The BIAC Trade Committee’s objective is to secure support for a trade liberalization agenda that delivers the benefits of global open markets. Against the trend of a growing anti-globalization sentiment, governments need evidence-based tools that show the deleterious effects stemming from protectionist measures. Business at OECD participates in several OECD projects and activities that seek to provide a strong foundation of evidence from which the benefits of free trade can be clearly communicated, and publishes statements that reflect member priorities as defined in the 2017 publication “Business at OECD Priorities on Trade”.

KEY AREAS OF INTEREST

- Communicating the benefits of open markets
- Digital trade and digital enabled trade
- Cross-border data flows
- Localization barriers to trade
- Government procurement
- International trade in services and movement of business persons
- Customs facilitation and trade in goods
- State-owned enterprises
- International regulatory cooperation
- Policy coherence

2017 PRIORITIES

- Tariff elimination, trade and investment liberalization, and the enforcement of non-discriminatory and predictable trade rules fostered by an enhanced understanding of the functioning and importance of open markets, such as OECD work on Trade in Value-Added (TiVA) and Global Value Chains
- Facilitation of a supportive policy and regulatory environment for the future of the economy including enhanced connectivity for all market players and the creation of a competitive level playing field

BUSINESS RELEVANCE

- Through its fact-based analysis, the OECD can help policymakers assess the options, understand the new dynamics of world trade, identify new opportunities, and devise approaches to negotiations that can lead to a new era of trade and investment liberalization.
- Business at OECD brings the voice of the private sector to the OECD, a knowledge partner to the WTO, to ensure that business experiences and views are considered in the shaping of current trade policies.

POLICY GROUP STRUCTURE

Chair

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OECD Engagement

OECD Trade Committee

OECD Working Party of the Trade
Committee

OECD Global Forum on Trade

OECD Joint Working Party on
Trade and Environment

OECD Joint Working Party on
Agriculture and Trade

OECD Task Force on Charting
Illicit Trade

The BIAC Trade Committee participates in the bi-annual Plenary Sessions and G20 Sessions of the OECD Trade Committee. In addition, the committee organizes additional committee meetings (usually back-to-back with the OECD meetings) and several conference calls on specific issues with the OECD Secretariat. BIAC Members participate to specific OECD projects in technical/business advisory groups (e.g. trade secrets, state-owned enterprises etc.) and provide comments on request addressing specific issues.

WATER EXPERT GROUP

MISSION STATEMENT

The BIAC Water Expert Group, established in 2007 at the same time as the launch of the OECD’s Horizontal Water Program, provides expert industry knowledge and perspectives to the ongoing cross-cutting OECD work on water policies. The Group seeks to promote effective policies for increasing peoples’ access to high quality water and sanitation services. Also, to address risks and opportunities to business and other stakeholders presented by urban, industrial and agricultural water availability, use and discharge.

KEY AREAS OF INTEREST

- Water policy
- Integrated water resource management
- Water infrastructure
- Financing and pricing in the water sector
- Water quality and pollution
- Wastewater and sanitation
- The water, land, energy nexus
- Governance and regulation of water systems
- Water -related indicators, monitoring and data
- Effective delivery of relevant Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

2017 PRIORITIES

- See through the adoption and operationalization of the OECD Council Recommendation on Water (covering aspects such as eutrophication, water pollutants control, water management policies, and groundwater protection).
- Contribute ongoing expertise to OECD work on water pricing, water and agriculture, as well as the OECD project on nitrogen.
- Continued support to the OECD Water Governance Initiative

BUSINESS RELEVANCE

- Water has been identified as a key enabler in three out of four jobs worldwide. Few businesses can survive for long if water is unavailable or of poor quality or in the face of water related disasters. Water issues and risks are becoming increasingly apparent and important for businesses.
- The OECD has become an active proponent of data and evidence-based policy recommendations on water, and actively engages in the World Water Forum every four years. Its focus on the economics and governance of water policy makes the OECD an essential hub of objective knowledge and sound advice.
- The BIAC Water Group provides a channel through which all businesses – whether consumers or providers of water and sanitation services – can benefit from and contribute to OECD analysis and recommendations to governments.

POLICY GROUP STRUCTURE

Chair

Mr Jack Moss, The International Federation of Private Water Operators (Aquafed)

OECD Engagement

OECD Working Party on Biodiversity, Water and Ecosystems

OECD Environmental Policy Committee

OECD Joint Working Party on Agriculture and Environment

OECD Water Governance Initiative



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