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# Business and Human Rights and the Environment: Advancing Due Diligence

**The 2023 Update of the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises on Responsible Business Conduct:  
What are the key changes and what do they mean for businesses and stakeholders?**

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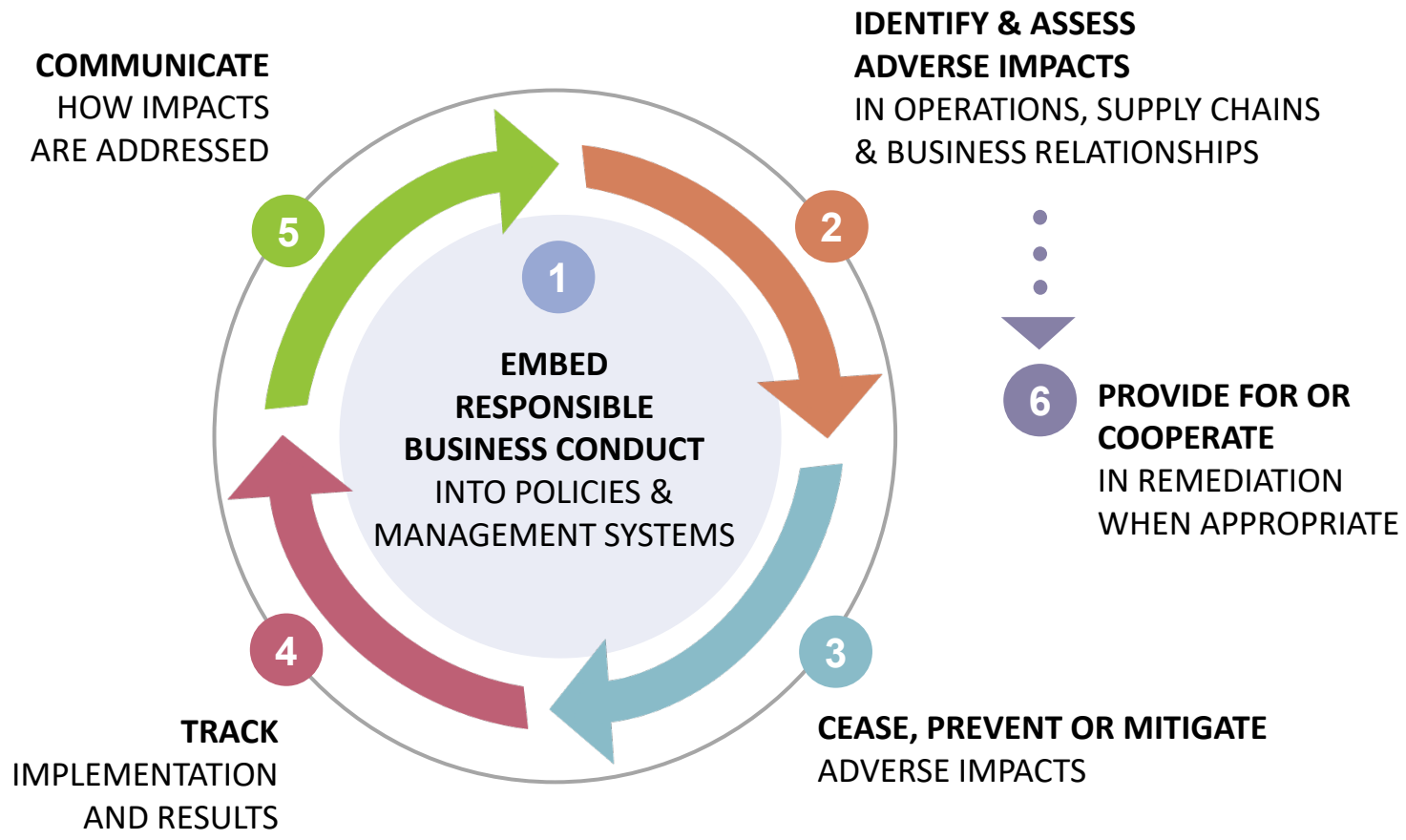


# **OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises on Responsible Business Conduct**

**2023 Edition**

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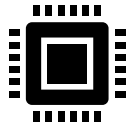
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# Responsible Business Conduct Due Diligence



Recommendations for enterprises to align with internationally agreed goals on **climate change and biodiversity**



Introduction of due diligence expectations on the development, financing, sale, licensing, trade and use of **technology, including gathering and using data**



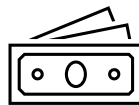
Recommendations on how enterprises are expected to conduct due diligence on impacts and business relationships related to the **use of their products and services**



Better protection for **at-risk persons and groups** including those who raise concerns regarding the conduct of businesses



Updated recommendations on **disclosure of responsible business conduct information**



Expanded due diligence recommendations to **all forms of corruption**



Recommendations for enterprises to ensure **lobbying activities** are consistent with the Guidelines



Strengthened procedures to ensure the visibility, effectiveness, and functional equivalence of **National Contact Points on Responsible Business Conduct**

## What's new?

- Concept of a multinational enterprise
- Risk-based due diligence
- Meaningful consultation
- Responsible engagement and disengagement
- Business relationships
- Individual consumers
- Reprisals
- Lobbying activities
- Alignment of self-regulatory initiatives

### What's new?

- Alignment with the G20/OECD Principles of Corporate Governance
- Corporate disclosure and reporting
- Alignment with due diligence reporting expectations
- Defining materiality

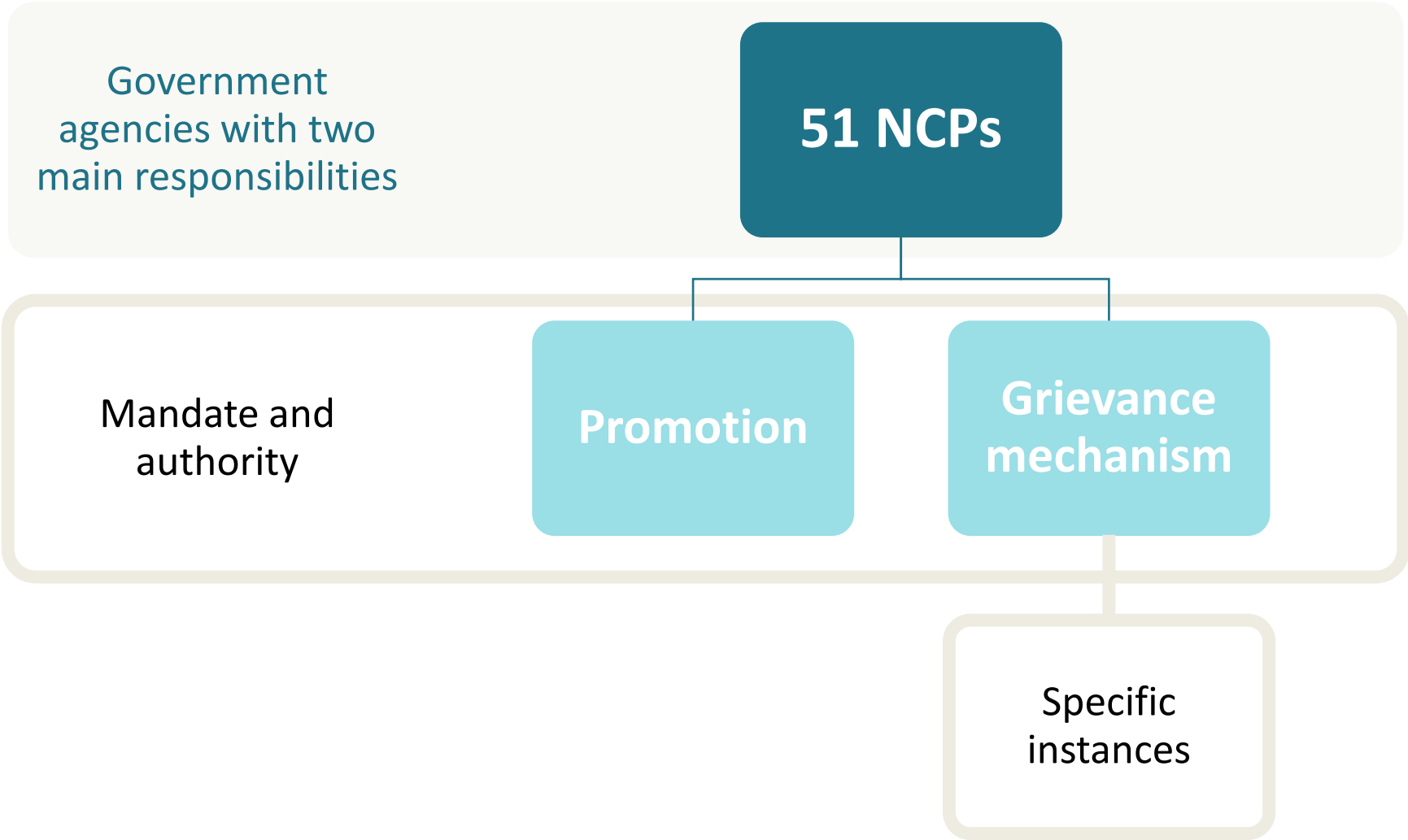
## What's new?

- Adverse environmental impact and due diligence
- Climate mitigation and adaptation
- Biodiversity
- Circular economy
- Animal welfare



## What's new?

- Included in due diligence expectation
- Sale, development, licensing, use of technology
- Data governance
- High-risk contexts
- Digital security



## Effectiveness across the board ("functional equivalence")

- Definition of functional equivalence through the core effectiveness criteria
- Human and financial resources
- Stakeholder confidence
- Mechanism to address situation of non-functioning NCPs
- Mandatory periodic peer reviews



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## Promoting RBC in Asia



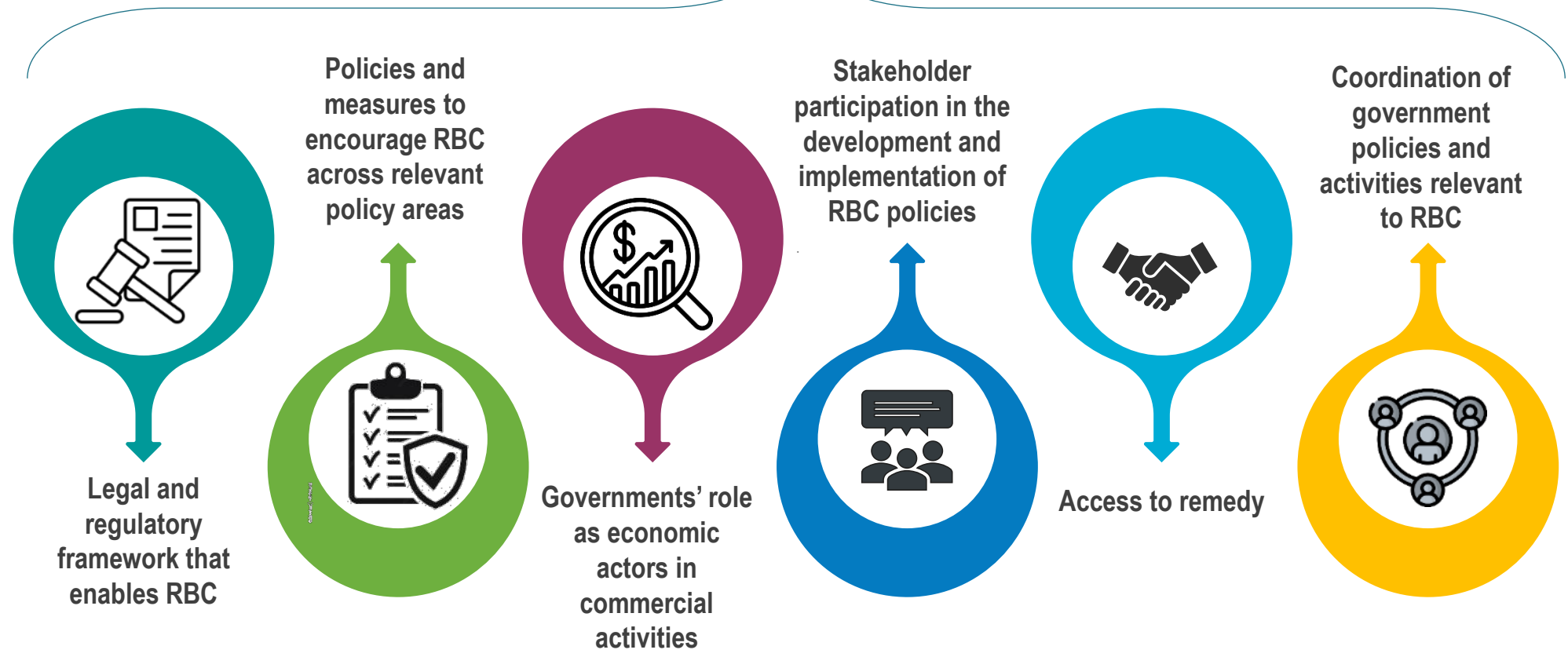
# Growing partnerships in the Asia-Pacific – working with governments

## Recommendation on the Role of Government in Promoting Responsible Business Conduct

Clarifies the role of Government in promoting RBC

21 guiding principles structured around 6 key areas

Brings together relevant provisions from OECD instruments





# Growing partnerships in the Asia-Pacific – working with businesses and stakeholders



Toward building a level playing field & contributing to sustainable development

Instruments like the **OECD Guidelines for MNEs** and the **OECD Due Diligence Guidance for RBC** give companies a framework to **address the environmental, social, and governance challenges** during the Covid-19 crisis – both at present and in the future.

The OECD stands ready to support governments and businesses in this collective endeavour.



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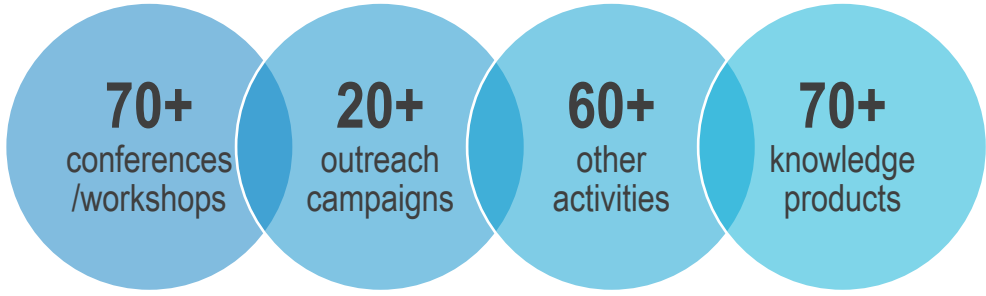
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43% of global value chains intermediate exports worldwide came from Asia, which account for 38% value chain intermediate imports globally in the same year.

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