

United States OECD National Contact Point Peer Review

Fact Sheet

What is the U.S. National Contact Point for the OECD Guidelines?

To provide a global framework for how companies can implement corporate responsibility best practices, the 35 member countries and 12 non-member governments of the Organization for Cooperation and Development (OECD) endorsed the [OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises](#) (the Guidelines). The Guidelines mandate all 47 countries, including the United States, to create National Contact Points (NCPs) to promote the Guidelines, consider allegations in instances where the voluntary Guidelines may not be upheld, and offer mediation to resolve the issues, as appropriate. The [U.S. NCP](#) offers its services to stakeholders to promote responsible business conduct and help resolve disputes. Check out our [2016 annual report](#).

What is the U.S. Peer Review and when will it take place?

A [Peer Review](#) is a way for the U.S. NCP to show how the NCP mechanism works in practice. The U.S. Peer Review will take place September 28-29, 2017 in Washington, D.C. Per OECD policies, participation is by invitation only.

Who will conduct the Peer Review?

The OECD Secretariat selects the Peer Review team, which consists of 2-3 of their staff and three NCPs.

What are the objectives of the Peer Review?

- Assess that the functioning and operation of the NCP is in accordance with the core criteria of visibility, accessibility, transparency, and accountability
- Identify the NCP's strengths as well as any gaps and make recommendations for improvement
- Serve as a learning tool for reviewed and participating NCPs to promote coordination and to help implement the Guidelines

How do I get in touch with the U.S. NCP about the Peer Review?

The U.S. NCP looks forward to the opportunity to showcase our work through the Peer Review process, and encourages stakeholders to get in touch. If you have any questions or comments about the Peer Review process or our work, please contact USNCP@state.gov.

Why is the U.S. doing a Peer Review?

In 2015, the United States, along with other G7 governments, made a commitment to strengthen NCPs globally and to lead by example, including through a Peer Review. This is the first time the United States will undergo such a Peer Review and it was formally announced through the release of the US' first-ever [National Action Plan on Responsible Business Conduct](#).