

November 2024 Meeting Agenda

Responsible Business Conduct Advisory Committee

November 14, 2024, 9:00 – 5:00 pm ET

8:45 – 9:00	Arrival and check-in.
9:00 – 9:15	<u>Opening</u> Welcome, including antitrust acknowledgement (<i>see below</i>) and opening remarks from the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (DRL) Assistant Secretary (A/S) Dafna Rand.
9:15 – 10:35	<u>Subcommittee on the U.S. National Contact Point for the OECD Guidelines</u> Presentation of preliminary recommendations by the Subcommittee on the U.S. NCP; deliberation and adoption of recommendations by RBC Advisory Committee.
10:35 – 10:45	Coffee break.
10:45 – 12:05	<u>Subcommittee on National Action Plan Implementation</u> Presentation of preliminary recommendations by the Subcommittee on NAP Implementation; deliberation and adoption of recommendations by RBC Advisory Committee
12:05 – 1:05	Lunch.
1:50 – 3:10	<u>Subcommittee on Human Rights and Environmental Due Diligence</u> Presentation of preliminary recommendations by the Subcommittee on Human Rights and Environmental Due Diligence; deliberation and adoption of recommendations by RBC Advisory Committee
3:10 – 3:20	Coffee break.
3:20 – 4:30	<u>Open Forum</u> <i>The open forum includes new business such as suggestions from committee members for new subcommittee topics, on-the-spot recommendations generated by the day's discussions, or acknowledgements of positive work done in the RBC field recently by business and/or civil society.</i> Nov 14 Open Forum Items: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Administration transition.2. Role of State Department vis-à-vis FIFA 2026 regarding human rights and labor commitments. <i>Suggested items to be addressed in the open forum <u>must be brought to the chairs before the start of the session.</u></i>
4:30 – 5:00	<u>Closing</u>

	Including next steps and closing remarks from Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs Acting A/S Amy Holman.
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Antitrust Statement

Inasmuch as today's meeting includes representatives of industries with common business interests, we want to ensure that the meeting and any subsequent activities are compliant with antitrust laws.

To this end, we want to emphasize that the Responsible Business Conduct Advisory Committee is being driven by a common recognition of the public policy and industry benefits inherent to ensuring respect for human rights, including worker rights, and other responsible business practices.

The U.S. Government has been, and will continue to be, actively engaged and fully informed with respect to this Committee's work.

Legal counsel will be present throughout meetings to help ensure that all discussions conform to the spirit and the letter of antitrust law. Ultimately, however, they are not providing legal advice to participants, and Business representatives are responsible for obtaining the advice of their own legal counsel should you have any questions regarding your company's compliance with antitrust laws.

Importantly, this initiative is not designed to permit any participants to restrict competition in any way. There should be no discussion at today's meeting of agreements or concerted actions that may restrain competition and there should be no discussion of any competitively sensitive information, including pricing, sales, markets, customer distribution, advertising, terms of sale, promotion plans, or any terms or features that can impact prices. Sharing sensitive information between competitors, even without further evidence of an illegal agreement, can be attacked under the antitrust laws.

Should anyone inadvertently venture into any of these areas, legal counsel will be obligated to redirect the discussion. This is the case during both the course of the formal meetings and sidebar discussions. Any anticompetitive activity or discussions will not be immunized from the antitrust laws because they occur in the context of these discussions.

Finally, participation on the Committee is voluntary, and the establishment of any voluntary standards or recommendations will not supersede existing legal standards. Participants will therefore continue to be bound by existing local and federal laws.