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## Engagement and Remedy Forum 2024 for Responsible Business Conduct (Part I)

—Strengthening grievance mechanisms based on  
the revision of OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises

**Date:** February 7, 2024(Wednesday) 15:00-17:15

**Location:** Zoom Online Conference

**Language:** Japanese

**Pre-registration:** Please register via the [Zoom link](#)

**Co-hosts:** Global Compact Network Japan (GCNJ), BHR Lawyers Network Japan (BHR Lawyers), Japan Center for Engagement and Remedy on BHR (JaCER)

In June 2023, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises were revised for further strengthening of grievance mechanisms for both businesses and governments. This particular aspect was emphasized during the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights' country visit to Japan in August of that year.

In this Forum, representatives from Japan's National Contact Point (NCP), which provides assistance in resolving issues related to the OECD Guidelines, will deliver speeches on the Revisions of the OECD Guideline and Japan's NCP initiatives. Additionally, JaCER, a corporate grievance mechanism platform, will report on business initiatives and challenges for operating operational level grievance mechanisms. Furthermore, experts from various sectors will provide comments and engage in discussions.

This Forum presents an opportunity for not only businesspersons but also government officials, civil society members, and experts interested in "Business and Human Rights" and Responsible Business Conduct to obtain meaningful information. We eagerly await your participation and registration.

\*The next Forum (2024 Part 2) plans to address grievance mechanisms for addressing systematic human rights issues in the Japanese entertainment and media industries, which have come to light in the wake of the Johnny's sex abuse scandal.





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## Program and Speakers (Tentative)

### Opening Video Message

Mr. Nicolas Hachez, Head of Access to Remedy, OECD Centre for Responsible Business Conduct

### Session 1: Government NCP Initiatives

**Keynote Speech: "Revision of OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Japan's NCP Initiatives"**

- Ms. Mayumi Ishikawa, Director
- Ms. Minako Kono, Deputy Director

OECD Division, International Economy Division, Economic Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan

### Session 2: Private Sector Initiatives

**Keynote Speech: "Corporate Grievance Mechanisms: Initiatives and Challenges"**

- Mr. Hidemi Tomita, Representative Director, JaCER
- Mr. Akihiro Ueda, Stakeholder Engagement Manager, JaCER

(For both sessions)

### Commentators / Panelists

- Mr. Ryuichi Ikota, Director of International Policy Division, Japanese Trade Union Confederation (JTUC-RENGO)
- Ms. Emi Sugawara, Professor, Faculty of International Studies, Osaka University of Economics and Law
- Mr. Ryusuke Tanaka, Program Officer, International Labour Organization (ILO) Office for Japan
- Ms. Tomoko Hasegawa, Managing Director, Nippon Keidanren (Japan Business Federation)
- Mr. Hideki Wakabayashi, Chair, Civil Society Platform on Business and Human Rights

### Moderators

Mr. Keiichi Ujiie, Deputy Director, Deputy Director-General

Mr. Daisuke Takahashi, Steering Committee Officer, BHR Lawyers / Representative Director, JaCER

**\* Co-host organizations will give opening and closing remarks.**

Q&A session will be held at the end of the forum.

