

Agreements promoting International Responsible Business Conduct (RBC agreements)



Name of Resource	Agreements promoting International Responsible Business Conduct (RBC agreements)
Type	Agreement
Country / jurisdiction	Netherlands
Enacting authority	Social Economic Council of the Netherlands, Dutch Government, Dutch Unions, Dutch NGOs (a.o. UNICEF, Oxfam), Dutch business sectors
Entry into force / date of approval	2014, SER advisory report; 2016 onwards RBC Agreements
Description	In 2014, the Social and Economic Council of the Netherlands recommended concluding multi-stakeholder agreements promoting international responsible business conduct (RBC agreements) in high risk sectors. Since 2016 onwards ten Agreements were signed, amongst others for the clothing and textile sector, the food industry, insurance and pension sectors and the metal sector. Businesses, labour unions, NGOs, government are parties to the Agreements. Cooperation with other parties increases the leverage of businesses and provide support to identify, prevent and address negative impacts in their value chains, such as child labour, forced labour and freedom of association, in line with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.
Availability	ENG: https://www.imvoconvenanten.nl/parties?sc_lang=en