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“Making OECD standards and policies count on a global scale supports our strategic goal of contributing to levelling the playing field globally. The Organisation has developed effective tools to engage with its partners to foster strong, sustainable and inclusive growth in OECD member and partner countries in a mutually reinforcing way. We support key emerging economies to align themselves with the OECD’s globally recognised standards and policies.”

Global Relations Secretariat

The **Global Relations Secretariat (GRS)** strengthens the OECD’s co-operation with partner countries and dynamic regions around the world and increases the impact of the OECD by supporting reform-minded governments across the globe.

With its Global Relations Strategy, the Organisation fosters co-operation with our key partners – Brazil, the People’s Republic of China, India, Indonesia and South Africa – and their alignment with OECD best practices. The Organisation makes its standards and policies count on a global scale via the G20 and other fora of global governance.

GRS helps to advance reform agendas in the most important growing regions in the world through regional programmes in Eurasia and South East Europe (SEE), Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC), the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) and Southeast Asia.

Specific country programmes undertaken in Kazakhstan, Morocco, Peru and Thailand have helped lock in national reform processes, involve countries in the work of OECD bodies and align them with OECD legal instruments. New country programmes will be discussed with Egypt and Viet Nam.

Highlights of 2018-19 include the first ministerial meeting of the Southeast Asia Regional Programme, the ministerial meeting of the LAC Regional Programme on Integrity for Good Governance, the release of *Competitiveness in South East Europe: A Policy Outlook 2018*, the tenth anniversary of the Eurasia Competitiveness Programme celebrated during OECD Eurasia Week 2018 and the second Women’s Economic Empowerment Forum of the MENA Programme. ■

■ AREAS OF FOCUS

- OECD Global Relations, www.oecd.org/globalrelations
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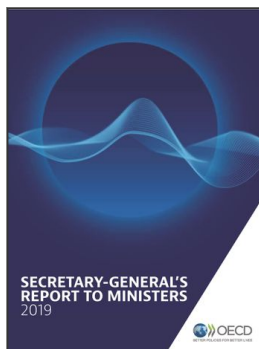
■ KEY EVENTS

- Forum of the Southeast Asia Regional Programme: Connecting Southeast Asia, 11 March 2019
- SEE High-Level Conference: Assessment of the Western Balkans and Turkey's Implementation of the Small Business Act for Europe, 7 May 2019
- Western Balkans Summit: Poland-OECD High-Level Conference – The Western Balkans in Global Markets, 4 July 2019
- Central Asia Ministerial-Level Meeting on Competitiveness and the Legal Environment for Business, November 2019
- MENA-OECD Women's Economic Empowerment Forum, 27-28 November 2019

■ KEY CONTENT

- OECD Active with... country and regional brochures
- SME Policy Index series: Western Balkans and Turkey 2019; Latin America and the Caribbean 2019; ASEAN 2018; The Mediterranean Middle East and North Africa 2018
- Integrity for Good Governance in Latin America and the Caribbean: From Commitments to Action





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