



# Responsible Business Conduct

Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS)  
Faculty of Law of the University of Zurich  
Centre for Human Rights

# CAS in Responsible Business Conduct

## Topic

This CAS aims at supporting professionals and practitioners who seek a continuing education program to enhance their skills in the dynamic field of Responsible Business Conduct. By adopting a practical approach that emphasizes the crucial process of due diligence, participants will acquire the tools necessary to harmonize business practices with the principles of Responsible Business Conduct, including human rights and environmental sustainability.

## Target Audience

Professionals from business, government, civil society, and academia, such as lawyers, compliance officers and risks managers, members of management boards or boards of directors in charge of responsible corporate governance and due diligence implementation decisions.

## Duration/Lessons

One semester, 10 ECTS Credits  
21 real-time virtual course sessions complemented by a self-study component  
Friday (3 hours) and Saturday (3 hours) held approx. every 2 weeks

## Language & Format

English and fully online

## Registration & Info

CHF 7000.- (covers all fees and materials)  
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## The CAS develops throughout five modules:

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### Module 1 – Foundations of RBC

This module introduces and analyses the concept of Responsible Business Conduct based on the recently updated OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs), and the current regulatory global framework and its developments around the world.

### Module 2 – Due Diligence

Incorporation of RBC in management systems, from risk identification to access to remedy, and relevant case studies are the focus of this module.

### Module 3 – Group Projects

The module features live sessions with participants collaboratively working on RBC key cases and discussing due diligence best practices and effective access to remedy.

### Module 4 – In-depth Study

This module investigates crucial topics such as: Human Rights, Finance, Labor, Bribery and Corruption, Environment, and Digitalization from an RBC perspective with a special session on RBC on post-conflict reconstruction and development challenges. A special focus will be given on the changes introduced by the updated OECD Guidelines.

### Module 5 – Individual Case Study

On the closing module, participants focus on RBC issues of personal relevance and interest, developing each an individual and original case study.

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