

The Blue Dot Network: High-level Panel on Catalysing Quality Infrastructure Investment to "Build-Back-Better"

Second Blue Dot Network Executive Consultation Group Meeting

Date: 5 October 2021 **Time:** 13:00 – 13:45 (CEST | Paris time) **Location:** Hybrid Meeting

Description: Quality infrastructure investment that respects human rights and good labour practices, protects the environment, promotes social inclusion, embeds openness and transparency, and encourages a level playing-field is critical for addressing many of the most pressing problems faced by both OECD and non-OECD economies as they seek to "build-back-better" from the COVID 19 crisis.

The Blue Dot Network, launched by the governments of the United States, Australia and Japan, is a global certification framework that will distinguish quality infrastructure projects that uphold robust standards relating to the environment and climate, labour and social safeguards, transparency and integrity, financial sustainability and economic efficiency. With the aim of closing the infrastructure investment gap, this innovative solution grounded in shared values will mobilise trusted networks of stakeholders from across the public, private and civil society sectors.

This high-level panel will explore how operationalising Quality Infrastructure Investment through the Blue Dot Network can increase investment in developed and emerging economies, accelerate decarbonisation, promote greater consistency in ESG infrastructure investing, and attenuate certain political and social risks. As affiliates of the OECD's Executive Consultation Group for the Blue Dot Network, panellists will share insights to catalyse the certification framework in a manner that is inclusive and delivers the most long-term value for all.

13:00 -13:05	Welcome Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mathias Cormann, Secretary-General, OECD
13:05-13:15	Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Honorable Antony Blinken, Secretary of State, U.S. Department of State, United States
13:15 – 13:45	High-Level Panel <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Honorable Antony Blinken, Secretary of State, U.S. Department of State, United States• Yves Perrier, Chair, Amundi• Sharan Burrow, General Secretary, International Trade Union Confederation• Brendan Bechtel, Chair and Chief Executive Officer, Bechtel <p><i>Moderated by Francine Lacqua, Editor-at-large and Anchor, Bloomberg</i></p>