

Introduction

The CSR Standards Navigation Tool is designed to help Canadian companies, civil society organizations, communities, Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) practitioners and host country governments more easily access the best practices and guidance outlined in the six international standards endorsed by the Government of Canada in the enhanced 2014 CSR Strategy for the Extractive Sector, [Doing Business the Canadian Way](#). The CSR Standards Navigation Tool supports the [Office of the Extractive Sector CSR Counsellor's](#) mandate to proactively promote CSR to Canada's extractive companies operating abroad and to advise companies on how to incorporate the standards into their operations.

The CSR Standards Navigation Tool's four sections – corporate governance, social, environment and labour – each feature specific themes. The themes enable stakeholders to quickly locate relevant international standards, and address particular challenges and risks.

Canadian extractive companies are expected to heed the guidance provided in the Tool. If a company does not follow the practices included in the Government of Canada's 2014 CSR Strategy and/or refuses to participate in dispute-resolution processes, the CSR Counsellor may recommend that the Government of Canada withhold economic diplomacy. Such a designation will be taken into account during the CSR-related evaluation and due diligence conducted by Export Development Canada (EDC), the Crown corporation that provides financial and technical support to eligible Canadian firms operating abroad.

Users of the Tool can contact the CSR Counsellor's Office to learn more about the Government of Canada's CSR expectations, or for help with a specific issue or challenge.