

# Virtual Forum

## Towards a Common Approach to Sustainable Supply Chains and Due Diligence

Contribution of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) to the German Council Presidency of the European Union

Time	Agenda
<p>11:00 a.m. 11:05 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Welcoming speech</b></p> <p><b>Norbert Barthle</b>, Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany</p>
<p>11:05 a.m. 11:15 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Introductory remarks</b></p> <p><b>Didier Reynders</b>, European Commissioner for Justice</p>
<p><b>Perspectives from the global South and North</b></p>	
<p>11:15 a.m. 11:45 a.m.</p>	<p><b>What should /could European decision-makers do to improve working and living conditions along global supply and value chains?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Presentation of the BHRRC &amp; BMZ Compendium:</b> <b>Phil Bloomer</b>, Executive Director of the Business and Human Rights Resource Centre, United Kingdom</li> <li>• <b>Rubana Huq</b>, President of the Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association, Bangladesh</li> <li>• <b>Fernanda Hopenhaym</b>, Co-Executive Director of the Project on Organization, Development, Education and Research (PODER) and Chair of the board of ESCR-Net, Mexico</li> <li>• <b>Sharan Burrow</b>, General Secretary of the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)</li> </ul>
<p>11:45 a.m. 12:15 p.m.</p>	<p><b>What role do European companies play in improving working and living conditions along global supply and value chains?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Christian Ewert</b>, President of amfori, Belgium</li> <li>• <b>Sebastian Koeppel</b>, Managing Partner at beckers bester GmbH, Germany (tbc)</li> <li>• <b>Antje von Dewitz</b>, Chief Executive Officer of VAUDE Sport GmbH &amp; Co. KG, Germany</li> <li>• <b>Théo Jaekel</b>, Legal Counsel – Business and Human Rights Expert at Ericsson, Sweden</li> </ul>

Time	Policy perspectives on due diligence
<p>12:15 p.m. 12:20 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Introductory remarks</b></p> <p><b>Johanna Sumuvuori</b>, State Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Finland</p>
<p>12:20 p.m. 1:15 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Political discussion on the options of mandatory due diligence obligations and the improvement of working and living conditions along global supply and value chains</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Christine Kaufmann</b>, Chair at the OECD Working Party on Responsible Business Conduct, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Hélène Dantoine</b>, Director for Economic Affairs at the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, France</li> <li>• <b>Salla Saastamoinen</b>, Acting Director-General at the Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers, European Commission (tbc)</li> <li>• <b>Dante Pesce</b>, Vice-Chair of the Working Group on the issue of Human Rights and Transnational Corporations and other Business Enterprises at the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)</li> <li>• <b>Caroline Kollau</b>, Trade Policy and Economic Governance Director at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Netherlands</li> <li>• <b>Lara Wolters</b>, Member of the European Parliament</li> </ul>
<p>1:15 p.m. 1:20 p.m.</p> <p>1:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Closing remarks</b></p> <p><b>Outlook and Farewell</b></p> <p><b>Dr Maria Flachsbarth</b>, Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany</p> <p><b>End of the event</b></p>

**Moderation:**

**Christine Toetzke**, Director, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany

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