

Sustainable value chains – Success factors for an internationally accepted binding standard

Concept Note – Workshop #2
6 May 2022

Effective tools for businesses to identify and avoid child and forced labour. Multi-stakeholder workshop in cooperation with the ILO initiative Alliance 8.7

Time	01:15–03:15 p.m. CET
Languages	English with simultaneous interpretation in French, German, Italian, Japanese
Moderators	Griet Cattaert, UN Global Compact Caroline Rees, Shift Michael Windfuhr, German Institute for Human Rights

Let's talk about

The workshop addresses corporate human rights due diligence with regard to child and forced labour. What leverage do companies have? What is best practice, which problems remain, and what kind of support do companies need?

The first part of the workshop will focus on the issue of child labour. In particular, it will look at the crucial role of wages throughout the value chain. How can fair and decent wages effectively contribute to fighting child labour? It will include a panel highlighting best practice of companies implementing and reporting on fair wages in the value chain.

The second part of the workshop will turn to the issue of forced labour. A panel discussion will investigate the options of companies operating in regions which are known to have a track record of human rights violations, such as forced labour.

Agenda

Setting the scene

01:15 p.m. Welcome

German Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs

01:20 p.m. Introduction to the Alliance 8.7 and the role of business in ending child and forced labour

Thomas Wissing, ILO

Part 1: Child labour

01:30 p.m. Panel 1.1: Why is action on fair and decent wages needed now? High-level exchange with perspectives from business, workers and investors

Moderator: Griet Cattaert, UN Global Compact

- Atle Hoie, IndustriALL
- James Gomme, World Business Council for Sustainable Development
- Irina van der Sluijs, Platform Living Wage Financials

01:55 p.m. The need and opportunity for companies to report on progress towards on living wages

Caroline Rees, Shift

02:05 p.m. Panel 1.2: What can we learn from work already underway? Conversation with organizations involved in practical action to advance fair and decent wages

Moderator: Caroline Rees, Shift

- Katherine Chapman, Living Wage Foundation
- Renee Bowers, Fair Labor Association
- Alexandra Palt, Julie Vallat, L'Oreal

Part 2: Forced Labour

02:30 p.m. Panel 2.1: Navigating the dilemma: Options for companies operating in high-risk regions

Moderator: Michael Windfuhr, German Institute for Human Rights

- Max Tuñón, ILO Qatar
- Thomas König, Association of German Chambers of Commerce and Industry
- Lothar Rieth, EnBW
- Katja Müller-Fahlbusch, Amnesty International
- Sandra Hassan, Deputy Minister of Labour and Associate Deputy Minister Employment and Social Development, Canada

Wrapping up

03:10 p.m. Summary

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