

Workshop Programme:

Multi-stakeholder Collaboration Under the CSDDD

14:00 – 14:30 | Keynote Speech

- [Prof. Humberto Cantú Rivera](#) – Professor of Law and Director of the Human Rights and Business Institute, University of Monterrey (Mexico)

14:30 – 15:00 | Panel 1 – Drafting Due Diligence Plans: Translating Legal Obligations into Practice

- [Mariana Rezende](#) – Consultant, Löning – Human Rights & Responsible Business (Germany)
- [Alena Khale](#) – Policy Consultant & Coordinator, Fair Trade Advocacy Office (FTAO)

This panel explores how consulting firms and civil society organizations support companies in developing due diligence plans that meet the requirements of the CSDDD and national legislation such as the German Supply Chain Act. Speakers will discuss how they interpret legal standards—especially vague or open-ended provisions—and translate them into practical tools.

Guiding questions:

- How do organizations support companies in translating legal obligations under the CSDDD into concrete due diligence measures?
- What challenges arise in interpreting and applying open-ended legal concepts?
- Where do gaps remain between regulatory expectations and practical implementation, and how are they being addressed?

15:15 – 16:00 | Panel 2 – Stakeholder Engagement in Corporate Due Diligence

- [Gloria Bolzonello](#) – Researcher & Coordinator, Fair Wear Foundation
- [Salah Hussein](#) – Director, Business for Social Responsibility (BSR)

Stakeholder engagement is at the heart of effective human rights and environmental due diligence. The CSDDD underscores the importance of meaningful collaboration with stakeholders, yet it leaves room for interpretation regarding how this should be implemented

in practice. This panel explores the ways in which companies, engage—or struggle to engage—with external stakeholders in their due diligence processes, and highlight the changes to be expected with the CSDDD. It aims to point out who is included in these dialogues, whose voices are often left out, and what practices are emerging as meaningful, inclusive, and impactful. Drawing on concrete experiences from BSR and FWF, the panel will highlight challenges and gaps in stakeholder consultation.

Guiding questions:

- What are the main challenges companies and stakeholders face in establishing meaningful collaboration?
- Which stakeholders are typically consulted, and which voices remain absent or underrepresented?
- What constitutes an effective and inclusive consultation process in practice?

16:15 – 17:00 | Panel 3 – Designing Effective Enforcement for the CSDDD

- [Anneke Loof-Donker](#) – Clusterhoofd Wetgeving Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands

This panel addresses how enforcement strategies can move human rights due diligence from voluntary practice to binding obligation. The CSDDD outlines both administrative and civil enforcement options, but leaves flexibility to Member States. This discussion will focus on how to design national-level enforcement that is both effective and collaborative, and how the public actor can be a support to companies' due diligence plans.

Guiding questions:

- What should an effective enforcement strategy aim to achieve?
- What are the strengths and limits of civil, administrative, and criminal law enforcement?
- How can public-private collaboration enhance enforcement?

17:00 – 18:00 | Networking & Drinks

We are looking forward to seeing many of you for this important discussion! Registration is available on our website.

For any question, do not hesitate to reach out to the organizers of the event, chairs of the Business and Human Rights working group.

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