

Building Trust and Equity: Responsible Purchasing as the New Norm

Monday, September 9th, 1 - 6 pm CEST
Hilton Munich Park - Munich, Germany



Agenda

12:00

Walk in, lunch and Marketplace for Spotlight Initiatives

13:00

Welcome

by Thorsten Metz, Head of Programme at Initiative for Global Solidarity (IGS), GIZ

13:10

Key Note

by Claudia Geiser, Senior Policy Officer at Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

13:20

Setting the scene: The state of the industry

by Gopinath Parakuni, Director of Strategy at Cividep India

13:30

Panel 1: Raising the bar: Embedding responsible purchasing in a changing regulatory landscape - *read more about this panel on page 3*

- Dorothy Lovell, Senior Policy Analyst Responsible Business Conduct Unit at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- Maravillas Rodriguez, Sr Director, Higg Index Strategy and Operations at Cascale
- Abrar Sayem, Director at Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) and spokesperson for the Sustainable Terms of Trade Initiative (STTI)
- Richard Wilhelm, Head of Unit at Federal Office of Economics and Export Control at Bundesamt für Wirtschaft und Ausfuhrkontrolle (BAFA)
- Alke Boessiger, Deputy General Secretary at Uni Global

Moderated by Alexander Kohnstamm, Executive Director at Fair Wear

14:45

Expert Input: Presenting the CFRPP Accountability Framework

by Lisa Süß, Chair, Working Group on Responsible Purchasing Practices

15:00

Coffee & Tea Break and Marketplace for Spotlight Initiatives

15:30

Panel 2: Implementing responsible purchasing practices:

Shared responsibility for shared success - *read more about this panel on page 3*

- Veronique Camerer, Deputy Director at the International Accord
- Maria Venus, CSR Sustainability Environmental Manager at Fenix Outdoor
- Robert Hellwig, CSR Manager and Advisor Buying Department at Ortovox
- Tandiwe Gross, Head of Access to Remedy and Due Diligence at Action, Collaboration, Transformation (ACT)

Moderated by Kristin Apffelstaedt, Business and Human Rights Specialist at Initiative for Global Solidarity (IGS), GIZ

16:30

Expert Input: The Responsible Contracting Project

by Daniel Schönfelder, Lead European Legal Advisor at the Responsible Contracting Project (RCP)

16:45

Open Q&A with Industry Experts

by Felicia Höer, Technical Advisor at Initiative for Global Solidarity (IGS), GIZ

17:05

Closing reflections on behalf of The Industry We Want

by Alexander Kohnstamm, Executive Director at Fair Wear and Andrew Martin, Executive Vice President at Cascale

17:20

Open Exchange

18:00

Cascale Cocktail Hour

**We look forward to seeing you
on September 9th in Munich.**



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Read more about the panels

Panel 1: Raising the bar:

Embedding responsible purchasing in a changing regulatory landscape

As the garment industry adapts to new legislative demands like the German Supply Chain Act and the forthcoming Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence (CSDD) Directive, this panel will explore how to embed responsible purchasing practices as a core principle for driving positive change. With a focus on ensuring impactful Human Rights and Environmental Due Diligence (HREDD), the discussion will address how businesses can be held accountable while aligning commercial practices with the new norms for responsible purchasing. This session will explore how the industry can navigate these regulatory changes while also addressing how we can prevent the burden of legal requirements being unfairly distributed along the supply chain. To move beyond mere compliance, we'll explore how industry tools and standards for assessing responsible purchasing practices can lead to more effective HREDD, ensuring that brands and their manufacturing partners can drive real change across the supply chain.

Panel 2: Implementing responsible purchasing practices:

Shared responsibility for shared success

This session will delve into the practical application of responsible purchasing practices and their role in advancing sustainability efforts. We will explore how these practices can unlock funding for Human Rights and Environmental Due Diligence (HREDD) efforts, while promoting fair cost-sharing between brands and manufacturers to support environmental upgrades and improved labour conditions. Through insights from both manufacturers and brands, this discussion will shine a light on the real-world challenges and opportunities in implementing responsible purchasing practices. More than just a compliance exercise, these practices have the power to shift our industry toward a future where sustainable production is not just possible but the norm, and where fair outcomes are achieved for everyone along the supply chain.