

EUROPEAN SDG ROUNDTABLE

Due Diligence and Positive Change: a Value-Chain Approach

Wednesday, 12 October 2022 | 09:30 -11:00 CEST

CONTEXT:

Within an estimated population of 450 million people working in global supply chains, the number of those facing **reduced income** or **job loss** are dramatically increasing as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and the war in Ukraine. This unprecedented situation is only adding to the already **growing expectations faced world-wide by companies and policymakers concerning the adoption and implementation of mandatory environmental and human rights due diligence laws**.

As pointed out by the European Commission, there are limits to what companies can do individually or via voluntary standard schemes and industry coalitions. Many supply chain sustainability challenges and opportunities relate to **structural and systemic issues that require collective action beyond what the private sector can achieve on its own**. At the same time, concerns exist regarding the **unintended adverse consequences of mandatory due diligence legislation in producer countries**. Leading companies may respond to the new obligations by disengaging from high-risk countries or sectors to de-risk their supply chains or may impose additional pressure and costs on upstream supply chain operators, thereby weakening their capacity to respect human rights and environmental standards and ensure sustainable livelihoods.

ABOUT THE SESSION:

This roundtable addresses the **challenges faced by upstream actors** in going “beyond due diligence” and how downstream actors, civil society organisations, and governments can work together to achieve positive impact on the ground.

The Roundtable brings in examples from different sectors - cocoa, rubber, chemical and cobalt/copper sourcing - and focuses on capacity-building measures for producers/suppliers, empowerment of local communities, and impact investment approaches. [Register](#)

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

- Sustainability and purchasing managers of downstream companies & their suppliers
- Investors
- Civil society organisations
- Development agencies

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09:30 -09:35	Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stefan Crets <i>Executive Director, CSR Europe</i>
09:35 -09:45	Keynote: The expectations & challenges of upstream supply chain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Louis Watum <i>President, Federation of Enterprises of the Congo, Chamber of Mines</i>
09:45 -09:55	Keynote: From due diligence to action and impact: the role of Team Europe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cécile Billaux <i>Head of Unit DG INTPA, European Commission</i>
09:55 -10:45	Panel: The opportunities and limits of active engagement of downstream companies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aurelia Hillestad <i>Sustainability Manager, Volvo Group</i> Eleonora Pessina <i>Group Sustainability Officer, Pirelli</i> Estelle Levin-Nally <i>Raw Materials Outlook Drive Sustainability, Levin Sources</i> Sarah Dekkiche <i>Director of Policy and Partnerships, International Cocoa Initiative</i>
10:45 -10:55	Keynote: The Multistakeholder approach by the German Chemical Industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Andreas Ogrinz <i>Managing Director Education, Innovation, Sustainability, German Federation of Chemical Employer's Associations (BAVC)</i> Carola Dittmann <i>Head of CSR & Participation, IGBCE</i>
10:55 -11:00	Keynote: The Way Forward: Building Sustainable & Resilient Value Chains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anders Aeroe, <i>Director of the Division for Sustainable & Inclusive Trade, International Trade Centre</i>

ABOUT THE EUROPEAN SDG SUMMIT 2022

Ahead of the 27th United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP27) in Egypt, CSR Europe and its members are happy to welcome you at [the European SDG Summit 2022: Together for an Inclusive Green Deal](#).

After the pandemic and amid the outbreak of the war in Ukraine, the world needs to accelerate the journey towards climate neutrality and the adoption of an inclusive approach to the green and digital transition. Together with Environment and Governance, the **Social dimension of ESG** is now well understood as an equally important driver to enhance sustainability, but more attention is needed on how to address inequalities. The scale and magnitude of the effort ahead require not only individual commitments but also collaborative actions from all stakeholders.

At the Summit, CSR Europe will also release the second edition of the [European Sustainable Industry Barometer](#) in collaboration with **Moody's ESG Solutions**. The Barometer will provide data on the sustainability level and maturity of European industry federations, with a focus on the **social dimension of their ESG efforts**, demonstrating the progresses made and where additional efforts are needed.



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