



## Berlin Dialogue on Business and Human Rights Values | Openness | Partnerships

**Berlin / Online, 18 May 2021, 11.30 CEST**

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Our universal **values** must be the foundation of a sustainable globalization which leaves no-one behind and ensures a level playing field.

A rules-based order of **openness** continues to be a cornerstone for peace and prosperity. This requires a reliable compass: human rights.

In the face of global challenges, **partnerships** for responsibility are key to realizing respect for people and planet.

The international Business and Human Rights agenda is evolving dynamically. In June, we will mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the [UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights](#) (UNGPs). A number of states have taken steps to develop national action plans and a smart mix of measures to realize the UNGPs. A first generation of action plans is being reviewed and updated and we are witnessing growing momentum for mandatory human rights due diligence for business enterprises, including in Germany and the EU.

At the same time, the urgent need to step up action for protecting and respecting human rights in business activities in all regions and across global supply chains is painfully visible.

**Feel free to share with relevant contacts.**

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**Draft Programme**

(as of 4 May 2021)

**\*\*\* 11.30 CEST: start of conference \*\*\***

**Keynote**

**Heiko Maas**, Federal Foreign Minister, Germany

**Opening Remarks**

**Michelle Bachelet**, High Commissioner for Human Rights, United Nations

**Guy Ryder**, Director-General, International Labour Organization

**Anna Hallberg**, Minister of Trade, Sweden

Moderation of the event

**Julie Schindall**

Event language is English. No interpretation provided.

**Focus session 1**

**Introduction**

**Michael Klor-Berchtold**, Director-General for Economic Affairs and Sustainable Development, Federal Foreign Office, Germany

**Adjusting the Smart Mix for Implementation of the UN Guiding Principles**

“Are we there yet?” – **Government perspectives on reviewing NAPs and other instruments**

- **Bärbel Kofler**, Human Rights Commissioner of the Federal Government, Germany
- **Sheri Meyerhoffer**, Ombudsperson for Responsible Enterprise, Government of Canada
- **Carolin Kollau**, Director for Trade Policy and Economic Governance, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Netherlands

“Laurels and Bruises” – **Stakeholder experience**

- **Cathy Feingold**, ITUC Vice President and Director at AFL-CIO
- **Matthias Thorns**, Deputy Secretary-General, International Organisation of Employers
- **Joseph Wilde-Ramsing**, Senior Researcher, SOMO & Coordinator, OECD Watch



“Bridge or Divide?” – **WEOG efforts seen from the outside**

- **Soledad García Muñoz**, Special Rapporteur, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
- **Livio Sarandrea**, Lead Advisor and Team Leader of Business and Human Rights Asia, UNDP (tbc)

\*\*\* 13.30 to 14.30 CEST: conference break \*\*\*

**Focus session 2**

**Opening remarks**

**Didier Reynders**, EU Commissioner for Justice (recorded)

**Advancing a European Level Playing Field**

“A new chapter?” – **Expectations on EU-wide mandatory HRDD**

- **Bernd Lange**, Member of the European Parliament, Chairman of the EP Committee for International Trade
- **Salla Saastamoinen**, Director-General, DG Justice, European Commission
- **Björn Böhning**, State Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Germany

“360° degrees view” – **A comprehensive EU framework for UNGPs implementation**

- **Helena König**, Deputy Secretary-General, European External Action Service
- **Rachel Davis**, Vice-President and Co-Founder, Shift
- **Teresa Anjinho**, Deputy Ombudsperson, Provedor de Justiça, Portugal
- **Nadine-Lan Hönighaus**, Executive Director, “econsense”, Germany

**Focus session 3**

**UNGPs@10 – The 10th anniversary of the UN Guiding Principles**

A conversation with members of the [UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights](#) and with the Chair of the OECD Working Party for Responsible Business Conduct on the vision and ambition for the next decade, also sharing perspectives of the [UNGPs10+ project](#).

- **Dante Pesce**, Chair of the Working Group since 1 January 2021, Executive Director of the VINCULAR Center for Social responsibility and Sustainable Development, Chile
- **Anita Ramasastry**, UN Working Group member, Roland L. Hjorth Professor of Law, University of Washington, USA
- **Christine Kaufmann**, Chair at the OECD Working Party on Responsible Business Conduct, Professor for International and Constitutional Law, University of Zurich

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\*\*\* 16.00 CEST: end of conference \*\*\*