

Asian Dialogues on Sustainability in the Textile and Garment Industry

Online Seminar Series - "Moving the needle: Creating the future together"

The online seminar is open for all industry stakeholders and free to attend. To register, please [click here](#).

Online Seminar 2:

The German Due Diligence Act and consequences for Asian producers

Tuesday, 23 November 2021 at 10 AM Berlin / 4 PM Bangkok / 5 PM Beijing (90 minutes)

Germany's Federal Cabinet approved the Act on Corporate Due Diligence Obligations in Supply Chains in mid-2021, which aims to prevent human rights violations. Stage One will come into force in January 2023, with a broader scope scheduled for January 2024. This online seminar will explore the Act and how it will impact Asian producers. It will also introduce a new GIZ project called Initiative Global Solidarity, which aims to empower buyers and suppliers to cooperate and improve effective due diligence systems in their supply chains through shared responsibility approaches.

This is the second online seminar in a series on the new legal landscape and aims to alert all stakeholders to the dawn of a new era of mandatory due diligence around social and environmental issues.

Speakers



Mr. Frank Hoefft, Global Scheme Manager Secure Supply Chain Certification, Project Manager Supply Chain Audit Services, TÜV Rheinland

Frank has been with TÜV Rheinland for over 21 years in the area of auditing sustainability topics, mainly in Germany and Europe. He has developed a GAP Analysis for supply chain due diligence to help companies manage the new German Due Diligence Act.



Ms. Julia Thimm, Head of Human Rights, Tchibo

Together with her team in Hamburg, Hong Kong and Dhaka, Julia is responsible for implementing human rights in global supply chains at Tchibo. In the last 10 years at Tchibo, she has put a particular focus on empowerment and industry-wide approaches and was involved in setting up the Bangladesh Accord and ACT on Living Wages. Until 2011, she worked as a campaigner at the Clean Clothes Campaign Germany. She holds a MSc in Globalization and Development, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London.



Mr. Thorsten Metz, Initiative Global Solidarity

As a labor market economist, Thorsten has focussed throughout his career on the nexus of private sector development and social and labor standards. Working in various countries such as Indonesia, Thailand, Jordan, and Myanmar, he has supported the agenda of decent jobs and engaging with the private sector in developing sustainable business and employment.