



Ministry of Foreign Affairs

27 and 28 January 2020 The Hague region, the Netherlands

*International meeting:
Taking next steps to end child labour in global supply chains*

Is your company or SME a frontrunner when it comes to tackling child labour in your supply chain or country? Or do you want to learn where to start and like to engage in a constructive dialogue about practical challenges to help find solutions to end child labour by 2025?

Then please save the date on 27 and 28 January 2020 for an international meeting on ending child labour in global supply chains. During this meeting a safe environment for businesses will be created to acknowledge the possibility of child labour in their supply chains, share lessons learned and formulate next steps to end child labour.

The world is committed to the elimination of child labour by 2025, as part of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). During the IV International Child Labour Conference in Argentina in 2017, voluntary pledges were made to achieve target 8.7 of the SDGs. However, in the current pace, this goal will not be achieved.

Child labour is everybody's responsibility. In today's global supply chains, we struggle knowing where our products are made or under which circumstances raw materials are sourced. We know 152 million children are still victims of child labour. As consumers, as sourcing or employing companies, as governments, as communities and as NGOs, we all have our responsibilities towards these children. Therefore, we call on everybody to take the next steps to end child labour.

Outline of program (tentative)

Monday January 27th (09.00 – 18.00 hrs)

- Morning
- Official opening by Minister Ms Sigrid Kaag, Dutch Minister of Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation
 - Introductory statements by Minister Kaag, DG Mr Guy Ryder of the International Labour Organization and Nobel Peace Prize winner Mr Kailash Satyarthi
 - Real life story of a former child labourer
 - Keynote by a CEO of company and a workers' organisation
 - Panel discussion with (international) ministers, CEOs and a workers' representative
- Afternoon
- Breakout sessions on 4 topics:
 - Doing due diligence: What lessons can be learned?
 - Transparency & traceability
 - Pathfinder countries: business and governments working together
 - Beyond certification: the role of business in remediation

Tuesday January 28th (08.30 – 14.00 hrs)

- Morning
- Presentation of Dutch National Board of Children on role of consumers
 - Continuation of in depth-discussions in 4 breakout sessions:
 - Due diligence legislation: how to implement due diligence into a law?
 - Child labour monitoring: which tools and how to improve and upscale?
 - Area-based approaches: how to embed in local systems and to upscale?
 - Reflections, conclusion and guidance on next steps to take

During these 1,5 days, the organizers will actively facilitate meet & greet opportunities for participants to learn from each other. A great opportunity to expand your network!

Partners

The international meeting is organized by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dutch Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment, International Labour Organization (ILO), Global March against Child Labour and the Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO.nl)

Contact

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