



**“Responsible Business Conduct for Children:
Strengthening EU Policy Measures to Address Business Impact on Children’s Rights
in Business Operations and Supply Chains”**

Wednesday, 2 September 2020

10.00 – 12.00 Session I (open expert discussion)

12.00 – 12.15 (short break)

12:15 – 13.00 Session II (Informal exchange by COHOM delegates)

Virtual meeting (Cisco Webex)

Session I

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Session II

Meeting number (access code): 163 161 0922

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AGENDA

Session I: Open expert discussion (2 September, 10.00 – 12.00)

10:00 Welcome by Moderator

Victoria von Hammerstein, German Permanent Representation to the EU/Brussels

Introduction

Alexander Schönfelder, Deputy Director General for Business and Human Rights, Trade, Sanctions and Promotion of Foreign Trade and Investment, German Foreign Office/Berlin

Christian Schneider, Executive Director UNICEF Germany

10:10 Part I: Understanding business impact on children’s rights

Andrew Mawson, Chief, Child Rights and Business, UNICEF “*Background & Framing*”

Ines Kaempfer, Executive Director, Center for Child Rights and Corporate Social Responsibility (CCR CSR) “*How decent work deficits for parents impact the lives of children*”

10:30 Part II: Addressing root causes of adverse child rights impacts - regional examples

Anne-Claire Dufay, Representative, UNICEF Ghana “*Protecting children from child labour in West Africa’s cocoa sector*”

Marlese von Broembsen, Director, Law Programme, Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing (WIEGO) “*Informal employment in global supply chains – inclusive policy measures (with focus on South Asia)*”



10:45 Questions & Answers

11:00 Part III: Panel discussion on *key considerations* for EU policy measures to improve business impact on children. Moderator: Andrew Mawson, UNICEF

Panelists:

- o **David Vermijs**, Senior Advisor, Shift
- o **Sarah Twigg**, Program Manager, Women in Work, International Finance Corporation (IFC)
- o **Alejandro García Esteban** Policy Officer European Coalition for Corporate Justice (ECCJ)
- o **Patrycja Pogodzinska**, Project Manager, Legal Research, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights
- o **Gerbrand Haverkamp**, Executive Director, World Benchmark Alliance

11:55 Closing

Sandie Blanchet, Director, Office for Relations with EU Institutions, UNICEF

Ambassador Thomas Ossowski, Representative to the Political and Security Committee in the Council of the EU, German Permanent Representation to the EU/Brussels

12:00 End of open session

Session II: Informal exchange by COHOM delegates (2 September, 12:15 – 13.00)

“Key considerations” by the German Council Presidency were distributed to COHOM-Delegates on 27 August 2020. The paper contains several summarizing questions to structure the exchange.

12:15 Recap of key considerations

Andrew Mawson, Chief, Child Rights and Business, UNICEF

12:20 Informal exchange by COHOM delegates

- Moderated exchange along key discussion points
- Input paper with key discussion points to be circulated prior to the event

12:55 Wrap up

Holger Dreiseitl Head of Division (ad interim) for Business and Human Rights, Federal Foreign Office, Berlin

13:00 End of session