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*Global Supply Chains – Global Responsibility*

## Human rights and decent work in global supply chains – towards a European action plan

This high-level, multi-stakeholder conference, organised by the German Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs as part of Germany's Presidency of the Council of the European Union (EU), will put the issue of human rights and decent work in global supply chains on the European agenda. It aims to highlight the need for action at the EU level and to raise awareness among all stakeholders.

Since the adoption of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs) in 2011, the EU and its Member States have taken numerous measures, including national and sector-specific legislation, to strengthen the human rights due diligence of European companies in global supply chains. However, these actions remain fragmented and the current situation of rights-holders is still far from satisfactory. With this conference, the

German Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs seeks to generate momentum for an ambitious and coherent EU strategy for action.

Integrating the perspectives of all relevant stakeholders, we want to identify policy options for the European Commission to be included in a structurally well-anchored EU strategy.

Together we would like to discuss key issues such as EU legislation on human rights due diligence, EU sector dialogues, quality criteria for national action plans, the fight against child and forced labour and access to remedy.

In this way, we aspire to provide concrete impetus for a European Action Plan on human rights and decent work in global supply chains.



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*In light of the current COVID-19 pandemic, we unfortunately cannot rule out the possibility that we will have to adapt the event format going forward in order to be able to guarantee a responsible implementation of the event. We will inform you immediately about any changes as soon as they are foreseeable.*