

“Mandatory Human Rights Due Diligence in the EU: transparency and accountability”

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- 14:30 - 14:45 **Opening remarks: MEPs Benifei, Kokkalis, Tolleret**
- 14:45 – 15:00 **Salla Saastamoinen**
Acting Director General and Director A Justice – DG JUST
“An EU-wide due diligence directive: more accountability for companies”

Q&A
- 15:00 – 15:15 **Lara Wolters MEP**
Rapporteur “Report with recommendations to the Commission on corporate due diligence and corporate accountability”
Q&A
- 15:15 – 15:30 **Rachel Davis**
Vice President and Co-Founder of Shift
“Due diligence as a legal standard of conduct: Implications for the European debate”.
Q&A
- 15:30 – 15:55** **PANEL 1 - Mandatory Human Rights Due Diligence: Liability and Enforcement**
- **Claudia Saller**
Director General European Coalition for Corporate Justice
 - **Maria Pia Sacco**
Senior Legal Advisor, responsible for the IBA legal projects in the area of corporate and professional integrity, including anti-corruption and business and human
- 15:55 – 16:20 **PANEL 2 - Human Rights Due Diligence: Best Practice**
- **Cocoa:**
Julia Christian
Forest campaigner – FERN
 - **Wholesale:**
Illa Brockmeyer
Public Policy Manager | Sustainability. METRO AG
- Q&A
- 16:20 – 16:55 **PANEL 3- An International perspective: key instruments supporting HRDD**
- **Anita Ramasastry**
Member of the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights
 - **Githa Roelans**
Head of ILO's Multinational Enterprises and Enterprise Engagement Unit
 - **Tyler Gillard ,**
Head of Due Diligence, Centre for Responsible Business Conduct, Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs - OECD
- Q&A
- 16:55 – 17h00 Conclusions by **MEPs Benifei, Kokkalis, Tolleret**