

Responsible Business, Human Rights and Decent Work in Asia Harnessing synergies between human rights and inclusive growth

Monday 18 September 2023
Jakarta, Indonesia (Shangri La-Hotel)
(hybrid event)

The objective of this event is to promote recognition among partner countries that resilient, sustainable, and inclusive economic growth, on the one hand, and respect for human rights and decent work for all, on the other, are interrelated elements that create synergies. The event also aims at sharing country-specific experiences and approaches to boost efforts to respect human rights, including decent work for all, focusing on national ownership while recognising each country's context.

To achieve the above objectives, the event will, in particular:

- Showcase initiatives aimed at promoting responsible business conduct and decent work in supply chains, in line with the UN, OECD and ILO instruments and frameworks at corporate, industry and national levels.
- Strengthen the discussion among governments, workers' and employers' organizations and other supply chain actors, encouraging further cooperation and promotion of shared values based on international standards, including international labour standards.
- Discuss the role of skills development and human capital investments in supporting responsible business, decent work and sustainable economic growth in Asia.

Time	
8:30 – 9:00	<i>Welcome and Registration</i>
9:00 – 9:25	<i>Opening session</i> Opening remarks by the co-organizer and a guest of honour • Mr. Shin Hosaka, Vice-Minister for International Affairs, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan (Video Message) • Mr. Airlangga Hartarto, Coordinating Minister for Economic Affairs, Indonesia (Video Message – Delivered by Mr. Rudy Salahuddin, Deputy Minister for Digital Economy, Manpower and SMEs, Coordinating Minister for Economic Affairs, Indonesia)
9:25 – 9:50	<i>Keynote speeches</i>



	How can we foster synergies between human rights and inclusive growth to contribute to a sustainable future? The protection and promotion of human and labour rights are essential for social stability and the foundation of inclusive economic development. Respecting human rights in business operations is crucial for economic growth and vice versa. Keynote speeches will highlight how we can achieve synergies between respect for human and labour rights and inclusive growth, including opportunities, challenges and lessons learned. • Ms. Pichamon Yeophantong, Member of the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights • Mr. Dan Rees, Director, Supply Chain Action Programme, ILO
9:50 -11:20	Session 1 Unlocking Sustainable Growth through Responsible Business and Labour Practices: G7 and Asian Approaches A wide range of initiatives are underway in an effort to implement international standards such as the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises on Responsible Business Conduct and the ILO Tripartite Declaration of Principles concerning Multinational Enterprises and Social Policy (ILO MNE Declaration). This session will showcase regional or national initiatives that promote responsible business conduct, and respect for human rights and labour rights in business operations. A Q&A session from the floor will follow the panel discussion. • Mr. Yasuhiko Yoshida, Deputy Director-General for Trade Policy, Trade Policy Bureau, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan • Mr. A K M Rezaur Rahman, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Employment, Bangladesh • Dr. Carsten Stender (Director-General for European and International Employment and Social Policies, ESF, Digital Transformation), Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Germany (Online participation) • Mr. Ukrish Kanchanaketu, Adviser, Employers Confederation of Thailand (ECOT) • Atty. Allan Sablon Montaño, President Emeritus and International Secretary, Federation of Free Workers, the Philippines • Ms. Githa Roelans, Head of the Multinational Enterprises and Enterprise Engagement Unit, ILO (facilitator)
11:20 – 12:20	Lunch



12:20 - 13:20	<i>Closed sessions for constituent groups</i> <i>Invitation only</i> During this closed breakout session, constituents in their respective groups (governments, workers and employers) will share their experiences and initiatives, and reflect on how we can foster synergies between human rights and inclusive growth. (The constituents' representatives will share key discussion points with the organizers.)
13:25 – 14:55	<i>Session 2</i> Skills Development as a Contribution to the Synergies between Human Rights, Decent Work and Inclusive Growth Developing skills to adapt to social-economic transformation, such as digitalisation, climate change and demographic change, is key to achieving a sustainable and inclusive future. This session will provide an overview of skills development initiatives in Asia and discuss ASEAN's skills needs and challenges. A Q&A session from the floor will follow the panel discussion. • Ms. Akiko Sakamoto, Specialist, Skills and Employability, Decent Work Team-Bangkok, ILO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific • Ms. Elly Rosita Silaban, President, KSBSI/ The Confederation of Indonesia Prosperity Trade Union • Mr Robert Maronilla, Head of Legal Services, Employers' Confederation of the Philippines • Mr. Matt Downing, Deputy Head of UK Mission to Indonesia and Timor Leste • Dr. Ir. Yunus Triyonggo, HR & GA Director, PT Bridgestone Tire Indonesia • Mr. Eric Roeder, Technical Specialist, Green Jobs, Climate Action and Resilience, Decent Work Team-Bangkok, ILO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (facilitator)
14:55 - 15:05	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:05 - 16:35	<i>Session 3</i> Responsible Business Conduct: Initiatives at the Enterprise Level This session will present good practices from the private sector in promoting responsible business conduct and respect for the principles of international standards, including examples of supporting SMEs in this regard. It will also discuss the challenges and opportunities of further



	promoting initiatives at the enterprise level. A Q&A session from the floor will follow the panel discussion. • Mr. Susumu Tanaka, Senior Economist, Research and Analysis Department, JETRO • Mr. Chad Salitan, Labour attaché, U.S. Embassy in Vietnam, U.S. Department of Labor • Mr. Chea Sopheak, Project Coordinator, Cambodia Labour Confederation (CLC) • Ms. Myra M Hanartani, Head of Manpower Committee on Regulations and Institutional Cooperation, APINDO • Ms. Yukako Kinoshita, Specially Appointed General Manager to Group CHRO, Panasonic Holdings Corporation • Mr. Yoshihiko Ono, Board Member, Japan Federation of labour and social security attorney's Associations • Ms. Yuki Kobayashi, Programme Coordinator – Building Responsible Value Chains in Asia project, ILO Office for Japan (facilitator)
16:35 – 17:15	<i>Plenary discussion – key takeaways</i> In this session, representatives from the constituents and key observers (e.g. G7 and ASEAN) will share key takeaways from the event. • Facilitator: Mr. Dan Rees, Director, Supply Chain Action Programme, ILO
17:15 – 17:40	<i>Closing remarks and Summary</i> • Ms. Michiko Miyamoto, Director, ILO Country Office for the Indonesia and Timor-Leste • Mr. Shinichi Takasaki, Director, ILO Office for Japan