



Swiss Forum «Business and Human Rights» 2023

Workshop 2, 14:00 – 15:00

Engaging your suppliers to respect human rights

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Aims for today's session

- Understand why engaging with suppliers is key in tackling human rights issues in supply chains
- Share best practice and successful examples of supplier engagement

Setting the scene

Common human rights issues in global supply chains



Forced labour & modern slavery



Illegal recruitment & debt bondage



Poor working & living conditions



Poverty wages & unpaid work



Gender based violence



Child labour

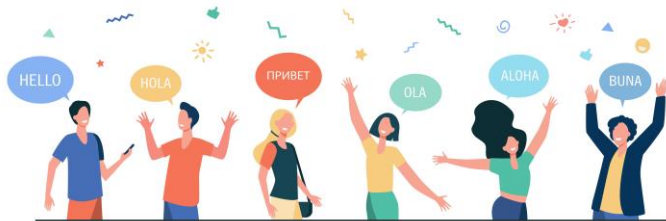


Harsh & inhumane treatment



Lack of grievance mechanisms

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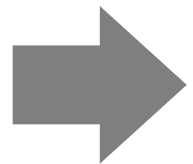
- Time and cost pressures
- Lack of trust and communication
- “Race to the bottom”

Why supplier engagement?

1 Prevent violations
by working together
to identify risks and
target root causes

**2 Improve brand
reputation**
delivering on customer
and investor
expectations

**3 Meet legislative
requirements**
incl. CSDDD draft and
GSCA



A shift in the relationship with suppliers is needed: from top down to real partnership & shared responsibility



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Thank you!