



Invitation: Responsible Business Conduct in Swiss Commodity Trading: Implications for Human Rights Due Diligence

Dear Commodity Club Members and Experts,

We are pleased to invite you to the workshop: «**Responsible Business Conduct in Swiss Commodity Trading: Implications for Human Rights Due Diligence**».

Date: Tuesday, July 5, 2022

Time: 5.00 pm - 7.00 pm (followed by an Apéro – see agenda below)

Place: economiesuisse, Hegibachstrasse 47, 8032 Zürich

Official language: English

Switzerland is one of the world's leading commodity trading hubs for agricultural commodities, oil and petroleum, as well as metals and minerals. Due to national and international regulatory developments in recent years, the sector has increased its efforts to identify, address and mitigate adverse human rights impacts related to its business activities.

Against this background, the Institute for Business Ethics at the University of St Gallen (HSG) has conducted over 50 expert interviews with representatives from business, civil society, and policy making on responsible business conduct in commodity trading. In this workshop, we would like to engage with you about the findings of these interviews. Furthermore, we aim to identify best practices and existing difficulties in integrating responsible business conduct, particularly human rights due diligence, in sourcing processes.

We are happy to receive your registration no later than **Friday, July 1, 2022 (cob)**. Please be aware that the **number of participants is limited**. We therefore encourage you to register as soon as possible.

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Agenda of the Workshop

5.00 pm	Welcome economiesuisse, Commodity Club, University of St. Gallen
5.15 pm	Recent legal developments & implications for human rights due diligence in commodity trading, followed by Q&A Gerald Pachoud, Pluto Advisory
5.30 pm	Reflections from stakeholder interviews and media analysis about news reporting on commodity trading in Switzerland, followed by Q&A University of St Gallen
6.00 pm	Input(s) by company representative(s)
6.30 pm	Insights on urgent action – Human Rights Due Diligence in the Indian coffee and sugar industry Geneva Center for Business & Human Rights, University of Geneva
6.45 pm	Next steps / Wrap-Up
7.00 pm	Networking Apéro

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you at the event.

Kind regards,

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