"Sustainability and Human Rights in Trade Policy – EU Trade Strategy and the Sustainable Development Goals"

Date: Wednesday, 21 June 2017, 09:30 to 16:45

Venue: Representation of Lower Saxony to the European Union, Rue Montoyer 61, 1000 Brussels

Programme

09.30	Registration
10.00	Welcome message by Birgit Honé, State Secretary for Europe and Regional State Development at Lower Saxony State Chancellery
10.10	Keynote by MEP Bernd Lange, Chairman of the Committee on International Trade of the European Parliament

10.25 – 10.55   **Panel 1: What do SDGs imply for external trade policy?**

Presentations:

"SDGs and external trade policy – Where do we stand?"

Evita Schmieg, SWP

"How does the EU Trade for All Strategy account for SDGs?"

Madelaine Tuininga, European Commission

"Which sustainability and human rights requirements have to be fulfilled?"

Leida Rijnhout, Friends of the Earth Europe

10.55 – 12.30   Plenary Discussion

Moderation: *Anja Gomm, GIZ*

12.30 – 13.30   Lunch (*next to conference hall)*

13.30 – 14.00   **Panel 2: Human rights and sustainability in the preparation and implementation of EU trade policy**

Presentations:

"The role of Sustainability Impact Assessments"

Armin Paasch, MISEREOR

"The implementation of sustainable free trade agreements and the role of the private sector"

Luisa Santos, BusinessEurope

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„Developmental support for the sustainable implementation of free trade agreements - Best practices using the example of economic partnership agreements"

Stefanie Sörensen, BMZ

14.00 – 15.00	Plenary Discussion
	<u>Moderation:</u> *Kathleen van Hove, ECDPM*

15.00 – 15.30	Coffee Break

15.30 – 16.00	**Panel 3: Starting points for anchoring human rights and sustainability into EU trade policy**

<u>Presentations:</u>

"The human rights clause in free trade agreements"

Thomas Fritz, Freelance writer

"Mechanisms to integrate sustainability standards into existing free trade agreements"

Axel Marx, KU Leuven

"Integrating labour standards into trade agreements"

Liina Carr, ETUC

16.00 – 16.30	Plenary Discussion
	<u>Moderation:</u> *Christopher Schuller, DIMR*

16.30	Closing Remarks
16.45	End of the Conference