

Monday, 2 December 2024 | 2pm to 6pm

Conference / Round Table:
Human Rights & Business

**Towards an ambitious
transposition
of the CSDDD* into
Luxembourg law**

* Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive

**The challenges
ahead**

Where : Centre Culturel de Rencontre Abbaye de Neumünster,
28 rue Münster, L-2160 Luxembourg | **Languages :** English
and French, simultaneous translation will be provided

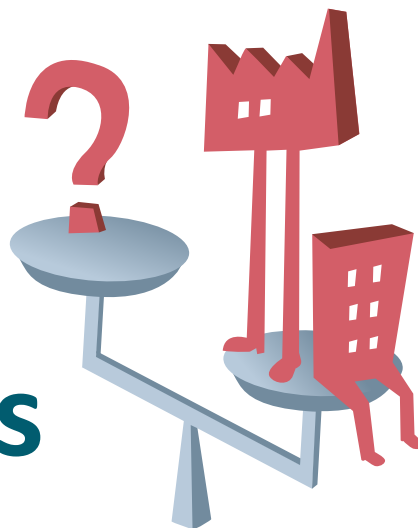
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des Droits de l'Homme
du Grand-Duché de Luxembourg



The **Initiative pour un devoir de vigilance**, in partnership with the Commission consultative des Droits de l'Homme and other partners, invites you to a series of discussions on the topic of the transposition of the European Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CSDDD) into the national legal framework.

The time has come now to work towards a comprehensive and ambitious implementation of the Directive.

As a member of the United Nations Human Rights Council, Luxembourg must ensure that its legislation complies with international standards, including the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. It will therefore be essential to allocate sufficient resources to the enforcement of the legislation and to ensure effective implementation that holds companies accountable.

In the course of the event, important topics such as current gaps in the CSDDD, particularly in relation to access to justice, corporate responsibility for the environment and climate, and other emerging human rights risks, will be addressed. At the same time, the event provides a platform for rights-holders to make their voices heard and contributes to building the capacity of different stakeholders in Luxembourg.

This event will bring together national and international experts who will explore with you the challenges, the opportunities and the latest developments in the field of human rights and business.

2pm - 4pm

SNAPSHOT SESSIONS



- Luxembourg, sustainable finance and human rights, by **Robert McCorquodale**¹
- Bridging the gap between Global North and Global South actors in the implementation of Human Rights Due Diligence Laws, by **Caroline Omari Lichuma**²
- Living stories of human rights abuses from the Global South, responsibilities of Luxembourg and opportunities to make a better world, by **Eduardo Mosqueda**³
- Mapping the implementation efforts, by **Basak Baglayan**⁴
- CSDDD transposition guide: What are the priorities for an accurate and effective transposition? by **Marion Lupin**⁵
- Level playing field or place to make it better on national plan, by **Francesco Tramontin**⁶

4pm - 4.30pm

COFFEE BREAK AND NETWORKING

4.30pm - 6pm

ROUNDTABLE



In Luxembourg: a transposition *a minima* or an opportunity to become a frontrunner?

Participants :

- **Karima Hammouche**⁷, Lawyer at the Court, Board member EEB (European Environmental Bureau), expert for the Luxembourg Bar on the “Environment and climate change” committee of the CCBE
- **Nancy Thomas**⁸, director IMS Luxembourg
- **Caroline Omari Lichuma**², Postdoctoral Researcher, Centre for Human Rights Erlangen-Nuremberg
- **Jean-Louis Zeien**⁹, Co-coordinator Initiative pour un devoir de vigilance
- **Francesco Tramontin**⁶, Vice-President Global Public Affairs - Institutional Affairs & Corporate Communications Europe FERRERO

Moderation: **Annick Goerens**, journalist

6pm **NETWORKING COCKTAIL**



Robert McCorquodale is a member of the United Nations Working Group on Business and Human Rights and a practising barrister and mediator. He was a Professor in Law Schools for nearly 25 years and has been ranked as an "eminent practitioner" in business and human rights by Chambers & Partners Global Rankings. Robert McCorquodale was the representant of the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights during its visit in 2022 in Luxembourg, and which led to the presentation of its final report on Luxembourg to the Human Rights Council in June 2023.



Dr. Başak Bağlayan works as an expert on Responsible Business Conduct (RBC) at Luxembourg's Ministry of Economy. She also serves as the Secretary General of Luxembourg's OECD National Contact Point for RBC. Previously, Dr. Bağlayan was a researcher at the University of Luxembourg, where she earned her PhD in law with a specialization in business and human rights. In addition to her academic publications, she has drafted various policy papers on RBC for the government of Luxembourg, as well as for the International Labour Organization and the United Nations Development Programme Turkey offices.



Eduardo Mosqueda is a human rights lawyer from Mexico, and Executive Director of Tsikini. He is a member of the Council of the Federal Mechanism for the Protection of Journalists and Human Rights Defenders in Mexico. He is versed in the legal defence regarding megaprojects of development in urban and rural communities, as well as the protection of human rights defenders and promotion of human rights through education for sustainability and participation in the creation of public policies.

His organisation Tsikini is member of the Fair Steel Coalition and as such he participated in the presentation of the report "The real cost of steel" in Luxembourg in April 2024.



Marion Lupin is a policy officer for the European Coalition of Corporate Justice, where she works on national coalition building and EU HRDD advocacy. Prior to working for ECCJ, she worked as Advisor in EU Affairs for the Belgian Confederation of Liberal Trade Unions, where she focused on company law and corporate governance, international labour standards and human rights due diligence. She also has experience with the dynamics of corporate legal environments and EU advocacy thanks to her previous work for the European Company Lawyers Association (ECLA). In line with her French-Italian background, she graduated from Université Paris I Sorbonne and Università degli Studi di Firenze with a double Master in Italian and French law.



Caroline Omari Lichuma is a Postdoctoral Researcher, Centre for Human Rights Erlangen-Nuremberg (CHREN). Her current research is in the broad area of Business and Human Rights, with a particular interest in regulatory developments at the national, regional and international levels. She received her PhD in International Human Rights Law (Summa cum laude) from the Georg-August University of Göttingen in Germany, her LL.M. in Public International Law from the New York University and her LL.B. from the University of Nairobi. In November 2023 Caroline was appointed as co-rapporteur of the International Law Association's newly established Business and Human Rights Committee. She also co-edits the Business and Human Rights Journal blog.



Since November 2020, **Francesco Tramontin** leads as Vice-President Global Public Affairs - Institutional Affairs & Corporate Communications Europe FERRERO the newly created Group Public Policy Center and EU institutional relations teams for the Ferrero Group. His focus is on promoting the company's external engagement strategy on sustainability, responsible marketing and health and nutrition. Francesco worked previously for the Global Snack company Mondelez International in Brussels (2014-2020), where he was responsible for Global Public Affairs and in the company's European headquarters in Zurich (2012-2013) and global HQ in Chicago (2008-2012), where he was respectively responsible for the European business' sustainability journey, and the coordination of the company's positions on sustainability issues and relationships with NGOs and external partners.

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