VALUE CHAIN DUE DILIGENCE IN INDIA

Webinar 30 JUNE 2022, 16:00-17:30 IST/12:30-14:00 CEST











WEBINAR SUMMARY

On 30 June 2022, GBI co-organised a webinar on "Value Chain Due Diligence in India" with the Embassy of Switzerland in India, the Swiss Indian Chamber of Commerce, and the Indo-German Chamber of Commerce. H.E. Dr. Ralf Heckner the Swiss Ambassador to India opened the webinar.

The first half of the webinar focussed on legal developments around the world on business and human rights, an overview of the Swiss strategy on business and human rights, and legal developments in India. The second half of the webinar included insights and practical recommendations from companies on how to conduct human rights due diligence, with presentations from ABB India and Nestle India Ltd. The Indo-German Chamber also shared trends from their membership in terms of conducting human rights due diligence. The webinar closed with remarks from Ms. Natalie Gminder the Industry Attaché with the German Embassy.

Key takeaways from the webinar include:

- Mandatory human rights due diligence is the direction of travel and businesses operating in India would be well minded to implement respect for human rights in their operations.
- Companies should understand that implementing respect for human rights is a process of continuous improvement, that goes beyond simply "a tick box exercise."
- In addition to having policies and processes, companies should also be willing to enforce their position on human rights in their supply chain.
- Companies should work with small businesses in their supply chain to build capacity on human rights and bring them along in the process.

You can watch the webinar here.

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