

Strengthening Stakeholder Engagement in the EU Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive

Policy Briefing Paper Launch Event

12 June 2023, 13.00-14.30h, online on webex

On 1 June 2023, the European Parliament adopted a progressive position on the EU Directive on Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence, which would strengthen business duties to identify, prevent, and mitigate the negative impact of their activities on human rights and the environment. Against this background, the Global Justice Clinic at Erfurt University is launching a policy briefing paper that calls for strengthening stakeholder engagement in corporate sustainability due diligence. Based on research by public policy professionals at the Willy Brandt School for Public Policy, and developed in cooperation with the German Institute for Human Rights and the University of Luxembourg, the policy briefing paper synthesizes research and expertise on stakeholder engagement. On this basis, it puts forward arguments for giving rights-holders in the Global South a strong voice in the implementation of corporate sustainability due diligence, and it formulates recommendations for the upcoming negotiations about the Directive between Parliament, Council and Commission.

The policy briefing paper will be presented to the public at a launch event. Contributing authors will present the main messages of the policy briefing paper, and expert commentators will discuss the recommendations based on their own experience with stakeholder engagement. The event will be held online and in English. It is open to the public without registration and accessible with the access data indicated further below.

The program includes the following speakers:

Contributing authors:

1. Caroline Lichuma, University of Luxembourg
2. Sana Farrukh, Willy Brandt School of Public Policy, University of Erfurt
3. Bettina Braun, German Institute of Human Rights

Commentators:

1. Sarah Guhr, Germanwatch e.V.
2. Vanessa Schäffer, Erzdiözese Freiburg
3. Janis Zöll, Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit

The event will be moderated by Prof. Michael Riegner, Director of the Global Justice Clinic at Erfurt University.

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