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OPENING REMARKS: FLORIAN WESTPHAL, CEO, SAVE THE CHILDREN GERMANY

Florian is the CEO of Save the Children Germany, the German member of the world's leading independent child rights agency. He previously worked for the Global Public Policy Institute on a research project related to the protection of civilians during armed conflicts. From 2014 until 2020, he served as the CEO of the German section of Doctors Without Borders (MSF). Before that he worked for 15 years with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Sierra Leone, Kenya and Malaysia as well as at global HQ in Geneva.



PRESENTATION OF KEY FINDINGS: INES KAEMPFER, CEO, THE CENTRE FOR CHILD RIGHTS AND BUSINESS

Ines brings 15 years of experience in supply chain sustainability where she has been deeply engaged in child rights, labour rights and business and human rights issues in Asia.

Since 2014, Ines has been serving as the Executive Director and since 2021, the CEO of The Centre for Child Rights and Business (which was known as CCR CSR up to 2020) in Asia, a social enterprise that helps businesses improve their direct and indirect impact on children, particularly in supply chains. In this role, Ines leads strategic design and implementation of overall operations and stakeholder engagement, working closely with major multi-national clients and partners around the world.



PANEL MODERATOR: MARK ROBERTSON, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, COMMUNICATIONS & OUT-REACH, THE CENTRE FOR CHILD RIGHT AND BUSINESS

Mark has over 15 years of experience in sustainability and supply chain issues, working with business, investors, and not-for-profit organisations to drive improvements across environmental, social and governance (ESG) issues.

Based in London, Mark joined The Centre's team as Deputy Executive Director in June 2020 and since holds the position of Senior Vice President, Outreach and Communications, supporting the delivery and development of The Centre's services, and working with partners and businesses in Europe and North America to help them improve their direct and indirect impact on children in supply chains.



PANELIST: CLAUDIA BECKER, PURCHASING & SUPPLIER NETWORK, SUPPLY CHAIN SUSTAINABILITY, BMW GROUP, GERMANY

Claudia has been working for the BMW Group since 2012 in operational and strategic purchasing functions. In 2016 she moved to the sustainability department with a focus on due diligence in mineral supply chains. She works closely with supply chain partners and is active in various international and cross-industry initiatives such as the Initiative for Responsible Mining Assurance (IRMA) Responsible Minerals Initiative (RMI), and Drive Sustainability.



PANELIST: MARIE-CHANTAL KANINDA, VICE PRESIDENT, HEAD OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS, GLENCORE

Marie-Chantal was appointed Vice President Head of Corporate Affairs for Glencore DRC in February 2021. Prior to joining Glencore, Marie-Chantal held positions at the World Diamond Council, Rio Tinto Corporation, Ashanti Goldfields, AngloGold Ashanti, and De Beers.

A native of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Ms. Kaninda is founder and creator of a non-profit organisation, the MCKM Foundation, which focuses on education for girls in the DRC. She is the chairperson of the British Congo Business Group (BCBG), and chairperson of an Anti-Corruption Working Group for the private sector in the DRC, she is a Board Member of Standard Bank DRC, and a Board Member of KCC (Kamoto Copper Company.

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PANELIST: JOSEE-BLANDINE ONGOTTO, PROJECT MANAGER, ILO COTECCO PROJECT BY ILA/OCFT – USDOL, DRC

Josee-Blandine serves as Project Manager for the International Labor Organization's COTECCO project in Kolwezi, DR Congo, funded by ILA/OCFT - USDOL, supporting government and other key stakeholders' efforts to address child labour in the mining sector and fostering responsible cobalt supply chains.

She is also an international mining attorney, member of the Colorado bar association, an expert in mining policy and governance, with more than a decade of experience collaborating with government actors, private sector and civil society actors to improve and implement policies and best practices in promoting responsible, sustainable mining.



PANELIST: DAVID STURMES, DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMMES AND OPERATIONS, THE IMPACT FACILITY

David is the Director Programme and Business Development of The Impact Facility, a UK charity dedicated to ensuring the mining communities benefit from the mineral wealth in their region. Based in Nairobi and with a background in International Development and sustainable value chain management, David leads on programme development and member engagement for the Fair Cobalt Alliance.

An expert on mineral value chains, David engages with local CSOs, corporates, international non-profits, (impact) investors and institutional stakeholders to forge partnerships designed the address the complex challenges associated with artisanal cobalt extraction.



PANELIST: ANNA THINIUS, MANAGER SUSTAINABLE SUPPLY CHAINS, SAVE THE CHILDREN GERMANY

Anna is responsible for sustainable supply chains at Save the Children Germany. She has extensive experience working with the private sector to strengthen children's rights in global supply chains. Anna Thinius previously lived and worked in West Africa for a long time, where she built up expertise in a wide variety of agricultural value chains. Her work focuses on: sustainable supply chain management, strengthening children's rights and avoiding child labor, employing young people, advising companies on how to implement their human rights due diligence, etc.

STUDY LAUNCH DETAILS

Date: Dec. 8 2021

Time: 2 pm CET | 9 pm HKT | 8 am ET

Duration: 1.5 hours

Language: English with French simultaneous interpretation

Platform: Zoom, please register here



