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## RBA EUROPEAN CONFERENCE 2021

***DELIVERING DUE DILIGENCE – BRIDGING POLICY AND PRACTICE***

**20 – 21 April 2021**

Virtual Conference

**[ All times are in CEST ]**

Day 1	
1:00-1:20 p.m.	<b>Welcome Remarks</b> Rob Lederer, CEO, Responsible Business Alliance
1:20-1:45 p.m.	<b>Opening Keynote</b> Anosha Wahidi, Head Of Division, Federal German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development
1:45-2:30 p.m.	<b>Delivering Due Diligence: Company Best Practices</b>  This session will examine the implementation of due diligence among RBA and RLI members and learnings that can be applied to the design of due diligence policy and legislation.  <b>Moderator:</b> Carlos Busquets, Senior Director of Public Policy, Responsible Business Alliance  Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Eric-Paul Schat, Sr. Director Sustainability, Environment, Health &amp; Safety, NXP Semiconductors</li><li>• Ferdinand Geckler, Senior Expert Sustainable Supply Chain Management, BMW Group</li><li>• Rachel Cowburn Walden, Global Director - Human Rights Stewardship Integrated Social Sustainability, Unilever</li></ul>



2:30-2:40 p.m.	<b>Break</b>
2:40-3:35 p.m.	<p><b>EU Journey Towards Mandatory Due Diligence: State of Play</b></p> <p>EU policymakers will present and discuss the latest in the development of EU cross-sectoral mandatory due diligence legislation.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Bart Devos, European Director, Responsible Business Alliance</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lara Wolters, MEP, European Parliament rapporteur on corporate due diligence</li><li>• Lucrezia Busa, Member of Cabinet to the EU Commissioner for Justice, European Commission</li><li>• Guus Houttuin, Senior Advisor Trade, European External Action Service</li></ul>
3:35-3.45 p.m.	<b>Break</b>
3:45-4:30 p.m.	<p><b>Delivering Due Diligence: Designing Effective Policy</b></p> <p>Policy experts will discuss the essential prerequisites for the future EU legal framework on mandatory due diligence to be effective in delivering sustainable and responsible value chains.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Carlos Busquets, Senior Director of Public Policy, Responsible Business Alliance</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Allan Lerberg Jørgensen, Head of Responsible Business Conduct Centre, OECD</li><li>• Rachel Davis, Vice President, Shift</li><li>• Gert van der Bijl, Senior EU Policy Advisor, Solidaridad</li></ul>
4:30-4:40 p.m.	<b>Break</b>



4:40-5:30 p.m.

## Designing Due Diligence Policy: Views From European Governments

European governments increasingly seek to incentivize responsible business conduct through domestic policies and legislation. It is expected that the EU member states will play a crucial and central role in implementing the future EU mandatory due diligence legislation.

Hear from European governments on the status of their domestic frameworks, and how they approach ongoing EU-level discussions.

**Moderator:** Bart Devos, European Director, Responsible Business Alliance

- Ambassador Cecilia Ekholm, Ambassador for International Sustainable Business, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sweden
- Ambassador Valérie Berset Bircher, Ambassador, Federal Department of Economic Affairs, Education and Research, Switzerland
- Caroline Kollau, Director, Trade Policy and Economic Governance Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Netherlands
- Hocine Boutata, Political Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, France

## Day 2

### Breakout – Round 1

1:00-2:15 p.m.

#### Leveraging Public Procurement for Responsible Electronics: Maximizing Impact

Efforts to change the landscape of the supply chain through responsible public procurement have been accelerating across Europe. Public buyers need ways to assess risk in their supply chains and hold suppliers accountable for maintaining working conditions that meet the expectations set out in their

#### Driving Progress Toward the European Green Deal: Environmental Due Diligence

The EU Green Deal and emerging mandatory due diligence framework are raising expectations on industry with regards to environmental sustainability and environmental due diligence in industry. This session will explore the interlinkage between the emerging mandatory due diligence legislation, environmental due



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country's framework agreements. Hear from buyers, brands and governments about this evolving strategy and how the industry must adapt to these new requirements.

**Moderator:** Deborah Albers, Vice President, Responsible Business Alliance

Speakers:

- Sören Enholm, CEO, TCO Development
- Mattie Yeta, Head of Sustainable IT, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, UK
- Chiara Selvetti, Head of Sustainability, ATEA

diligence, and the EU Green Deal, and how these policy developments relate to industry practice.

**Moderator:** Dan Reid, Director of Environment and Circularity, Responsible Business Alliance

Speakers:

- Barbara Bijelic, Legal Expert, OECD
- Eva Bennis, Director Responsible Purchasing, Volvo Group
- Louise Rehbinder XX, Responsible Sourcing Program Manager, Ericsson

## Plenary

2:25-3:20 p.m.

### Tackling Forced Labor: Accelerating Impact

Identifying and remediating conditions that contribute to forced labor is no longer just a moral obligation for international businesses. Governments, investors and other stakeholders have created significant drivers for industry to act to eradicate these practices and be transparent in their efforts. This session will explore the expanding landscape for these drivers.

**Moderator:** Bob Mitchell, Vice President of Human Rights and Environment, Responsible Business Alliance

Speakers:

- Madelaine Tuininga, Head of Unit C.A Multilateral Trade and Sustainable Development Policy, Green Deal, Conflict Minerals, European Commission DG TRADE
- Phoebe Blagg, Head of Supply Chains & Pursue, Modern Slavery Unit, UK Home Office



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mike McDonnell, Senior Manager of Assessments, Audits &amp; Human Rights, Intel Corporation</li> <li>• Richard Gardiner, EU campaigner, Global Witness</li> </ul>
3:20-3:30p.m.	<b>Break</b>
3:30-4:25 p.m.	<p><b>Responsible batteries: the EU Batteries Regulation</b></p> <p>This session will look at latest developments in the field of responsible battery materials sourcing, providing insight on industry efforts and ongoing multi-stakeholder initiatives. We will explore how these relate to upcoming policy developments in this space, in particular the proposed EU Batteries Regulation that is expected to introduce mandatory due diligence rules for battery raw materials.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Bart Devos, European director, Responsible Business Alliance</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leah Butler, Vice President for Responsible Sourcing, Responsible Business Alliance</li> <li>• Mathy Stanislaus, Director ad interim, Global Battery Alliance</li> <li>• Jos Dings, Director of European policy and business development, Tesla</li> <li>• Fairphone</li> <li>• Cecilia Mattea, Clean Vehicles Officer, Transport &amp; Environment</li> </ul>
4:25-4:35 p.m.	<b>Break</b>
4:35-5:45 p.m.	<p><b>Collaborative Partnerships for Effective Due Diligence: Turning Learnings into Policy</b></p> <p>This session will explore how collaborative partnerships and initiatives are crucial to effective due diligence: what are the key ingredients to successful collaborative initiatives? How can they transform individual companies' due diligence efforts? What are effective ways of incentivizing collaboration on due diligence through policy and legislation?</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Tyler Gillard, Head of Due Diligence, OECD Responsible Business Conduct Centre</p>



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**Opening remarks:** Didier Reynders, European Commissioner for Justice, European Commission

Speakers:

- Christian Ewert, President, Amfori
- Stefan Crets, Executive Director, CSR Europe
- Rob Lederer, CEO, Responsible Business Alliance
- Dr. Dorothee Baumann-Pauly, Director of the Geneva Center for Business and Human Rights at Geneva School for Economics and Management, and Research Director at the NYU Stern Center for Business and Human Rights