



Webinar:

Due Diligence Requirements in Sustainability Certification for Food and Cotton Products

Friday, 5 April 2024

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM IST | 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM CEST

A virtual exchange between the **Indo-German Chamber of Commerce (IGCC)** in collaboration with the **Food Security Standard (FSS)** of **Welthungerhilfe** and **Meo Carbon Solutions** on effective integration of human rights and environmental indicators with existing sustainability certification schemes for food and cotton products.

Consumer awareness and demand for ethical products provide a strong market force for ethical products. At the same time, mandatory due diligence regulations, such as the German Supply Chain Due Diligence Act (LkSG), often necessitate that businesses within complex food and cotton value chains conduct adequate assessments of their entire supply chain for such considerations.

Evidence of conformity can be proven by sustainability standards, but food security is seldom addressed in existing human rights and environmental standards. Integrating social indicators like fair wages, safe working conditions, land and water rights, gender equality, and social safety in their business practices, especially at production level of agricultural goods and environmental indicators such as sustainable agriculture practices, soil management, and water use and can boost a company's sustainability credentials.

Integrating these indicators can be complex and costly, particularly for smaller producers. Accessible standardised practices that are developed through collective efforts by collaborations of industry stakeholders – producers, manufacturers, and retailers – can help reduce the complexity.

The Food Security Standard (FSS) helps companies involved in agricultural production or sourcing agricultural products to fulfil their social responsibilities and comply with mandatory due diligence from the very first point in the supply chain. The session includes regulatory insights from the law firm **Graf von Westphalen** and will look into:

- The growing application addressing human rights concerns for business,
- Challenges of addressing social and environmental aspects at the production level of agricultural goods,
- Strategies for identifying potential and actual social risks at the beginning of the agricultural supply chain,
- Solution for ensuring compliance with mandatory due diligence regulations.



Programme

Time	Details
3:30 PM – 3:35 PM (5 mins)	Welcome Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">Indras Ghosh – Head, IGCC SustainMarkets
3:35 PM – 3:50 PM (15 mins)	Commodity Due Diligence in a Complex Value Chain <ul style="list-style-type: none">Isabel Britsch – Senior Consultant at IGCC SustainMarkets and Business Scout for Development
3:50 PM – 4:05 PM (15 mins)	The FSS in the Context of LkSG Due Diligence Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none">Max Jürgens – Attorney at law at Graf von Westphalen
4:05 PM – 4:15 PM (10 mins)	Introduction: The Food Security Standard and Human Rights in Food and Cotton Production <ul style="list-style-type: none">Laura Mack – Senior Policy Advisor at Welthungerhilfe, FSS
4:15 PM – 4:30 PM (15 mins)	Human Rights in Food and Cotton Products & Food Security in Practice <ul style="list-style-type: none">Kyu hee Do – Project Manager for Supply Chain Due Diligence at Meo Carbon Solutions, FSS
4:30 PM – 5:00 PM (30 min)	Q&A Session and Session Closing <ul style="list-style-type: none">Moderator: Indras Ghosh – Head, IGCC SustainMarkets

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