



Webinar

Supply Chain Risk Assessment Navigator (SCAN-R): Invitation to the Virtual Launch of a Dedicated Support Tool for SMEs

Tuesday, 7 May 2024

15:00 – 16:00 IST | 12:30 – 13:30 EAT | 11:30 – 12:30 CEST

We warmly invite Indian and East African SMEs operating within global supply chains to join us for the virtual launch session of the SCAN-R support tool!

Background

The global landscape is shifting. Regulations mandating corporate due diligence in supply chains are becoming increasingly common. While these regulations often target large multinational corporations, their impact is far-reaching.

Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMEs) are increasingly feeling the indirect effects of these regulations. Large companies, obligated to conduct due diligence within their supply chains, are now in need of cooperation and assurances from their suppliers. This means SMEs are facing growing requests to:

- Establish corporate due diligence management processes,
- Identify and assess high-risk areas within their supply chains,
- Provide information on measures taken to address human rights and environmental risks.

Compliance with these requirements is typically enforced through codes of conduct, implemented by audits, and further included within the terms of business agreements. Non-adherence to these established terms may lead to the termination of business relationships between Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) and their buyers.

By implementing effective due diligence, SMEs can also benefit from strengthening existing business relationships, developing new partnerships with larger companies, enhancing the resilience of their operations, and building a stronger reputation in the global market.

However, navigating these new due diligence demands can be challenging for SMEs. Understanding the requirements, developing processes, and implementing them can be a daunting task, especially for SMEs.

Introducing SCAN-R

We are pleased to announce the launch of the Supply Chain Risk Assessment Navigator (SCAN-R). SCAN-R is a dedicated digital support platform designed specifically for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs). This innovative tool empowers SMEs to initiate their supply chain due diligence journey by offering a comprehensive suite of functionalities.

SCAN-R provides:

- An assessment of SME's capabilities in implementing due diligence processes,
- A set of actionable management recommendations that can contribute to the sustainable growth of their businesses, and
- A curated list of country- and sector-specific human rights and environmental risks.

Join the session to learn how SMEs can leverage SCAN-R to unlock business opportunities!

Agenda

Time	Details
10 mins	Welcoming Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ute Brockmann – Deputy Director General, Indo-German Chamber of Commerce • Maren Diale-Schellschmidt - Delegate of German Industry, Delegation of German Industry and Commerce for Eastern Africa
10 mins	Implications, Challenges and Opportunities of Corporate Due Diligence for SMEs Indras Ghosh – Head - SustainMarkets, Indo-German Chamber of Commerce
10 mins	Introduction to Supply Chain Risk Assessment Navigator (SCAN-R) Isabel Britsch – Senior Consultant, Indo-German Chamber of Commerce's SustainMarkets and Business Scout for Development
10 mins	How Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMEs) Can Use SCAN-R Hanna Dittmeyer - Head of Competence Center for Energy, Environment and Sustainable Economy (Business Scout for Development), AHK Services Eastern Africa Ltd.
20 mins	Q&A Session

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