

NEXT GENERATION TRADE

Building a Principled, People-Centred Global Economy



Promote a universal, rules-based, open, non-discriminatory and equitable multilateral trading system...

Sustainable Development Goal Target 17.10

In the midst of divisive forms of nationalism and rising populism, alarming climate change and growing geopolitical unrest, renewed efforts are urgently needed to shape a more sustainable, people-centred economy as a shared global project.

Event

On the occasion of its 10th anniversary, the Institute for Human Rights and Business (IHRB) is bringing together global leaders from government, business, academia and civil society to explore the role of trade in achieving sustainable development and respect for human rights.

Programme Preview

FOSTERING INCLUSION

Trade offers important routes to social and economic empowerment but women, minorities, people living in poverty and other groups continue to face multiple obstacles including discriminatory laws, lack of access to finance and precarious employment. What are the most promising strategies to overcome such challenges so that trade promotes gender equality and fosters greater inclusion and prosperity for all?

BUILDING THE FUTURE OF WORK

Global supply chains have helped lift over one billion people out of abject poverty but concerns over the labour rights of workers continue to be at the heart of disputes over international trade. With on-going precarious forms of employment and new technologies raising critical questions about the future of work itself, how can trade best foster decent work opportunities for people around the world?

CONFRONTING THE CLIMATE CRISIS

Time is running out. Bold and urgent action on a global scale is needed now to confront the climate crisis. How can trade policies be used to foster more sustainable economies that dramatically reduce carbon emissions and demonstrate due concern for the rights of current and future generations impacted by climate change?

RIGHTING DATA AND TECHNOLOGY

The expansion of digital trade and growth of new technologies in the global economy have the potential to support countries in achieving sustainable development objectives. But such innovations also pose risks, such as breaches of privacy and data security. How can a human rights perspective be embedded in new technologies and their regulation, so that abuses are mitigated or minimised, while enabling broad-based access?

DEWEAPONSING TRADE

The backlash against globalisation and the multilateral trading system has fuelled outrage that threatens the architecture of international relations and the system of governance that came into being after World War II. What steps are needed to overcome ongoing trade wars and reform key global economic institutions to make them more effective and accountable to all?









Speaker Preview



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