

[Spring Academy] Technologies of sustainability due diligence: Digital tools and global value chain regulations

Draft Programme

Day 1: Monday 8 April 2024 - Sustainability due diligence's 'digital turn'

- 10:00 - 12:00 **Welcome & Introduction**
Antoine Duval (Asser Institute) & Klaas Eller (University of Amsterdam)
- 12:00 - 13:00 Lunch break
- 13:00 - 14:00 **What role for digital technologies in achieving responsible business conduct through sustainability due diligence**
Rashad Abelson (Tech Sector Lead, OECD Center for Responsible Business)
- 14:00- 14:15 Coffee break
- 14:15- 15:15 **Digital technologies and data infrastructures behind due diligence obligations: The regulator's perspective**
Sotirios Kanellopoulos (DG ENV/Green Deal Data Space, European Commission)
- 15:15- 16:00 **Digital technologies and the evolving practice of sustainability due diligence: The case of the CSR Risk Check**
Britt Keunen (MVO, CSR Risk Check)
- 16:00- 16:30 Coffee break
- 16:30 - 17:30 **Opening lecture: "You Can't Stop the Signal": From the Past to the Future of Digitally Mediated Sustainability Due Diligence?**
Larry Catá Backer (Penn State Law) - *Online*

Day 2: Tuesday 9 April 2024 - The role of digital technologies and value chain management

- 09:15- 10:00 **Supervising sustainability due diligence obligations after the German law: The role of digital technologies**
Konstantin Meljnik (Bundesamtes für Wirtschaft und Ausfuhrkontrolle)
- 10:00- 11:15 **Digital value chain management: What we know and what we don't know**
Michelle Westermann-Behaylo (University of Amsterdam, Business School) & Robert Bwana (University of Amsterdam)
- 11:15- 11:30 Coffee break
- 11:30 - 12:30 **Traceability Systems & The Higg Index Tools: Use cases for sustainability and due diligence in the textile sector**
James Crowley (Cascale)
- 12:30- 13:30 Lunch break
- 13:30- 15:00 **Audit data exchange: From the first hour to digitalization**
Sarah Guy-Gibbens (Sedex)
- 15:00- 15:30 Coffee break
- 15:30- 17:00 **Mapping the chains: Collecting and publishing data on global value chains**
Hannah Lennett (Open Supply Hub)

Day 3: Wednesday 10 April 2024 – AI and risk evaluation in the sustainability due diligence and reporting process

- 09:30 - 10:30 **Due diligence and digital tools: A view from legal practice**
Sebastian Rünz (Taylor Wessing, Düsseldorf Office) - *Online*
- 10:30 - 11:00 Coffee break
- 11:00 - 12:00 **Using Artificial Intelligence to identify and assess risks in global value chains**
Lucas Pennanen (Prewave)
- 12:00 - 13:00 Lunch break
- 13:00 - 15:00 **Workshop: Prewave in practice**
Lucas Pennanen (Prewave)
- 15:00- 15:30 Coffee break
- 15:30- 16:30 **Critical discussion with Anna Beckers (University of Maastricht)**

Day 4: Thursday 11 April 2024 – Data gathering in action: From Satellite imagery to stakeholders consultation

- 09:00 - 10:00 **The EU Due Diligence Ready! Portal: Assisting SMEs and due diligence pioneers on conflict minerals**

- Leon Riedel (Levin Sources)
- 10:00 - 10:30 Coffee break
- 10:30- 12:00 **Sustainability due diligence, deforestation and the role of satellite imagery**
Nanne Tolsma (Satelligence)
- 12:00 - 13:00 Lunch break
- 13:00 - 14:00 **Integrating digital technologies in the different stages of the sustainability due diligence process – A perspective from business practice**
Markus Löning (Löning)
- 14:00 - 16:15 **Using digital technologies to consult affected stakeholders**
Antoine Heuty (CEO, Ulula)
- 16:15 - 16:30 Coffee break
- 16:30 - 17:30 **Critical discussion on the digitalization of stakeholder consultations**
With Robert Bwana (University of Amsterdam) and Martin Curley (Katalyst Initiative)

Day 5: Friday 12 April 2024 - What's next? Imagining the future of digitally mediated due diligence and sustainability regulation

- 09:00 - 10:30 **How digital due diligence solutions can amplify or mute human rights risks along global supply chains - questions to support the emergence of good practice and strong standards**
Lea Esterhuizen (CEO, &Wider)
- 10:30 - 11:00 Coffee break
- 11:00 - 12:30 **Towards a Sustainability Due Diligence Digital Platform**
Hortense Grouvel (IntegrityNext)
- 12:30 - 13:30 Lunch break
- 13:30 - 15:00 **Closing panel: Next steps for digitally mediated sustainable governance of global value chains**
Christian Scheper (University Duisburg-Essen), Luc Fransen (University of Amsterdam) and Lea Esterhuizen (CEO, &Wider)
- 15:00 - 15:30 Coffee break
- 15:30- 17:00 **Closing lecture: Due diligence in translation - What roles for law and tech?**
Galit Sarfaty (University of Toronto, Faculty of Law) - *online*
- 17:00 **Closing & reception**
Antoine Duval (Asser Institute) & Klaas Eller (University of Amsterdam)