



Ministry of Foreign Affairs

A photograph of a young girl with dark hair, wearing a white headband and a blue and white checkered dress, looking down at a chalkboard. She is drawing a flower with white chalk. The chalkboard has some other faint writing and drawings on it.

27 and 28 January 2020 The Hague region, the Netherlands

**International meeting:
Taking next steps to end child labour in global supply chains**

Is your company looking for innovative solutions or does it have valuable insights to tackle child labour in your supply chain or country? Or do you want to learn where to start and like to engage in a constructive dialogue about practical solutions to help address challenges to end child labour by 2025?

Then please save the date on **27 and 28 January 2020** for an international meeting on ending child labour in global supply chains. This meeting will be an opportunity to hold an open constructive dialogue to share challenges, good practices and lessons learned and jointly formulate practical solutions and next steps.

The world is committed to the elimination of child labour by 2025, as part of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). During the IV International Child Labour Conference in Argentina in 2017, voluntary pledges were made to achieve target 8.7 of the SDGs. However, accelerated efforts are needed if we are to meet target 8.7 urgent deadlines.

Child labour is everybody's responsibility. In today's global supply chains, we struggle knowing where our products are made or under which circumstances raw materials are sourced. We know 152 million children are still victims of child labour. As consumers, as sourcing or employing companies, as governments, as communities and as NGOs, we all have our responsibilities towards these children. Therefore, we call on everybody to take next steps to end child labour.

Outline of program (tentative)

Monday January 27th (09.00 – 18.00 hrs)

Morning	Official opening by Minister Ms Sigrid Kaag, Dutch Minister of Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation
	Introductory statements by Minister Kaag, DG Mr Guy Ryder of the International Labour Organization and Nobel Peace Prize winner Mr Kailash Satyarthi
	Real life story of a former child labourer
	Keynote by a CEO of company and a workers' organisation
	Panel discussion with (international) ministers, CEOs and a workers' representative
Afternoon	Breakout sessions on 4 topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Doing due diligence: What lessons can be learned?• Transparency & traceability• From global commitments to national workplans: a collaborative approach in Alliance 8.7 pathfinder countries• Beyond certification: the role of business in remediation

Tuesday January 28th (08.30 – 14.00 hrs)

Morning	Presentation of Dutch National Board of Children on role of consumers
	Continuation of in depth-discussions in 4 breakout sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Due diligence legislation: how to implement due diligence into a law?• Child labour monitoring: which tools and how to improve and upscale?• Area-based approaches: how to embed in local systems and to upscale?• Reflections, conclusion and guidance on next steps to take

During these 1,5 days, the organizers will actively facilitate meet & greet opportunities for participants to learn from each other. A great opportunity to expand your network!

Partners

The international meeting is organized by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dutch Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment, Global March against Child Labour and the Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO.nl), in close collaboration with the International Labour Organization (ILO).

Contact

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