

Invitation to a practical workshop: Understanding human rights due diligence requirements for the financial sector

Date: Tuesday, 25 September 2018, 09:30-12:00 (followed by networking lunch)

Location: UBS, Grünenhof, Nüscherstr. 9, 8001 Zürich

Do you know the human rights risks associated with your business operations? Are you aware of the increasing expectations on businesses to understand and address their human rights risks?

Swiss Sustainable Finance (SSF) and twentyfifty ltd. are delighted to announce this **workshop on how you can identify and manage the human rights risks of your portfolios and transactions**. This workshop is commissioned by the *Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA)* and the *Federal Department of Economic Affairs, Education and Research (EAER)* as part of the Swiss strategy for implementing the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.

Companies increasingly face requests from clients, investors, governments and civil society to show that they respect human rights in their own operations, and global supply chains. Integrating human rights due diligence into daily business practices is therefore vital for remaining competitive in a global market and meeting these ever-increasing requirements.

The workshop will focus on **how Swiss businesses from the financial sector can apply the UN Guiding Principles on Human Rights and the OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Business Conduct** effectively in their own organisations. **Interactive exercises**, will make the topic of human rights accessible to companies of different sizes and enable them to discuss the topic in a safe space. Questions that will be covered are:

- What are the human rights due diligence requirements and how do they apply to my business?
- How can I identify the human rights risks of my portfolios and transactions?
- How can I prioritise business action on identified risks and process gaps?

Target group: This workshop is for financial service providers of all sizes interested in identifying and managing their human rights risks more effectively.

Program		
09:00	Registration & coffee	
09:30	Welcome & introduction	Sabine Döbeli, CEO Swiss Sustainable Finance
09:45	Input: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human rights due diligence & international trends • Human rights impacts in the financial sector & good practice examples 	Annik Bindler, Consultant on Business and Human Rights / Responsible Sourcing, twentyfifty Sarah Dekkiche, Director of Consulting Switzerland, twentyfifty
10:15	Exercise: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to identify risks in my portfolios & transactions? • How to prioritise business action? • My corporate action plan 	All participants
11:45	Wrap-up	
12:00	Lunch and networking	

Please register [here](#) by Tuesday, 18 September 2018.

Costs: For SSF members: CHF 65
For other participants: CHF 95

The workshop will be held in English.

We would like to thank UBS for offering their premises for this workshop.

About twentyfifty:

- Founded in 2004, [twentyfifty](#) builds the capacity of global companies in all sectors to understand and address their human rights impacts
- We work from strategy development to implementation, helping our clients turn corporate responsibility commitments into practice
- twentyfifty has been training companies on human rights since 2004 in Germany, Switzerland, the UK, India, Japan, Indonesia and Bangladesh.

About Swiss Sustainable Finance (SSF):

As the Swiss association on sustainable finance we strengthen the position of Switzerland in the global marketplace for sustainable finance by informing, educating and catalysing growth. The association, founded in 2014, has representation in Zurich, Geneva and Lugano. Currently SSF unites 105 members and network partners from financial service providers, investors, universities and business schools, public sector entities and other interested organisations. An overview of Swiss Sustainable Finance's current members and network partners can be found [here](#).