



Child rights in global supply chains – Practical case studies from the field

Parallel session

29 November

15:00-16:25

Organized by UNICEF

Short description: As noted in the conclusions of the International Labour Conference 2016, global supply chains have contributed to economic growth, job creation, poverty reduction and entrepreneurship and can contribute to a transition from the informal to the formal economy. At the same time, failures at all levels within global supply chains have contributed to decent work deficits.

For children, the complexity of these supply chain impacts are made more acute as their age and development means that they are more marginalized and vulnerable; and potential impacts can be severe, and irreversible. Child labour is one of the most recognised impacts on children in global supply chains. However, there are myriad other ways in which children can be affected by business activities. For example, issues such as childcare and maternity protection, long hours and lack of living wages for adult workers, land acquisition and environmental pollution in communities surrounding business activities affect children directly, or as children of workers and as community members.

Solutions to improve the working conditions and well-being of workers and their families require a holistic approach looking at action inside and beyond the factory and farm gates. Business has a great opportunity to address industry impacts on children, and use their influence and leverage in collaboration with stakeholders such as Government and local communities, to create positive change for workers, their children and the communities they live in.

Speakers:

- Moderator: Subajini Jayasekaran, Child Rights and Business Manager, UNICEF
- Lenny N.Rosalin, Deputy Minister for Child Development, Ministry of Women's Empowerment and Child Protection, Republic of Indonesia
- Laura Chapman Rubbo, Director, International Labour Standards, The Walt Disney Company
- Josephine Alexander, Manager HR and CSR, Alpha Clothing Ltd. Bangladesh
- Nataly Sarmiento, Director, Business and Human Rights, The Ideas for Peace Foundation (FIP), Colombia

ANNEX. SPEAKERS SHORT BIOS.

Subajini Jayasekaran

Child Rights and Business Manager, UNICEF



At UNICEF, Suba Jayasekaran played a lead role in the development of the Children's Rights and Business Principles. She currently leads UNICEF's engagement on children's rights in global supply chains. Jayasekaran has expertise in child protection, emergencies, and corporate social responsibility. She has worked in Asia, Africa, and headquarters with UNICEF, and she is currently based in Geneva.

Lenny N.Rosalin

Head, Division for Women Empowerment, Indonesia National Planning Agency



Lenny N. Rosalin, Deputy Minister for Child Growth and Development of Indonesia's Ministry of Women's Empowerment and Child Protection

Laura Chapman Rubbo

Director, International Labour Standards, The Walt Disney Company



As The Walt Disney Company's Director, International Labor Standards, Laura Chapman Rubbo seeks to foster safe, inclusive, and respectful workplaces wherever Disney-branded products are made. She leads the global supply chain monitoring program, external stakeholder engagement and communications, industry collaboration, supply chain philanthropic investments, risk assessment, research, and training. She also co-led the creation of Disney's human rights policy. In addition, Rubbo is Chair of the Corporate Responsibility Committee of the United States Council for International Business, a member of Social Accountability International's advisory board, and a past member of the U.S. delegation to the International Labour Organization's International Labour Conference.

Josephine Alexander

Manager HR and CSR, Alpha Clothing Ltd. Bangladesh

Nataly Sarmiento

Director, Business and Human Rights, The Ideas for Peace Foundation (FIP), Colombia