

Business and Human Rights Conference
Human Rights as the New Fuel for Business

7 March 2024, 10.00 – 14.00

Riga Graduate School of Law, Strēlnieku 4 k-2, Riga, Latvia, room W42

Programme

- 9:30 Registration**
- 10:00 Opening and keynote speeches**
Dr. Adam Czarnota, Rector, Riga Graduate School of Law
Mārtiņš Birģelis, Ph.D. Scholar at the University of Latvia Faculty of Law, Legal Advisor,
Legal Bureau of the Saeima
Gabrielle Holly, Chief Adviser, Danish Institute for Human Rights
Evita Goša, Environmental and Legal Director, SCHWENK Latvija, Member of the Board
- 10:30 Difference between duties of states and responsibilities of businesses with respect to human rights**
Dr. Jernej Letnar Čerņič, Professor of Constitutional and Human Rights Law, New
University, Faculty of Government and European Studies, Ljubljana, Slovenia; Visiting
Professor at the Riga Graduate School of Law
- 11:00 CSDDD in the Latvian context: which companies will be impacted and how?**
Alise Artamonova, Legal Advisor, Ombudsman's Office of the Republic of Latvia
- 11:15 Human rights risk assessment within a company: leading by example**
Sarmīte Ozola, Head of Corporate Management and Strategy, VAS "Valsts nekustamie
īpašumi" (SJSC "State Real Estate")
- 11:30 Coffee break**

12:00

Panel discussion: due diligence in practice

Moderator: George Ulrich, Academic Director, Global Campus of Human Rights, Visiting Professor at the Riga Graduate School of Law, Member of the Board

Lisa Berg, Human Rights Manager, Yara International ASA

Gabrielle Holly, Chief Adviser, Danish Institute for Human Rights

Roger Branigin, Senior Advisor, Enact Sustainable Strategies

Beata Faracik, President of the Board, Polish Institute for Human Rights and Business

13:05

Discussion (Q&A session)

13:30

Closing and networking