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The second part of the 4C online seminar series on 29 April 2021 from 14:00 to 15:15 CEST aims to show the bigger picture of the coffee sector, that is – growth and development of the coffee global value chains, their contribution to sustainable development and the main instruments for driving more viable, fair and environmentally friendly sector.

This session couldn’t do without the International Coffee Organization – the main intergovernmental organization for coffee, bringing together exporting and importing countries. Myriel Camp, 4C, will open the seminar with a brief account of the role of robust and credible certification in strengthening coffee supply chains, and give over to Gerardo Pataconsi, ICO, who will provide useful insights from the recently published Coffee Development Report on the topic of sustainability, inclusiveness and resilience of coffee global value chains. Last but not least, Wolfgang Weinmann, CPPTF ICO, will give the latest update on the work of the Coffee Public Private Task Force (CPTTF), a unique model of sector-wide collaboration.

We are looking forward to having you with us! Please stay tuned every second week, at 14:00 CEST.

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Register

12 May
14:00 - 15:15 CEST
Coffee: Tasting Good, Improving Lives
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Zero-Deforestation, Biodiversity and Climate Adaptation: Safeguarding Coffee of the Future
Register

10 June
14:00 – 15:30 CEST
Due Diligence Requirements and Their Implications for Coffee Supply Chains
Register

First Draft of the German Supply Chain Act is Now Available

In March, the German cabinet approved the draft version of the Supply Chain Act (Sorgfaltspflichtengesetz). The parliamentary consultation was opened last Thursday with the first reading in the German Parliament.

According to the draft, from 2023 onwards, companies based in Germany
with more than 3,000 employees (from 2024 onwards – more than 1,000) will be obliged to fulfill due diligence obligations in their supply chains. The primary aim of the law is to improve the protection of human rights. Environmental issues also play a role if human rights are violated.

The due diligence obligations apply to the entire supply chain – from the raw materials to the end-product – and include:

- Establishing a risk management system and carrying out a risk analysis,
- Adopting a policy statement on corporate human rights strategy,
- Embedding preventive measures in companies’ business operations and vis-à-vis direct suppliers,
- Taking corrective action in the event of identified rights violations,
- Establishing a grievance mechanism,
- Implementing transparent documentation and reporting.

The Federal Office for Economic Affairs and Export Control will ensure the effective implementation of the law. Furthermore, the authority will set up a “recognition mechanism” for existing certification systems. This will give companies guidance as to where and when existing certificates can be used as proof of due diligence.

To read more about how 4C already supports its users’ due diligence and provides comprehensive risk assessment of coffee supply chains, please follow the link below.

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