



Business, Human Rights and the Living Environment

Conference of the Netherlands Institute for Law & Governance 2022

Where: Wageningen University & Research
University Campus, [Omnia](#)
Gebouw 105
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When: Thursday 16 June 2022

The conference aims to explore the links between business, human rights and the living environment in law, policy and business practices. Ensuring business conduct is respectful of human rights and the environment poses various challenges and the conference will provide an opportunity to discuss legal, regulatory and business solutions to such challenges.

PROGRAMME

09:30 - 10:00 Registration and coffee

10:00 - 10:10 Welcome by Prof. dr. Josephine van Zeben

10:10 - 11:00 **Keynote speaker: Prof. Erika George**, University of Utah

11:00 - 11:15 Coffee break

11:15 - 12:30 **Panel 1
Business, human rights and the living environment in the agri-food sector**

The agri-food sector presents specific challenges when it comes to human rights and the living environment. This panel aims to zoom in on this sector to show how human rights and environmental considerations can be reconciled in agri-food value chains.

Chair: Edwin Alblas

Commission **Anna Szajkowska**, Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety, EU

Birgit de Vos, Wageningen Research

Kinnari Bhatt, Surya Advisory.

Lorenzo Cotula, International Institute for Environment and Development

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch break



13:30 - 15:00 **Panel 2**
Human Rights and Environmental Due Diligence

Several European countries, including the Netherlands, have adopted or are planning to adopt Mandatory due diligence legislation. In February 2022, the EU Commission published a proposal for a Directive on sustainability due diligence. This panel aims to discuss these developments and to think about the interactions, and possible contradictions between human rights and environmental due diligence.

Chair: Chiara Macchi

Liesbeth Enneking, Erasmus University Rotterdam
Kees Gootjes, ABN AMRO
Gilles Goedhart, Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Anna Beckers, Maastricht University

15:00 - 15:15 Coffee break

15:15 - 16:30 **Panel 3**
Business, human rights and the living environment: addressing biases and protecting vulnerable groups

Chair: Nadia Bernaz

Lottie Lane, Groningen University
Gamze Erdem Türkelli, University of Antwerp
Philip Paiement, Tilburg University

Programme and registration details are available [here](#).