



## *Will the EU CSDD legislation fix the world?*

Case studies from the global south on content and impact on trade, business, human rights, and the environment

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs warmly welcomes you to a hybrid event on 27 March in Helsinki where the Ministry launches two studies on the impacts of the upcoming EU Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence (CSDD) legislation to the trade of developing countries, particularly least developed countries (LDCs).

Consortiums led by Hanken School of Economics and University of Vaasa have led the studies and discuss among other issues:

- How can we meet the targets set through this new legislation?
- What are its legal implications?
- How will it affect our partners in the Global South?

Do join us to discuss the findings, recommendations, and thoughts about next steps!

The studies will be published online on 27 March. We will send the links to the registered participants by email.

The event will be held in English. The venue is accessible.

**When:** 27 March 2022

**Where:** Ministry of Finance, meeting room Paja, Mariankatu 9, Helsinki and Online

**Organiser:** Sustainable Trade Unit, Department for International Trade, Ministry for Foreign Affairs

### **Programme and registration**

| <i>Time</i>   | <i>Description</i>   |
|---------------|--|
| 13:00 – 13:30 | <b>Coffee &amp; Networking</b>   |
| 13:30 – 13:45 | <b>Introduction and welcoming words</b><br><i>Leena Gardemeister, Deputy Director General, Department for International Trade, Ministry for Foreign Affairs</i>  |
| 13:45 – 14:05 | <b>Fireside chat: Two reps of each research group will have a chat over their interest in the topic, why did they participate in this call, interesting findings, what was their team's thought process</b><br><i>Nikodemus Solitander, researcher, Hanken School of Economics</i><br><i>Avidan Kent, Ph.D., Associate Professor, University of East Anglia Law School</i> |
| 14:05 – 14:35 | <b>Consortium of Hanken School of Economics: Presentation of methodology and findings and questions from the audience</b><br><i>Neema Komba, doctoral candidate, Hanken School of Economics</i>  |
| 14:35 – 15:05 | <b>Consortium of University of Vaasa: Presentation of methodology and findings and questions from the audience</b><br><i>Tarcisio Gazzini, Ph.D., Professor, University of Padova</i>  |
| 15:05 – 15:15 | <b>Coffee Break</b>  |



15:15 – 15:50

**Comments to findings: Where do we go from here?**

Commentators:

- *Sami Teräväinen, Senior Specialist, Legal Affairs, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment*
- *Linda Piirto, Commercial Counsellor, Sustainable Trade Unit, Ministry for Foreign Affairs*
- *Jussi Ojala, Executive Representative, Private Sector Development, Finn Church Aid*

Host:

*Antti Piispanen, Commercial Counsellor, Sustainable Trade Unit, Ministry for Foreign Affairs*

15:50 - 16:00

**Closing remarks**

*Kent Wilska, Director, Sustainable Trade Unit, Department for International Trade, Ministry for Foreign Affairs*

Please register by 22 March 2023 by using this link: <https://www.lyyti.in/EU-CSDD-studies>