

# TRAINING

## Implementing the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights in Commodity Trading

February 27<sup>th</sup> 2019, 9:30 – 13:00 CET  
Zürich city (exact venue tbc)

An increasing number of standards, initiatives and legislation require that companies know and show how they respect human rights across their own operations and global value chains. The Swiss Federal Council adopted a [National Action Plan for the implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights](#) on December 2016, and published the [Commodity Trading Sector Guidance on implementing the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights](#) on November 2018.

### OBJECTIVE & CONTENT

Identifying the human rights impacts associated with commodity trading is a continuous challenge given the diversity and complexity of its supply chains.

*Do you know the human rights risks associated with the goods and you are trading/purchasing? Do you thoroughly address the human rights risks associated with the goods you are trading/purchasing?*

This training will provide **business practitioners** with guidance on how to **embed a human rights due diligence approach** within their company, in line with the Commodity Sector Guidance and other international frameworks. Case studies, examples from the praxis and group discussions will allow participants to get a practical understanding and learn from each other.

By attending this workshop, participants will be able to understand how to:

- Identify the human rights risks and impacts associated with their company's operations as well as trading and purchasing practices
- Analyse processes to address these risks and impacts
- Prioritise business action, based on identified salient issues.

## AGENDA

09:30 – 10:00	<b>Welcome coffee and registration</b>
10:00 – 10:15	<b>Introduction</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stéphane Graber - Secretary General, STSA</li> <li>• Luke Wilde - CEO, twentyfifty Ltd</li> </ul>
10:15 – 10:35	<b>National and international frameworks on business and human rights in commodity trading</b> <i>Presentation of the Swiss Confederation's strategy (National Action Plan, Commodity Sector Guidance) and international frameworks (UN Guiding Principles, OECD Guidelines for Responsible Business Conduct and for Responsible Minerals Supply Chains).</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Olivier Bovet - Senior Advisor, State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO)</li> <li>• Frédéric Chenais - Political Advisor, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA)</li> <li>• Sarah Dekkiche - Director of Consulting, twentyfifty GmbH</li> </ul>
10:35 – 11:30	<b>Translating the Commodity Sector Guidance into practice: Towards a strategy for Human rights due diligence in the commodity sector</b> <i>Through case studies, exercises and group discussions, participants will learn how to undertake appropriate due diligence by transaction, leveraging different types of business relationships and addressing particular requirements in high risk and conflict affected areas.</i>
11:30 – 11:45	<b>Coffee break</b>
11:45 – 12:45	<b>Translating the Commodity Sector Guidance into practice: Assessing human rights risks and impacts</b> <i>Through case studies, exercises and group discussions, participants will learn basic concepts and approaches to identifying and assessing human rights impacts</i>
12:45 – 13:00	<b>Wrap-up and closing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Luke Wilde - CEO, twentyfifty Ltd</li> </ul>
13:00 – 13:45	<b>Light lunch</b>

## REGISTRATION

- The participation fee is CHF 130 for STSA members and 200 CHF for non-members. It includes the course materials, coffee and refreshments.
- **Please register [here](#) by January 18<sup>th</sup> 2019.**
- For questions or problems with the registration you can contact [annik.bindler@twentyfifty.ch](mailto:annik.bindler@twentyfifty.ch)

## ABOUT THE TRAINING

This training is commissioned by the **Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA)** and **Federal Department of Economic Affairs, Education and Research (EAER)** as part of the **Swiss strategy for implementing the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights**. It is organized by [twentyfifty GmbH](#) and the [Swiss Trading & Shipping Association \(STSA\)](#).

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## About twentyfifty

Founded in 2004, [twentyfifty](#) is a management consultancy specialised in business and human rights. Working with businesses across sectors, we combine core competencies in business leadership and organisational change, stakeholder engagement and human rights to support our clients with human rights due diligence strategies (incl. policy development, risks and impact assessments), responsible procurement, women empowerment and management development. twentyfifty has been training multinational companies on human rights since 2004 in Switzerland, Germany, the UK, India, Japan, Indonesia and Bangladesh. We opened our new office in Switzerland in Spring 2018.

## About STA

[The Swiss Trading and Shipping Association \(STSA\)](#) is an umbrella association which brings together three regional associations: GTSA (Geneva Trading and Shipping Association), LCTA (Lugano Commodity Trading Association) and ZCA (Zug Commodity Association). STSA's mission is to provide a neutral platform of exchange to all companies active in commodity trading to support their activities, defend their interests, and improve the understanding of the activity amongst the public at large.

STSA counts amongst its members over 170 companies across Switzerland active in commodity trading, shipping, inspection and certification, trade finance, and other associated services. This economic activity is one of the most important in the country, representing 3.9% of Swiss GDP and employing around 35,000 professionals in Switzerland.