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## Online conference

### **Tainted clothes: Human rights in the garment sector Online conference**

By generating high levels of economic activity and providing employment to millions of workers around the world, the textile sector has a potential to contribute to social and economic development. At the same time, the textile sector has been at the centre of criticism due to poor working conditions and human rights issues in global value chains.

During this conference, experts from academia, civil society, and business will provide insights into the challenges that exist, and discuss policies and practises to improve social protection in the workplace and to eliminate forced labour from global value chains in the textile industry.

#### Program

**14 October 2021**

<b>2:00pm – 2:15pm</b>	<b>Welcome</b>  Prof. Katalin Ligeti, Dean, Faculty of Law, Economics and Finance, University of Luxembourg  Caritas Luxembourg
<b>2:15pm – 2:30pm</b>	<b>Keynote Address:</b> Alison Tate, Director of Economic and Social Policy, International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)
<b>2:30pm – 3:10pm</b>	<b>Panel Discussion: Social protection in garment value chains</b>  Moderator: Hedda Pahlson-Moller, CEO, TIIME Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Auret van Heerden</i>, Founder and CEO, Equiception / Academy for Sustainable Business</li><li>• <i>Jorge Conesa</i>, Policy Manager, Fair Trade Advocacy Office</li><li>• <i>Murat Akkun</i>, Sustainability Country Manager, INDITEX</li></ul>

## 15 October 2021

- 9.30am – 9.45am**      **Welcome**
- Prof. Katalin Ligeti, Dean, Faculty of Law, Economics and Finance, University of Luxembourg
- Marc Crochet, CEO Caritas Luxembourg
- Intervention by Sam Tanson, Minister of Justice of Luxembourg
- 9.45am – 10.00am**      **Opening remarks:** Prof. Justine Nolan, Faculty of Law and Justice at the University of New South Wales Sydney, Director of the Australian Human Rights Institute
- 10:00am – 10:40am**      **Panel Discussion: Forced labour in garment value chains**
- Moderator: Hedda Pahlson-Moller, CEO, TIIME
- Speakers:
- *Dr. Çiğdem Çımrın*, Co-Founder & Chairperson, Minerva Business and Human Rights Association
  - *Martje Theuws*, Researcher, Centre for Research on Multinational Corporations (SOMO)
  - *Wiranta Ginting*, Deputy International Coordinator, Asia Floor Wage Alliance
- 10.40am – 11.00am**      Q & A
- 11:00am – 11.15am**      **Closing remarks:** Dr. Başak Bağlayan, Post-doctoral researcher, University of Luxembourg

**Registration mandatory:**

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