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Launch of the ETI Impact Assessment Report

“Excellent – the ETI Impact Assessment report is one of the best documents and most useful ones I have seen for a long time”

Sara Clancy, Ethical Trade Manager, The Body Shop

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Background

The Ethical Trading Initiative (ETI) is an alliance of companies, trade union and non-government organisations committed to improving working conditions in global supply chains. ETI company members require their suppliers to comply with the ETI Base Code, a code of labour practice based on international labour standards. After five years of operation, ETI wanted to assess:

- how its member companies were implementing the ETI Base Code;
- the impact of members’ activities on workers in the supply chain; and
- how the impact of members’ work could be improved.

In 2003 ETI commissioned the Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex to conduct this assessment. Based on assessing the ethical trade programmes of nearly 30 retailers, brands and suppliers, and including in-depth case studies in five countries and three sectors, this has been the most comprehensive assessment of the impact of labour codes to date. This event will launch the final report from this study, and provide an opportunity for all those with an interest in labour codes to improve their knowledge and draw inspiration for their future work on ethical trade.

Why attend this event?

Attend this event to:

- Hear the findings and recommendations from the most comprehensive impact assessment of labour codes to date, and obtain free copies of the final report.
- Get a preview of the new edition of the ETI Workbook, “Ethical trade: a comprehensive guide for companies”, which includes guidance and case studies on how to address many of the recommendations from this study. One-off promotional offers of the Workbook will be available on the day.

Who should attend

This event is aimed at all those with an interest in improving working conditions in global supply chains. The event has two parts:

- A “fast track” option (12-1.10pm) that will summarise the key findings and recommendations for those who are only interested in the headlines.
- The more detailed afternoon session (2-5pm), for those who want to hear and discuss the in-depth findings from the five country studies, and the specific recommendations for different audiences.

**Thursday 19 October
12-5pm**

Venue
Victory Services Club
63-79 Seymour Street
London W2 2HF

Getting there
The nearest tube station is Marble Arch on the Central (red) line

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This event is free for all participants.

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Programme

- 12:00** **Welcome and introduction**
Alan Roberts, Chair, ETHICAL TRADING INITIATIVE (ETI)
- 12:05** **Presentation of key findings and recommendations**
Stephanie Barrientos and Sally Smith, INSTITUTE OF DEVELOPMENT STUDIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX (IDS)
- 12:30** **Corporate comment on the findings and recommendations**
Corporate speaker – to be confirmed
- 12:40** **Q&A**
Panel members:
Stephanie Barrientos and Sally Smith, IDS; Man-Kwun Chan, ETI
- 13:00** **Close of morning session**
Dan Rees, Director, ETI
- 13:10** **Lunch**
- 14.00** **Workshop Session 1: Country-specific findings**
Stephanie Barrientos and Sally Smith, IDS

Participants choose from one of two workshop streams:
• **Garments/footwear stream:** findings from India and Vietnam
• **Food/horticulture stream:** findings from South Africa, UK & Costa Rica
- 15.30** **Tea break**
- 15:45** **Workshop Session 2: Recommendations and good practice case studies**
Stephanie Barrientos and Sally Smith, IDS

Participants choose from one of several workshop streams, each focusing on one area of recommendations. In each workshop, IDS will present:
• the specific recommendations for different actors, and
• good practice case studies that illustrate how these recommendations can be put into practice.
- 16:30** **ETI Workbook Edition 2: launch and preview**
Dan Rees, Director, ETI
ETI corporate member, to be confirmed
- 16:55** **Close of afternoon session**
Alan Roberts, Chair, ETI
- 17:00** **Event ends**