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Responsible Sourcing and Ethical Trade Forum

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Day 1 – Tuesday 16 March 2027

08.00–09.00 *Arrival and breakfast*

09.00-09.40 **Reality check:** Will EUFLR actually change anything?

09.40-10.15 **Climate risk is human rights risk:** What heat, floods and displacement mean for workers

10.15-10.45 *Networking break*

10.45-11.25 **Organised crime and forced labour:** What can business do when criminals control recruitment?

11.25-11.55 **Your product's been blocked at the border. What do you do?**

11.55-12.30 **The CFO's guide to human rights:** How to prove social performance protects supply and profit

12.30–13.30 *Lunch*

13.30–15.00 Breakout sessions

Understanding risk	**Purchasing practices**	**Real-world dilemmas**
AI and false confidence: What it can and can't do for due diligence	Supplier engagement: How to build the trust that surfaces lower-tier forced labour risk	Scenario: "Lowest price, last minute, no human rights violations." Which one gives?
Beyond the audit: What counts as credible evidence when auditors can't get in?	Contracts that share the risk: How to stop pushing it all onto suppliers	Scenario: You've found child labour in your supply chain. What do you do now?

15.00–15.30 *Networking break*

15.30–16.15 Breakout sessions continued

Collaborating in high-risk regions: How data sharing and joint engagement deliver results	Responsible exit: When should you leave a supplier, and how do you do it without making things worse?	Scenario: Climate risk says leave. Social risk says stay. What do you do?

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16.15–17.00 **Trust and traceability:** What evidence do you need to stand behind a social claim?

17.00–18.00 *Networking drinks*

Day 2 – Wednesday 17 March 2027

08.00–09.00 *Arrival and breakfast*

09.00–09.45 **Purchasing practices need to change:** Here's what suppliers want you to know

09.45–10.30 **Worker voice:** How to build channels workers trust, and act on what they tell you

10.30–11.00 *Networking break*

11.00–12.30 Breakout sessions

Funding change	Protecting workers	Working together	The Other Room
Cash is king, and you don't have any: How to source responsibly when budgets and headcount are shrinking	Migrant labour: How to better protect seasonal workers	Collective remediation: How to fix problems you share with other buyers	We need to talk about China
Who pays for the fix? How supply chain finance can reward better working conditions	Living wages: How to move from benchmarks to what workers actually take home	Consent, not just buy-in: How to bring communities with you on land and transition projects	Elephants in the room: What are you doing that you know isn't working?

12.30–13.30 *Lunch*

13.30–15.00 **Roundtables** (2 x 45-minute rounds)

A. What does "enough" due diligence look like? Where should limited resources go first?

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B. Just transition in practice: Decarbonisation without shifting harm onto workers

C. Modern slavery statements: What will directors be signing off under the new UK rules?

D. Retail under the microscope: Who's liable for forced labour in the brands you stock?

E. Beyond empowerment rhetoric: What does real progress for women workers actually look like?

F. We haven't fixed the problem, but we're working on it: How do you talk about that externally?

G. The hidden workforce: Forced labour risks in logistics, cleaning and security contracts

H. What investors want: How capital markets are asking about human rights, and what to tell them

15.00–15.15 Roundtable takeaways and closing remarks

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