



The speakers

Didier Reynders, *EU Commissioner for Justice*



Didier Reynders is European Commissioner for justice in charge of rule of law and consumer protection, a position he has held since December 2019. Previously, he held several high-level political positions in Belgium including minister of defense, minister of foreign affairs, foreign trade and European affairs, minister of finance and deputy prime minister. From 2004 to 2011, he served as chairman of the Mouvement Réformateur (liberal party alliance). He was elected member of the Parliament in 1992. Prior to this, he has presided the Belgian railways and the Belgian Airways Agency. Reynders has been a guest lecturer at the universities of Liège and Louvain until he became European Commissioner. He holds a degree in law from the University of Liège.

Anita Ramasastry, *Former member of the Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises*



Ms. Anita Ramasastry is the Roland L. Hjorth Professor of Law and the Director of the Graduate Program in Sustainable International Development at the University of Washington School Of Law. She researches and teaches in the fields of law and development, anti-corruption, international commercial law and business and human rights. From 2009-2012, Ramasastry served as a senior advisor to the International Trade Administration of the US Department of Commerce. She has authored numerous scholarly articles and reports focused on emerging issues in business and human rights including the influential survey on access to remedy, Commerce, Crime and Conflict (with Mark Taylor and Bob Thompson) and recently has co-chaired an independent commission on Experts with Justice Ian Binnie, focused on commerce, crime and human rights. Ramasastry has advised many intergovernmental and civil society organizations including the World Bank, USAID, the Institute for Human Rights and Business, BSR, Amnesty International and the International Corporate Accountability Roundtable. Ramasastry is a recurring visiting professor at the Irish Centre for Human Rights as well as the Central European University in Budapest. She is a founding co editor in chief of the Business and Human Rights Journal (Cambridge). Ramasastry is a graduate of Harvard College, Harvard Law School and the University of Sydney.

Yenkong Ngangjoh Hodu, *Professor of International Economic Law at the University of Manchester, UK*



Yenkong is a Professor of International Economic Law and was until 2022 Head of the Manchester University Law School, UK. He specialises in world trade law, international investment law, international monetary law, international energy law, regional integration law as well as public international law broadly speaking. He has written many books and many dozen articles on EU/Africa Trade, investment law, WTO law and public international law in general. His most recent book titled “African perspectives on international investment law” was published in 2021 has been widely cited by both academics and practitioners. His 2016 book by Edward Elgar titled “The Political Economy of WTO Implementation and China’s Approach to Litigation in the WTO” is highly sought after and is being translated into Chinese. He is regularly consulted by governments, regional organisations and UN Agencies.

Jan Noterdaeme, *Co-Founder and Senior Advisor, CSR Europe*



Jan Noterdaeme is Co-Founder of CSR Europe, a Network of corporate members and National Partner Organisations engaging 10.000 enterprises across Europe on Corporate Social Responsibility. After working for the European Council on Migration and Asylum, Jan joined the European Commission DG EMPL, where he operated in the “European Poverty Program” and coordinated the relations with large Civil Society organizations. On behalf of former President of the European Commission, Jacques Delors, Jan co-authored the European Business Declaration against Social Exclusion launched in 1995, which was the foundational act of CSR Europe. Since 1996, Jan has acted as Senior Advisor for External Relations for CSR Europe.

Josetta Nousjoki, *Advocacy Director at Fairtrade Finland*



Josetta Nousjoki, Advocacy Director at Fairtrade Finland, is dedicated to promoting sustainable business practices and safeguarding human rights within global supply chains. Josetta drives positive change through advocacy and capacity building, particularly in the areas of decent work, living income, and meaningful stakeholder dialogue. Josetta’s diverse background in managing international affairs in a trade union and working as an investigative journalist in China and Asia, as well as academic expertise in East Asian studies, enhances her understanding of the challenges and opportunities associated with human rights due diligence in various industries worldwide.

Guus Houttuin, European Partnership for Responsible Minerals (EPRM)

Guus Houttuin is adviser to the European Partnership on Responsible Minerals. He is on the Board of the Canadian NGO IMPACT and a partner in the German law firm Alber & Geiger. Guus Houttuin was Senior Trade Advisor to the European External Action Service until 2022 and chaired the OECD Multi-stakeholder Steering Group on “responsible minerals” until April 2023. He initiated the cooperation between the EU and the OECD on responsible minerals and on due diligence/RBC. EU Trade Commissioner De Gucht asked him to lead on the foreign- and development policy pillar of the EU legislation on “conflict minerals”.



He has worked extensively on due diligence in the supply chain and responsible business conduct from a Brussels’ and global perspective and advised on EU initiatives on corporate sustainability due diligence and forced labor. He was responsible for the EU monitoring of GSP+ countries’ human and labour rights performance under the EU’s General Scheme of Preferences.

As EU Ambassador in Geneva he contributed to the establishment of the Human Rights Council and as Deputy Trade Representative to the WTO he worked on the relationship between trade and sustainable development. Earlier in his career Guus Houttuin was Legal Adviser to the Council of the European Union, doing the legal drafting sessions on the Kyoto and Cartagena protocols. He has appeared as counsel for the EU in legal proceedings before the European Court of Justice.

Dora Correia, Director TRADE C, Africa, Caribbean and Pacific, Asia (II), Trade and Sustainable Development, Green Deal.

Ms Dora Correia is Director for Trade relations with Africa, Caribbean and Pacific regions, South and South-East Asia, Australia and New Zealand, Trade and Sustainable Development, the Green Deal. Ms Correia, a Portuguese national, joined the Commission in 1996. During her career, she worked on a variety of topics, including maritime affairs, employment and social affairs, justice and home affairs and relations between the EU institutions. Between 2016 and 2022, she was Director for General Affairs and Resources in DG Maritime affairs and fisheries, overseeing the functioning of the department, its strategic planning, its communication strategy and its legal and policy coordination. She was previously Head of Unit in the same department, responsible for “Information, Communication, Inter-Institutional Relations, Evaluation and Programming”. Between 2010 and 2012, Ms Correia was Member of the Cabinet of Vice-President Šefčovič, then in charge of Interinstitutional Relations and Administration, where she led the negotiations of the Framework Agreement with the European Parliament. Previously, Ms Correia was a policy assistant to



the Secretary-General of the Commission, liaising with the private office of the President of the Commission and ensuring overall coordination. Before 2007, she worked in justice and home affairs, with a particular focus on fight against organised crime and better governance, and in employment and social affairs.

Lucrezia Busam, Cabinet Member – Cabinet of EU Commissioner Reynders

Lucrezia Busa is the Member of Cabinet of Justice Commissioner Didier Reynders responsible for data protection, Artificial Intelligence and other digital files as well as company law. Prior to working for Commissioner Reynder’s private office, she worked for ten years for the Directorate General for competition of the European Commission. She also worked in the digital team of the Secretariat General and for the Directorate General for Trade of the European Commission. Ms Busa worked as senior legal adviser to the French company Electricite’ de France, EdF, the biggest electricity company world-wide and worked as a lawyer in private practice. She was admitted to the Rome Bar in 2005. She graduated from the Law faculty of the University of Rome, La Sapienza, and attended post-graduated courses on European law at the European University Institute of the Universite’ Libre de Bruxelles .and holds a LLM from the College of Europe in Bruges.



Daan Wensing, CEO of IDH

Daan Wensing is the CEO and Chair of the Executive Board of IDH, a global organization transforming markets. Previously, he was director of global landscapes for IDH, and member of the management team of IDH.



IDH puts people, planet, and progress at the heart of markets by leveraging the power of trade to create better jobs, better incomes, a better environment, and gender equality for all. To create the greatest impact in the shortest amount of time, IDH brings together people within corporations, the global financial sector and governments that have the most influence over global value chains to co-create and co-invest.

Daan has a strong passion for sustainable development and a conviction that economy and sustainable development can be combined to support human development and safeguard our planet. He works by collaborating with the private sector in partnership with governments and other stakeholders for the transformation of our economy. Prior to joining IDH, Daan was the managing director of the Leaders for Nature network and head of IUCN NL’s business and biodiversity programs. Before joining IUCN NL, Daan co-founded the company Triple E and was the director of one of its business units. Daan has a MSc in Biology from Utrecht University and a Master’s in Science and Business from Utrecht University.