

Opening Session

The ESG Landscape Today and Tomorrow: What Does This Mean for Anti-Slavery Action?

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08:45 – 09:40

Although the environmental, social, and governance (ESG) impacts of business are intimately linked, they have not been well articulated for the financial sector. Environmental disclosures have increased in response to regulation, but there is not a common understanding of social risks, or how effective governance can mitigate risk. FAST has identified areas where the financial sector, in partnership with other stakeholders, can approach ESG holistically to understand and mitigate risk and achieve positive ESG outcomes. The opening session will discuss the current ESG landscape, how it continues to evolve, and what this offers to the financial sector in combating human trafficking and other forms of modern slavery.

Moderator

Amanda Zillig, Global Human Rights Lead, ING

Amanda Zillig is Global Human Rights Lead for ING, where she oversees ING's human rights strategy and reporting and contributes to policy frameworks, with an aim to manage and monitor potential human rights impacts across all ING operations, including the development of models and tools to monitor ING's human rights salencies in their lending book.

Panelists

Malaika Oringo, Founder and CEO, Footprint to Freedom

Malaika Oringo is a prominent survivor leader in the global fight against human trafficking. She serves as the Founding Director of Footprint to Freedom, a survivor-led organization committed to empowering survivors of human trafficking and advancing key causes like abolitionist legislation, gender equality, climate action, labour rights, safe migration policies, victim support, and financial inclusion. Additionally, she serves as a FAST Global Survivor Consultant.

Bukeni Waruzi, Executive Director, Free the Slaves

Bukeni Waruzi currently serves as Executive Director for Free the Slaves which is a member of the Global Coordinating Group of Alliance 8.7. Waruzi's human rights efforts have aided trafficked women in the Middle East and involved extensive work in advocacy, documentation, and training workshops across 40 countries. In his home country, the Democratic Republic of Congo, he founded the AJEDI-KA/Child Soldiers Project to address child enslavement by armed militias. Additionally, Waruzi has held key roles in organizations such as the Porticus Foundation in Kenya, Watchlist in New York, and WITNESS.

Jill van de Walle, Research Analyst, Social Transformation Team, World Benchmarking Alliance

Jill is a Research Analyst for the Social Transformation Team at the World Benchmarking Alliance (WBA), working on the methodology and assessment of companies' human rights policies and programmes. Prior to joining WBA, Jill worked at Sustainalytics, assessing companies' human rights and labour rights impact and due diligence systems in China's tech manufacturing and textile industries. She also previously worked on ESG risks in battery material supply chains and on various issues in development and human rights in China.

Matthew Coghlan, Financial Sector Engagement Manager, Walk Free (virtual)

Matthew Coghlan is Walk Free's Financial Sector Engagement Manager. He leads engagement with financial sector institutions in the Asia-Pacific region. Matthew coordinates the Secretariat of Investors Against Slavery and Trafficking Asia Pacific (IAST APAC). The IAST APAC initiative comprises 42 asset owners and asset managers from the Asia Pacific region, with assets under management totaling A\$9.4 trillion. It facilitates investor collaboration on policy advocacy and company engagement. The investors engage with 23 companies listed on eight regional stock exchanges, supporting them to find, fix, and prevent modern slavery.

Resources

- [Congo's Mining Slaves: Enslavement at South Kivu Mining Sites](#) (Free the Slaves)
- [Human Trafficking and Climate Change: Understanding Intersections and Strengthening Responses in the Philippines](#) (Free the Slaves)
- [Bridging ESG Silos: The Intersection of Climate Change and Modern Slavery](#) (Walk Free)
- [Footprint to Climate](#) (Footprint to Freedom).