

“Connecting the Dots: From Commitments to Practical Impact”
In-person member meeting | 28 – 29 October 2026 | Bath & Body Works | 750 7th Avenue, NYC

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WED, 28 Oct
Day 1 - Connecting the dots to strengthen due diligence

Meeting and registration	Coffee and networking <i>Main reception for registration</i>	8.15am ET 45 mins
Welcome and opening	Welcome & anti-trust caution, themes and agenda for the meeting <i>Tara Dermott (McDonald’s) and Louise Herring (AIM-Progress)</i>	9.00am ET 15 mins
Host presentation	Bath & Body Works' approach to Human Rights & Environmental Due Diligence (HREDD) <i>Daniel Cleland & Mel Bandler (BBW) + Q&A</i>	9.15am ET 45 mins Join online
Keynote speaker	HREDD implementation in a challenging legal landscape – connecting the dots & focusing on the fundamentals <i>Arvind Ganesan (Human Rights Watch), followed by Q&A</i>	10.00am ET 45 mins Join online
	BREAK	10.45am ET 30 mins
Theme 1:	Communicating human rights internally and getting senior buy in	
Member presentations	Successes and challenges: framing human rights to get the business on board • <i>Tara Dermott (McDonald’s)</i> • <i>Carolina Singer (Unilever)</i> • <i>Kate Robinson (AIM-Progress)</i>	11.15am ET 15 mins Join online
Member breakouts	Group discussions & feedback	60 mins

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Day 1 (continued) - Connecting the dots to strengthen due diligence

LUNCH	<i>AIM-Progress working group marketplace – find out more about our working groups & share how they could support you</i>	12.30pm ET 90 mins
Theme 2:	Consistently implementing HREDD	
Member thematic roundtables	Practical next steps to build strong due diligence foundations <i>Participant choice, member-led breakout groups (2 x 25 mins). Topics are:</i> <i>Beyond risk assessments: prioritising & developing action plans - Raquel Fisch (AIM-Progress)</i> <i>Embedding an action mindset: internal training and engagement - Aude UCLA (IFF)</i> <i>Engaging with indirect goods, service providers and traders on RS Programmes - Anna Harper (Starbucks)</i> <i>Doing a lot with limited resources: focussing when you are as a small team - Katie Gilman (Oatly)</i> <i>Integrating climate and human rights: where to start - Louise Herring (AIM-Progress)</i>	2.00pm ET 60 mins
Member case studies	Strengthening effective supplier assessments: learning from evolving member practice Panel session & Q&A <i>An on-the-ground perspective on audits - Dawn Rusling (independent consultant)</i> <i>Navigating buyers' audit requirements - Brittany VanBuskirk (Ingredion)</i> <i>Maximising the use of site visits - Daniel Cleland (BBW)</i> <i>Night audits & audit effectiveness - Steve Schroeder (creative werks)</i> <i>Using data to scale decisions – Kate Robinson (AIM-Progress)</i>	3.00pm ET 45 mins
	BREAK	3.45pm ET 45 mins
Theme 3:	Building supplier ownership of HREDD	
Member thematic roundtables	Different models of supplier engagement: what works, what are the challenges, where do we go from here? Panel session, followed by Q&A <i>AIM-Progress supplier capability building – Nora Wolters & Yael Fattal (AIM-Progress)</i> <i>The Mars approach: Shared solutions for supplier training – Caitlin Hamill (Mars)</i>	4.30pm ET 30 mins Join online
Member breakouts	Group discussions & feedback	45 mins
Wrap-up	Final reflections, member polls and Q&A and actions for tomorrow	5.45pm ET
	DINNER (7.00 to 9.00 pm) - Carmine's, 200 W 44th Street	7.00pm ET

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Day 2 - From insight to action: regional activities, engaging with stakeholders and remedy

Meeting and registration	Coffee and networking	8.15am ET 25 mins
Welcome & Opening	Reminder of previous day's outcomes & theme for the day <i>Tara Dermott (McDonald's) and Louise Herring (AIM-Progress)</i>	8.40am ET 5 mins
Theme 1:	How human rights risks are evolving in the Americas	
Keynote speaker	How risks to migrant workers are evolving in the Americas <i>Joe Martinez (CIERTO Global), followed by Q&A</i>	8.45am ET 45 mins Join online
Member case study	Building a human rights strategy for the Americas & implications for members (Q&A + Plenary discussion) <i>Jaren Dunning (PepsiCo)</i>	9.30am ET 45 mins Join online
	BREAK	10.15am ET 30 mins
Theme 2:	Meaningful stakeholder engagement	
Spotlight session	Meaningful stakeholder engagement guidance: framing <i>Tara Dermott (McDonald's) and Louise Herring (AIM-Progress)</i>	10.45am ET 10 mins
Lessons learnt from global projects	How to engage with stakeholders: global projects Rotating case study stations (3 x 20 mins). Topics are: • Government: Collaborative Approaches Türkiye (CAT) - Nora Wolters (AIM-Progress) • Tier 1 suppliers: road transport carrier event, audit & driver interview modules – David Kovick (P&G) • Tier 2 suppliers: India supplier capability building – Nicolas Gonzalez (Mondelez) • Grievance mechanisms in Brazilian sugarcane farms - Yael Fattal (AIM-Progress) Plenary feedback on each case study & application of the guidance	10.55am ET 60 mins
Theme 3:	Investing in climate change and human rights	
Spotlight session: implementing living income	The value of harmonised investments & better trading practices to mitigate human rights & climate risks <i>Stephanie Daniels (Sustainable Food Lab) and Molly Haragan (The Hershey Company)</i>	11.55am ET 30 mins Join online
Member breakouts	Q&A with the panellists	12.25pm ET 30 mins
	LUNCH	12.55pm ET 50 mins
Theme 4:	Remedy	
Interactive "escape room"	Remedy and grievances: building remedy preparedness into procurement and supplier capability for effective remediation Interactive case study <i>Yousuf Aftab (Steptoe); Nicolas Gonzalez (Mondelez)</i>	1.45pm ET 45 mins
Meeting wrap-up	Final reflections and meeting wrap-up	2.30pm ET 15 mins