

Conference on Child Labour: *Challenges and Perspectives*

Eigtveds Pakhus, Copenhagen

1 June 2011, 8.30-13.00

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark, UNICEF Denmark and Save the Children Denmark are hosting a conference on child labour in the morning of 1 June 2011. The conference provides an overview of key lessons learnt by private companies and civil society as well as an opportunity to discuss prospects for the promotion of responsible handling of child labour in future.

Conference insights will provide important input on the specific aspects of child labour for the broader Children's Rights and Business Principles under development by UNICEF, Save the Children and the United Nation's Global Compact, the *Children's Rights & Business Principles Initiative*. Aspirations of the conference organisers include a lively debate on how to strike the balance between realities on the ground in developing countries and the need for more effective protection of children.

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I. Opening - 8.30-9.15am

Danish Minister for Development Cooperation Mr Søren Pind, Director of Marketing and Fundraising of UNICEF Denmark Ms Gitte Jeppesen and Secretary General of Save The Children Denmark Ms Mimi Jakobsen set the scene in their welcoming statements

II. Keynotes: Child labour in an international perspective – 9.15-10.15am

Three keynote speakers put the challenges in an international perspective followed by participant dialogue:

- Mr Mads Øvlisen, Chairman of the Danish Council on CSR, adviser to Global Compact
- Mr Simon Steyne, Social Dialogue and Partnerships, *Int'l Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour*, ILO
- Mr Sune Skadegaard Thorsen, Director and Partner, Global CSR
- Mr Jonas Engberg, Sustainability Manager, IKEA

Coffee – 10.15-10.30am

III. Perspectives: Child labour between companies and civil society – 10.30-11.15am

- Company case: Coop Consumer Policy Director Mogens Werge, Coop
- Company case: Bestseller Corporate Sustainability Dorte Rye Olsen
- Civil society case: Danish Consumer Council, Head of Division Mette Boye

IV. Discussion – Protection of children and realities on the ground - 11.15-12.00pm

- Dialogue amongst participants is followed by plenary discussion with keynote speakers and panelists

V. Conclusion – 12.00-12.15pm

- Reflections on the day
- Children's Rights Guidelines - next steps

Network Lunch – 12.15-13.00pm

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The conference takes place at Eigtveds Pakhus located at 2 Asiatick Plads in central Copenhagen. The event is organised jointly with conference service providers Verner Kristiansen ApS. To register for the event, send an

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