



## Annual Partner Meeting 2020

### *Rewriting the rules on corporate accountability*

Tuesday 25 February

The Foundry, London, SE11 5RR

### Agenda

9:30: Arrivals and coffee

9:45: Welcome from Marilyn Croser, CORE's Director

10:00: Panel 1 - Ripping up the rulebook? Business, human rights and the environment post-Brexit

The parliamentary gridlock over Brexit that has characterised recent years is over. What can we expect under the new Government and what does civil society need to look out for on corporate accountability in the new political climate?

- The campaigning space post-Brexit: *Malene Bratlie, Brexit Civil Society Alliance Coordinator, Unlock Democracy*
- Protecting people and planet in trade deals: *Ruth Bergan, Senior Advisor, Trade Justice Movement*
- Labour rights post-Brexit: *Ali Torabi, Brexit lead, Trades Union Congress*
- Brexit, corporate accountability and the environment: *Ruth Chambers, Senior Parliamentary Affairs Associate, Green Alliance*
- Chair: *Thulsi Narayanasamy, Senior Labour Rights Researcher, Business and Human Rights Resource Centre*

11:15: Coffee break

11:30: Panel 2 - How to put planet before profit? The fight for climate justice

In the last year, groups like Extinction Rebellion and the Climate Strikers have pushed climate change up the political agenda. With a major UN climate change summit taking place in Scotland this year, how can we use the momentum to achieve transformative change in the corporate arena?

- Corporate climate impacts on the Global South and what to do about it: *Asad Rehman, Director, War on Want*
- Following the money funding the climate crisis: *Shona Hawkes, Senior Global Policy Advisor – Forests, Global Witness*

- Making “ecocide” a crime: *Jojo Mehta, Co-Founder & Spokesperson, Stop Ecocide*
- Building a just economy: *Hannah Martin, Co-Founder and Co-Executive Director, Green New Deal UK*
- Chair: *Elaine Gilligan, Chief International Advisor, Friends of the Earth England, Wales and Northern Ireland*

#### 12:45: Snapshot presentation

The OECD complaint against BP’s climate advertising: *Tim Cooke-Hurle, Barrister, Doughty Street Chambers*

#### 1:00: Lunch and pop-up marketplace

Please bring relevant literature from your organisation as there will be a space to share information about different projects and campaigns.

#### 2:15: Panel 3 - Legislating to protect human rights and the environment

Following in the footsteps of the French Duty of Vigilance Law (2017), there are now campaigns – both national and international - to establish legal obligations for companies to prevent human rights and environmental abuses along their supply chains, and to hold them accountable if they fail to do so. Speakers will discuss the latest developments and key moments ahead.

- European momentum on mandatory human rights due diligence and parent company liability: *Christopher Patz, Policy Officer, European Coalition for Corporate Justice*
- The UN Treaty on Business and Human Rights and developments in the Global South: *Dorothy Guerrero, Head of Policy and Advocacy, Global Justice Now (invited)*
- Putting the French Duty of Vigilance law into practise: *Thomas Bart, activist, Survie and Lucie Chatelain, Advocacy Officer, Sherpa (via Skype)*
- Campaigning for a “Duty to Prevent” law in the UK: *Louise Eldridge, Policy and Communications Officer, CORE Coalition*
- Chair: *Susie Talbot, activist lawyer and strategy consultant on human rights and ecology*

#### 3:30 A Q&A with Professor Robert McCorquodale, Inclusive Law

Opportunity to ask questions on corporate accountability legislative developments.

#### 3:50 Making this year count for corporate accountability

An interactive session with a series of short pitches about key moments for collaboration.

#### 4:30: Final remarks and drinks reception

#### 5:30: CLOSE