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2022 FORUM on GLOBALIZATION and INDUSTRIALIZATION

“Sustainable supply chains in times of multiple crises”
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1. BACKGROUND

The Forum on Globalization and Industrialization (FGI), which has been a UNIDO flagship event since 2016, is jointly organized with the Kiel Institute for the World Economy and the Kiel Centre for Globalization. The Forum brings together policymakers, representatives of international organizations, academia and practitioners from the private sector annually. It has provided a platform since 2016 for exploring and discovering new avenues for collaboration, highlights areas stakeholders have already joined forces in, and identifies actionable policies on issues related to industrialization, global trade and investment. It has also facilitated cooperation between UNIDO and its partners on frontier research and bridges the gap between practitioners and decision makers through evidence-based policymaking.

The German Institute for Global and Area Studies (GIGA) and the German Institute of Development and Sustainability (IDOS) joined the consortium in 2021, driving a stronger focus in the Forum on sustainability in global supply chains with generous funding from the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation (BMZ) through the “Research Network Sustainable Supply Chains”. This year’s 2022 edition is organized under the theme “Sustainable Supply Chains in Times of Multiple Crises”, reinforcing collaboration between UNIDO and these three German institutes.



2. OBJECTIVE

This year's edition of the Forum on "Sustainable Supply Chains in Times of Multiple Crises" brings together key stakeholders from policy and representatives from the private sector, academia and civil society to discuss sustainability in light of the energy crisis, changes in the global economic landscape and heterogeneity in global trade regulation which governs sustainability-related issues.

Specifically, the Forum delves into mandatory due diligence legislation and its implications for small- and medium-sized enterprises in supplier countries. Due diligence regulation is typically established in larger consumer markets (such as the European Union) and requires multinational companies in the EU to promote sustainable and responsible corporate behaviour along their supply chains, including among firms located abroad.

The first session reviews the effects of due diligence legislation on suppliers and discusses support policies. The second session focuses on the role of the changing economic landscape, including economic power shifts and the implications for achieving sustainability in light of heterogeneous frameworks across consumer markets. The third session discusses responses to the urgent energy transition with a focus on green hydrogen. Green hydrogen can be traded globally, which could make it an important cornerstone in the transition to renewables. This session addresses the implications of this technology for firms and countries in both the Global North and Global South, where renewable energy sources are more abundant. Further information on the agenda is attached as Annex 1.

3. DATES AND VENUE

The Forum will take place in Vienna on 6 December 2022, at the Vienna International Center, Wagramerstrasse 5, 1400 Vienna, Austria.

4. LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS AND DOCUMENTATION

The working language of the Forum will be English. No translation facility will be provided.

5. MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Participants will be responsible for their own costs of travel, accommodation, and all other expenses incidental to travel abroad incurred in the home country (e.g., domestic travel, passports, visas, required medical examinations, etc.).



- **Registration**

All in-person participants are requested to be registered before entering the Vienna International Centre (VIC). UN grounds passes will be issued for participants to enter the Vienna International Centre (VIC). On the day of the event, participants are kindly requested to collect their UN ground passes at Checkpoint 1 of the VIC and to present their national passports or official identity card.

- **Vienna transportation details**

The Forum will be held at the Vienna International Center (VIC), at Wagramerstrasse 5, 1040 Vienna, Austria. Participants are expected to enter at Gate 1. A map of Vienna's metro service is attached as Annex 2.

The nearest metro (U-Bahn - U) Station to the VIC is Kaisermühlen-Vienna International Centre – located on the 'U1' line to the northeast of the city centre. 'U1' line can be identified under the color red.

- **Vienna sightseeing**

For more information on places to visit in Vienna, Austria, please visit:
<https://www.wien.info/en>

6. ENQUIRIES AND CORRESPONDENCE

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ANNEX 1 – AGENDA

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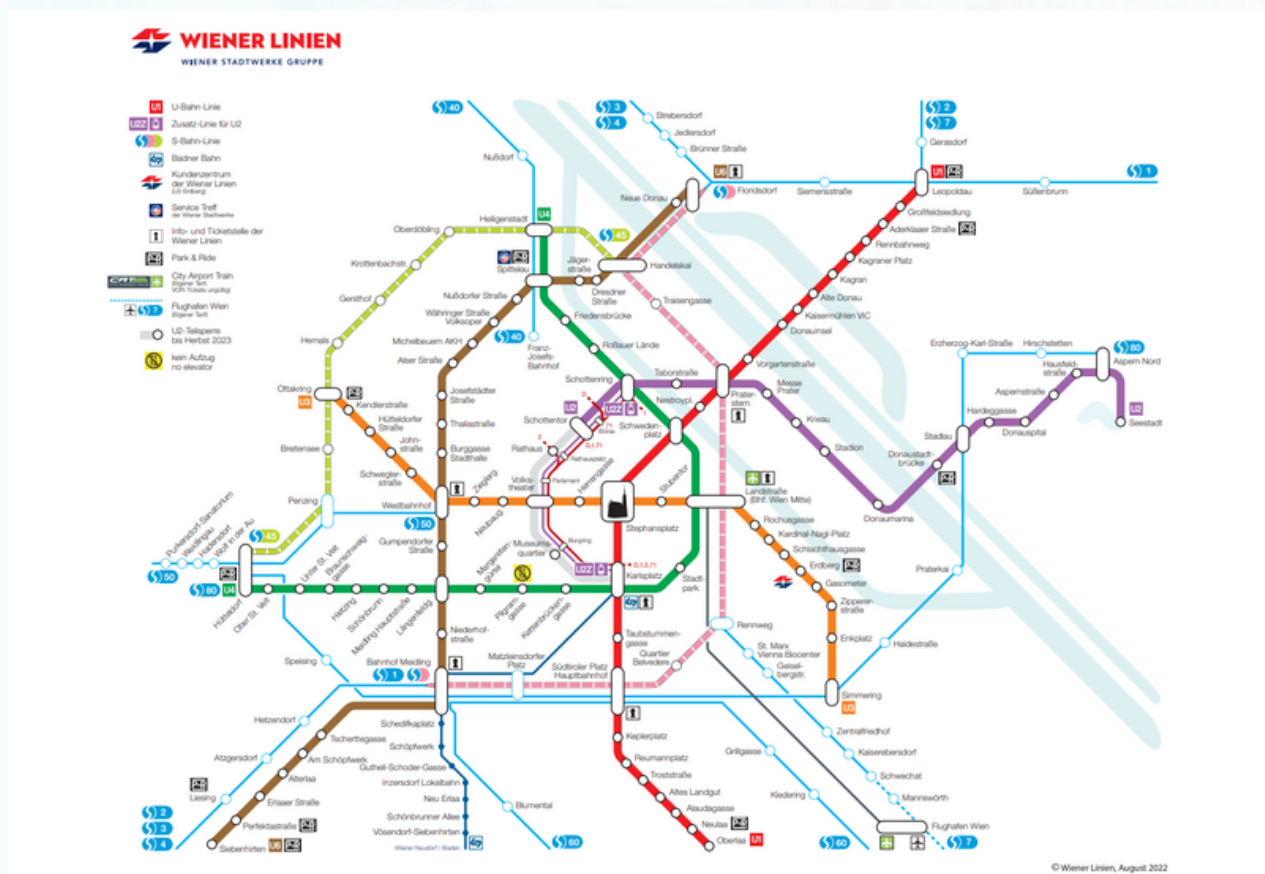
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10:00 am - 05:00 pm (CET)

10:00 - 10:15	Opening
10:15 - 10:45	Welcoming Keynote
10:45 - 11:15	Coffee break
11:15 - 12:30	Session 1: Getting serious about sustainable supply chains: Implementing due diligence regulation
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch break <i>(not provided, VIC cafeteria offers different lunch menus)</i>
14:00 - 15:15	Session 2: Geopolitical challenges and sustainable supply chains
15:15 - 15:45	Coffee break
15:45 - 17:00	Session 3: Green hydrogen: Opportunities and strategies for local value creation and technological learning
17:00-17:15	Closing

ANNEX 2

MAP OF VIENNA'S METRO (U-BAHN) SERVICE



For further details and ticket information please visit:
<https://www.wienerlinien.at/>



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