

World Sustainable Contracting Day 2025

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10:00pm AEST
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Network & discover: take the time to check out our non-profit partners and our case study hub where you will find a whole host of real life case studies that will bring sustainable contracting practices to life

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Welcome & Opening Remarks from the Foundation Board of Directors
Discover the WorldCC Foundation: highlights from our Annual Report
Over the past 25 years World Commerce & Contracting has been advocating for a world where all trading relationships deliver social and economic benefit, the WorldCC Foundation was created to support that mission by offering free tools, resources and educational events to help individuals and professionals have the greatest possible impact on the businesses, communities and environmental causes they serve. Join us as we launch our Annual Report, hear about the impact of our work, the resources available to you and how you can become a volunteer to support meaningful change.

Barry Hooper, Director of Commercial Function, **Cabinet Office**
Sangeeta Khorana, Professor of International Trade Policy, **Aston University**
Sally Guyer, CEO & President, **WorldCC Foundation**
Moderated by Nikki Mackay, Chief Development Officer, **WorldCC Foundation**

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WORKSHOP SOCIAL VALUE CONTRACTING

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Join us for an in-depth exploration of your procurement ecosystem!

This interactive session will provide you with the knowledge to help you engage the procurement stakeholders within your organisation and facilitate social procurement best practice!

This workshop encourages critical thinking on how you can maximise your social procurement potential, unpacking the tools and resources available to help you embed social procurement into your supply chain.

Why attend

- Identify relevant social procurement opportunities
- Collaborate with colleagues to find new opportunities
- Utilise levers available in your buying ecosystem



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance your procurement practices • Learn new, tailored procurement approaches <p>Led by: Tara Anderson, CEO, Social Traders Rebecca Green, Head of Transformation, Social Traders</p>
12:15pm AEST 2:15am NZDT 3:15am BST	5 min switch over
12:20pm AEST 2:20am NZDT 3:20am BST	<p>The Sustainability Clause Library is your resource – let’s build it together! Find out how you can use it or collaborate as a volunteer. We’ll take you through this wonderful new resource and highlight the many other resources available to you.</p> <p>Moderated by Nikki Mackay, Chief Development Officer, WorldCC Foundation Ole Horsfeldt, Partner, Gorrissen Federspiel Mark O’Halloran, Senior Legal Counsel, Sustainability & Supply, EVBox Anna-Marie Vickers, Program Manager, WorldCC Foundation</p>
12:50pm AEST 2:50pm NZDT 3:50am BST	Comfort Break
	<p>WORKSHOP</p> <p>HUMAN RIGHTS & SUSTAINABILITY GOVERNANCE</p>
1:15pm AEST 3:15am NZDT 4:15am BST	<p>Practical approaches for procurement and contracting professionals to strengthen human rights and sustainability governance</p> <p>Join us for an interactive workshop designed for professionals navigating the complexities of sustainability and human rights compliance in Australia and New Zealand. As regulatory expectations around human rights and sustainability grow, procurement and contracting professionals need practical strategies to drive meaningful impact. This interactive workshop explores effective approaches to supplier engagement, integrating worker voice into due diligence, and embedding sustainability into procurement decisions. Using the recently released Pathway to Respecting Human Rights and Addressing Modern Slavery Risks—a simple 10-step maturity model—we will provide actionable guidance to assess and enhance your organisation’s governance practices. Whether focusing on the full pathway or diving into a key step, participants will leave with tools to strengthen ethical procurement across industries.</p> <p>Nick Dexter, Principal Consultant - Human Rights and Modern Slavery Lead, Edge Impact</p>

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REAL WORLD CASE STUDIES RUNNING IN PARALLEL

Sessions can be watched on demand

	Responsible contracting case study	Sustainable IT Case study
1:15pm AEST 3:15am NZDT 4:15am BST	<p>Fostering trust-based collaboration: a case shared responsibility</p> <p>This case study highlights how responsible contracting practices, and shared responsibility can drive sustainable and ethical outcomes across supply chains. By embedding principles of fairness, transparency, and mutual accountability, organizations and their partners achieved meaningful progress toward shared sustainability goals. Explore practical strategies for aligning contracts with social and environmental values, navigating challenges, and fostering long-term partnerships. Learn how responsible contracting transforms relationships into collaborative platforms for positive impact, ensuring benefits for all stakeholders involved.</p> <p>Lotta Amsén, Head of Sustainability, Sandqvist</p> <p>Nikki Mackay, Chief Development Officer, WorldCC Foundation</p>	<p>Driving Sustainable IT: ABN AMRO's Journey with TCO Certified Procurement</p> <p>This case study on Sustainable IT explores how a global finance enterprise sought to reduce its carbon footprint, improve supply chain responsibility, and cost-optimize its IT operations. This included, among other things, integrating TCO Certified into its IT procurement strategy and management efforts to drive and contribute to the company's environmental, social, and economic ambitions. By focusing on targeted actions and prioritizing TCO Certified in procurement decisions, ABN AMRO ensured compliance with rigorous environmental and social criteria with independent verification of compliance, leading to measurable reductions in energy consumption, carbon dioxide emissions and e-waste as well as improved supply-chain responsibility. These sustainable IT efforts resulted in benefits such as more transparency and internal engagement, tracking impacts and effective reporting on sustainability.</p> <p>Moderated: Barton Finn, Purchaser Engagement Manager, TCO Development</p> <p>Wiebren van der Zee, CIO – Domain Expert - Sustainable IT, ABN AMRO</p> <p>Ben J Bakker, Senior Sourcing and Vendor Manager, ABN AMRO</p>



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	WORKSHOP MODERN SLAVERY	
2:30pm AEST 4:30pm NZDT 5:30am BST	5 Common Pitfalls in Modern Slavery Statements—And How to Avoid Them Workshop Overview: Struggling with your modern slavery statement or tender responses? This workshop will break down the most common mistakes organizations make—and show you how to fix them. You’ll also gain practical tools to strengthen your risk mitigation strategies, from developing action plans to implementing effective awareness training tailored to your operations. Join Ro Coroneos, Principal at Praxis ESG, for a hands-on session that will help you navigate compliance with confidence and create more impactful modern slavery initiatives. Led by Ro Coroneos, Principal, Praxis ESG	
REAL WORLD CASE STUDIES RUNNING IN PARALLEL <i>Sessions can be watched on demand</i>		
	Net zero contracting case study	Data driven case study
2:30pm AEST 4:30pm NZDT 5:30am BST	Jemena’s multi-faceted net zero journey including sustainable contracting As Jemena transitions toward net zero, their approach extends beyond technology and infrastructure—it is underpinned by strategic contracting, legal frameworks, and sustainable procurement practices. This session will explore how Jemena navigates the legal complexities of sustainable energy initiatives, including biomethane integration, hydrogen innovation, advanced gas leakage detection, and community battery deployment. We will discuss how procurement strategies, contractual frameworks, and regulatory considerations shape	Empowering sustainable contracting through data This case study explores how leveraging data can drive sustainability in contracting processes. By utilizing advanced analytics, organizations can identify opportunities to reduce environmental impact, enhance supply chain transparency, and align contracts with sustainability goals. Discover how data-driven insights enable better decision-making, monitor compliance with sustainability standards, and foster collaboration with suppliers. With practical examples and measurable results, this case study demonstrates the transformative potential of data

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	our investment in cleaner energy solutions while ensuring compliance, risk management, and long-term sustainability. Gokul Giridharan , Sustainability Lead, Jemena	in creating contracts that support long-term environmental and social outcomes. Maka Kama , Chief Purpose Officer, Alliance ICT
3:30pm AEST 5:30pm NZDT 6:30am BST	5 min switch-over	
	WORKSHOP - HARNESSING AI	
3:35pm AEST 5:35pm NZDT 6:35am BST	AI in Contracting: transforming processes and redefining strategies Hosted by Alliance ICT, this workshop explores the transformative power of AI in contracting, with a dual focus: optimizing contract management through AI-driven efficiencies and navigating the complexities of procuring AI technologies. Discover best practices, challenges, and evolving frameworks for AI procurement while ensuring responsible and strategic sourcing. Rooted in indigenous wisdom and innovation, Alliance ICT brings a unique perspective on leveraging AI to drive both operational excellence and equitable access to technology. Join us to future-proof your contracting strategies in an AI-powered world. Led Maka Kama , Chief Purpose Officer, Alliance ICT	
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	WORKSHOP - CLIMATE CONTRACTING	
4:40pm AEST 6:40pm NZDT 7:40am BST	Getting your contracts delivering your climate goals Becky Annison from the Chancery Lane Project will host a workshop introducing the concept of climate aligned clauses in commercial contracts and legal documents, discussing the obstacles and solutions. Contracts can be one of the biggest enablers to delivering your environmental targets, they can also be one of the biggest barriers. This session will be full of practical material drawing from real life case studies to supercharge your climate goals. What goes in the contract gets done, so let's get climate done! Led by Becky Annison , Director of Engagement, The Chancery Lane Project	
REAL WORLD CASE STUDIES RUNNING IN PARALLEL <i>Sessions can be watched on demand</i>		
	Supplier code of conduct case study	Environmental clause case study

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Enhancing Supplier Codes of Conduct: From Broad Principles to Practical Impacts

Supplier Codes of Conduct (SCoCs) are essential for promoting responsible business practices, yet they are often too vague to be actionable. Over the past six months, the JARGONFREE Project has worked with nine major Finnish companies, analyzing their SCoCs, procurement contracts, and interviewing key stakeholders. A key observation is that while these documents are considered important, many company representatives acknowledge that they do not always expect suppliers to engage with them in detail. This highlights a need to reassess how Supplier Codes of Conduct (SCoCs) can be made more practical and actionable. Companies are increasingly recognizing the role of contracts in advancing corporate responsibility and are seeking ways to enhance their effectiveness in practice.

Anne Ketola, Senior Researcher,
Tampere University; Jargonfree Project

Juho Saloranta, Doctor of Laws,
Sustainability Lawyer, Researcher,
Jargonfree

Soili Nystén-Haarala, Doctor of
Laws, Ms of Business Economics;
Professor of Commercial Law,
University of Lapland

Implementing Climate Clauses in the Energy Sector: Field's Approach to Embedding Sustainability in Contracts

As the energy sector transitions toward net zero, contractual frameworks must evolve to support sustainability goals. Field, a company dedicated to large-scale battery storage development, is integrating climate clauses into its contracts to drive real-world impact. Collaborating with The Chancery Lane Project (TCLP), Field has implemented the Laith & Irsa interest ratchet clause and is progressively adopting additional climate-focused contractual provisions.

This case study explores how these clauses enhance accountability, incentivize sustainable practices, and contribute to a greener energy landscape.

Moderated by Clarissa Lambourne,
Senior Climate Engagement Manager,
The Chancery Lane Project
Chirag Rao, Lead Counsel, **Field Energy**



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	Closing remarks & Call to Action	
5:55pm AEST 7:55pm NZDT 8:55am BST	Together we can make the world a better place one contract at a time – volunteer with us! Nikki Mackay , Chief Development Officer, WorldCC Foundation Angela Tyrell , Director of Strategic Alliances, APAC, World Commerce & Contracting	
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10:45am BST	Network & discover: take the time to discover the virtual environment, the resources our partners have provided and make connections with global peers.
11:00am BST	Welcome & opening remarks Discover the WorldCC Foundation: highlights from our Annual Report Over the past 25 years World Commerce & Contracting has been advocating for a world where all trading relationships deliver social and economic benefit, the WorldCC Foundation was created to support that mission by offering free tools, resources and educational events to help individuals and professionals have the greatest possible impact on the businesses, communities and environmental causes they serve. Join us as we launch our Annual Report, hear about the impact of our work, the resources available to you and how you can become a volunteer to support meaningful change. Barry Hooper , Director of Commercial Function, Cabinet Office Sangeeta Khorana , Professor of International Trade Policy, Aston University Sally Guyer , CEO & President, WorldCC Foundation Moderated by Nikki Mackay , Chief Development Officer, WorldCC Foundation
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	WORKSHOP - EU OMNIBUS
12:00pm BST 60 mins	The EU Omnibus and its impact on contracting: what professionals need to know

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	The European Commission's newly proposed Omnibus legislation aims to streamline critical EU Green Deal regulations, including the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD), the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CSDDD), the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), and the EU Taxonomy. These changes will significantly impact contracting professionals, who must navigate evolving compliance requirements, assess risk, and integrate sustainability criteria into agreements. This workshop will explore the key proposals, their implications, and practical strategies for contracting professionals to adapt. Led by Caroline Christensen, Senior Legal Counsel, Alm Brand Group	
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	Comic contracts case study	Large enterprise case study
12:00pm BST	Strengthening supplier governance: ethical and sustainable practices in global supply chains This session explores a governance-focused project for a global food supplier, aimed at improving ethical and sustainable practices in its supply chain. The initiative involved developing a Supplier Code of Conduct, outlining essential compliance requirements, and a Sustainability Handbook for cocoa and coffee sectors, promoting responsible sourcing. These resources support legally vulnerable smallholder farmers in Africa and South America, fostering fair and transparent working relationships with multinational corporations. This discussion will highlight the impact of such governance tools in creating more sustainable and equitable global supply chains. Robert de Rooy, Attorney & Founder, Creative Contracts	Outokumpu’s journey: pioneering sustainable supply chain practices in the stainless steel industry Outokumpu, a global leader in sustainable stainless steel, has embarked on a transformative journey to build sustainable supply chains in the metals industry. With strong sustainability commitments, such as UNGP and SBTi, both social and environmental practices are embedded in procurement from contracts all the way to on-site assessments. This case study explores how Outokumpu leverages proactive due diligence and regulatory frameworks to drive impactful supply chain improvements. It highlights the strategic steps companies can take to align their supply chain with global sustainability goals, setting a standard for future procurement practices. Pia Lindqvist, Head of Supplier Sustainability, Procurement, Outokumpu
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WORKSHOP - BEGINNERS		
1:05pm BST	Beginner’s guide to responsible contracting New to sustainable contracting? This workshop introduces key concepts like responsible, relational, and proactive contracting. Learn practical steps to meet requirements and explore a real-life case study from an SME excelling in sustainability. Understand the basics and walk away with actionable insights to start your journey in responsible contracting. Led by Daniel Schönfelder , Lead European Legal Advisor, Responsible Contracting Project	
REAL WORLD CASE STUDIES RUNNING IN PARALLEL <i>Sessions can be watched on demand</i>		
	Sustainability & cost efficiency case study	Public procurement case study
1:05pm BST	Driving Sustainability and cost efficiency: Co-op Funeralcare’s Waste Segregation Initiative Through collaboration with its Waste Management Provider, Co-op Funeralcare implemented a waste segregation initiative to distinguish between clinical and offensive waste. Initially trialed at Salford Care Centre and expanded across Wales, the program has now been rolled out nationwide. This initiative has led to substantial cost savings and a reduction of 410 tonnes of CO ₂ emissions. This case study will share key lessons around how Co-op leveraged strong supplier relationships and effective contract management, reinforcing its commitment to sustainability, operational excellence, and long-term efficiency. Mark Charlton-Kingsley , Contract Manager – Cleaning & Waste, Co-op	Building a greener future through sustainable public procurement This case study examines how sustainable public procurement practices can drive environmental, social, and economic benefits. It explores the journey of a public sector organization that implemented innovative strategies to prioritize sustainability in its procurement processes. From integrating green criteria to fostering supplier collaboration, the case highlights tangible outcomes, challenges overcome, and lessons learned. Discover how public procurement can be a powerful tool to promote sustainability, reduce environmental impact, and create long-term value for communities and stakeholders. Karolis Granickas , Head of Europe Sustainability Working Group, Open Contracting Partnership

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2:05pm BST	Comfort break (10mins)	
	WORKSHOP - RELATIONAL CONTRACTING	
2:15pm BST	Advanced strategies for proactive and relational contracting: a deep dive Designed for experienced practitioners, this workshop delves into advanced techniques for integrating responsible contracting with CSDDD requirements. Explore strategies to prioritize risks and align proactive and relational contracting for impactful results. Featuring insights from leaders like and real-world examples, this session equips you with tools to tackle complex contracting challenges effectively. Led by Daniel Schönfelder , Lead European Legal Advisor, Responsible Contracting Project David Frydinger , Partner, Cirio Advokatbyrå AB Juho Saloranta , Doctor of Laws, Sustainability Lawyer, Researcher, Jargonfree	
REAL WORLD CASE STUDIES RUNNING IN PARALLEL <i>Sessions can be watched on demand</i>		
	Fashion industry case study	Sustainable procurement case study
2:15pm BST	From contracts to impact: circular & inclusive supplier partnerships in your value chain Social and environmental goals are often tackled separately in supply chains, frequently seen as a compliance 'burden' rather than integrated into core business strategies. Yet, the future of procurement lies in models that deliver both business value and localized impact. In this session, BSR and Yunus Social Business unveil a new approach: embedding social enterprises into corporate supplier networks to drive circularity, inclusion, and resilience directly through your value chain. We'll explore how identifying and integrating social enterprises into your value chain, in collaboration	Pioneering sustainable procurement: driving green outcomes in government connectivity Sustainability in government procurement is no longer an aspiration—it's an imperative. Ronnie Keenan, as Connectivity Category Lead, has set a new benchmark for sustainable procurement through the Defra Digital Technology Security (DDTS) Mobile Voice & Data Services (MVDS) Procurement Project. By conducting a comprehensive market analysis, identifying sustainability opportunities, and embedding green principles at every stage, Ronnie has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to value for money (VFM) and the Government Digital Sustainability Alliance (GDSA) strategy. This groundbreaking initiative, which earned the Government Commercial Organisation Sustainability Award in November 2024, not only redefines best practices for government departments but also inspires

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	<p>with your direct suppliers, can create positive social impact and unlock business value, in line with your sustainability strategy.</p> <p>Lucie Durand, Executive Director, Social Procurement & Impact Ecosystem, Yunus Social Business</p> <p>Erin Demarest Seglem, Supply Chain & Consumer Sectors Manager, BSR</p> <p>Clodhnagh Conlon, Director, Consumer Sectors, BSR</p>	<p>the broader commercial sector to integrate sustainability into procurement decisions. Join us to explore how forward-thinking procurement can drive both environmental and economic benefits.</p> <p>Speakers to be announced</p>
3:15pm	Switch over 5 mins	
	WORKSHOP CSDDD FOR SMEs	
3:20pm	<p>Preparing SMEs for the Future: Mastering CSDDD with Confidence</p> <p>The Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CSDDD) is transforming how businesses operate—but what does this mean for SMEs? This session will break down the key requirements of CSDDD and show you how to navigate its impact on your operations, supply chains, and responsibilities. Through case studies and interactive exercises, you'll learn practical strategies to identify and assess risks, implement effective preventive, corrective and remedial measures, and turn due diligence into a business advantage. Walk away with actionable tools, step-by-step guidance, and a roadmap to future-proof your business in an evolving regulatory landscape. Don't just adapt—get ahead. Join us and gain the insights you need to thrive in a sustainable future!</p> <p>Kristin Tallbo, Founder & Advisor, Tallbo Advisory, Sustainability Due Diligence</p>	
	<p>REAL WORLD CASE STUDIES RUNNING IN PARALLEL</p> <p><i>Sessions can be watched on demand</i></p>	
	Discover the Sustainability Clause Library	Trust based collaboration case study
3:20pm	<p>The Sustainability Clause Library is your Resource – let's build it together</p> <p>Find out how you can use it or collaborate as a volunteer. We'll take you through this wonderful new resource and highlight the</p>	<p>Case study: transforming contracting through trust and collaboration</p> <p>In high-stakes contracting, shifting from a transactional mindset to one built on trust can redefine success. This session showcases a highly commended entry for the WorldCC Award for Sustainable</p>

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	<p>many other resources available to you.</p> <p>Moderated by Nikki Mackay, Chief Development Officer, WorldCC Foundation</p> <p>Ole Horsfeldt, Partner, Gorrissen Federspiel (invited)</p> <p>Anna-Marie Vickers, Program Manager, WorldCC Foundation</p> <p>Mark O'Halloran, Senior Legal Counsel, Sustainability & Supply, EVBox</p>	<p>Contracting, highlighting a transformative approach to decision-making in a complex and risky project. Rather than transferring responsibility to counterparts, the team fostered mutual understanding through transparent communication and innovative technical and commercial strategies. By prioritizing collaboration over rigid negotiation, they established a healthier contracting environment—one where shared knowledge led to more effective execution and sustainable outcomes. This case was 'Highly Commended' for the WorldCC Award for Sustainable Contracting, join us to explore how trust-based contracting can drive better business and societal impact.</p> <p>Ömer Buğer, CEO, Eren Enerji</p> <p>Yılmaz Özdemir, Director, Thermal Power Plants, Eren Enerji</p> <p>Mehmet Emin Balyemez, Operations Manager, Thermal Power Plant Zetes-2, Eren Enerji</p>
4:30pm	5 min switchover	
	<p>What next?</p> <p>Closing panel discussion and call to action</p>	
4:35pm	<p>Keynote panel discussion: navigating sustainability in uncertain times - what's next for large corporations?</p> <p>In an era of evolving regulations, geopolitical tensions, and increasing stakeholder expectations, our panel of experts will discuss, what's next for large corporations. Together, they will unpack the latest regulatory shifts, discuss the implications of geopolitical uncertainty on corporate sustainability, and explore how companies can move beyond compliance to build truly sustainable and resilient businesses.</p> <p>Key takeaways:</p>	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The latest ESG regulatory developments and their impact on large corporations.• How businesses should navigate the intersection of geopolitics and sustainability.• The way forward with ESG initiatives what companies need to push for now. <p>Moderated by: Christina Rahbek, Partner, Gorrissen Federspiel Michelle T. Davies, Global Head of Sustainability, EY Law Matthew Sekol, ESG and Sustainability Advocate and Senior Advisor; Author of ESG Mindset Marc Heisterkamp, CEO, The Sustainable Purchasing Leadership Council</p>
5:05pm BST	Close WSCD25!