The production of information and communication technologies (ICT) is characterised by exploitative labour conditions as well as human rights violations. Various actors are already taking steps towards creating the supply chain in a more socially responsible way. There are also a few public institutions that take social standards into consideration if it comes to their procurement of ICT products.

The symposium brings together public contracting authorities, politicians from municipalities and from federal states, non-governmental organisations, churches and ICT companies in order to discuss strategies for public authorities to improve their labour conditions within the global ICT industry.

The programme consists of thematic presentations and hands-on workshops facilitated by international experts. Moreover there will be room to discuss current tenders in terms of their consideration of social standards.

The conference will be conducted in German and English. Simultaneous translation will be provided.

The conference attendance is free.
Monday, 22nd May 2017

2.30 – 3.00 p.m.
Registration and welcome drinks

3.00 – 3.20 p.m.
Welcome speech by the hosts

3.20 – 6.00 p.m.
Keynote speeches and discussion
- The workers’ situation within the ICT production in Indonesia—Fahmi Panimbang, Sedane Labor Resource Center (SLRC), Indonesia
- One year after the modernisation of procurement law — the legal status of ICT procurement —
  Dr. Christoph Krönke, Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich, Institute of Politics and Public Law

Vitamin break
- New practical examples: Contracting authorities present new ICT tenders with social standards — amongst others Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development

6.00 – 6.45 p.m.
Guided tour on the ZDF premises

8.00 p.m.
Joint dinner and get-together in a Palatine wine bar (costs are not included)

Tuesday, 23rd May 2017

9.00 – 9.15 a.m.
Registration and welcome drinks

9.15 – 9.35 a.m.
Opening remarks by representatives of the federal states of Rhineland-Palatinate, Saarland and Hesse

9.35 – 10.20 a.m.
Panel discussion
Labour rights and workers’ participation within the ICT sector — present speakers amongst others
- Fahmi Panimbang, Sedane Labor Resource Center (SLRC)
- Christian Weis, IG Metall
- Dr. Gale Raj-Reichert, Queen Mary University of London
- Björn Claeson, Electronics Watch

Vitamin break

10.40 – 12.10 a.m.
Workshops A – C

Lunch buffet

1.10 – 2.40 p.m.
Workshops D – F

2.40 – 3.00 p.m.
Compilation of the conference’s outcomes, prospects and farewell

The deadline of application is 1st May 2017
Registration form via www.faire-beschaffung.de

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Workshop A
ICT procurement in the region of Rhineland-Palatinate, Saarland and Hesse
Dialogue workshop for traders, ICT companies and procurement operators amongst others with Felix Zimmermann, Bitkom

Workshop B
Monitoring, controlling and verifying procurement operators, amongst others with Niclas Rydell, TCO Development, and Björn Claeson, Electronics Watch

Workshop C
Conflict minerals within the ICT tender amongst others with Dr. Heiner Genzken, Intel, and Oliver Sendelbach, FairLötet

Workshop D
ICT procurement of universities
Dialogue workshop amongst others with Thomas Starck, Europa-Universität Flensburg

Workshop E
Presentation of the Sustainability Compass
Practical workshop amongst others with Ann-Kathrin Voge, Servicestelle Kommunen in der Einen Welt / Engagement Global

Workshop F
Labour rights throughout the supply chain – strategies of ICT producers amongst others with Dr. Gale Raj-Reichert, Queen Mary University of London

More information
On www.faire-beschaffung.de you’ll find detailed information about the symposium, accommodation, directions, parking etc.