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Dear members

I cordially invite you to our **International Symposium 2019 “Human Rights in Practice: Equality in Tourism” on 27 June 2019 in Utrecht.**

**Please find the description, preliminary agenda, relevant information and the registration for the symposium [HERE](#).**

We will have a day full of inspiring inputs from tourism and other sectors how to tackle equality issues along the supply chain. Also, there will be plenty of room to discuss and exchange in smaller groups. Please register using the link until 17 May 2019, so we can proceed with the planning accordingly. Feel free to also invite and share the link to your relevant contacts.

**The Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2019 will take place on Friday, 28 June 2019, from 9:00 am to 13:30 pm at the same venue, at Social Impact Factory Utrecht.** Afterwards, we would like to go for a joint lunch (optional, self-pay basis). I will send the agenda and all further information with the official invitation in May.

**I also would like to shortly look back at the ITB 2019 and the launch of our Get Started tool:** The Roundtable panel on “Human Rights in Practice: Working Conditions in Tourism” on ITB was attended by almost 100 visitors. We received very good feedback, and already got the confirmation for the same slot on the big stage in hall 4.1 for ITB 2020. The Roundtable also used the stage to introduce its Get Started tool as one possibility for tourism businesses to assess human rights risks along their supply chain. We presented the tool also during the TourismWatch panel on land rights, and during a presentation of the NAP Helpdesk at the stand of the Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) at ITB. Furthermore, the Get Started tool was mentioned in [fww](#) (Germany), [TravelWeekly](#) (UK) and [TravelInside](#) (Switzerland). With this very good start, we would now like to ask you to give feedback on the feasibility, to spread the word about the tool to as many practitioners and institutions as possible, and to help us collect current cases/ best practices/ examples to make the tool as useful and up-to-date as possible!

**To develop the Get Started tool further, the Roundtable is planning to develop a blueprint for a value chain focussed Human Rights Impact Assessment (HRIA) in destinations until the end of 2019.** The blueprint and practical supporting tools will be implemented in the Get Started tool and support especially small and medium sized tour operators in setting up a risk analysis in their destinations. The Roundtable could already successfully acquire funds for the blueprint development from GIZ - the invitation for tenders is online on the Roundtable website until 26 April. The Roundtable is also in the acquisition process for funds for an on-site assessment to then test the developed blueprint. I will send more details on the project soon, also regarding the involvement of Roundtable members in the project.

Best regards and happy Easter

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