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## Call for Speakers

*The ESF Planning Committee invites you to share your knowledge and experience at the upcoming Ethical Sourcing Forum New York City, March 7-8 2013*

Do you have an idea for a CSR or Supply Chain Sustainability presentation that could be developed into an informative session at the ESF? If so, the Committee invites you to submit a brief written proposal outlining your thoughts. Not only do we welcome your direct participation, but your input is also helpful in informing the overall thematic direction of the Forum itself.

The ESF Planning Committee will evaluate all proposed sessions in terms of relevance to industry; focus within the Forum structure and in terms of speaker qualifications.

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The forum is organized in to **Plenary** sessions and **Mini-Labs**. Plenary sessions are open and attended by all attendees, whereas Mini-Labs are breakout sessions, in which attendees can select 1 of 3 options.

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Presentation format is as follows:

**Plenary Speaker or Mini-Lab Speaker (break-out session)**

The speaker selects the topic of interest that is consistent with the main theme:

***"Changing Expectations of CSR" thru:***

- **Trends in Involuntary Reporting and Disclosure of Non-financial Due-Diligence/Risk, such as SB657 or the Dodd Frank Act.**
- **Industry players that are new to supply chain compliance management with lessons learned and achievements.**
- **Hot Spots and Trends for Environmental Issues in Supply Chain with a particular focus on wastewater/chemical management**
- **Traceability and origin of products**
- **Challenges in scaling up capacity building models to reach a wider portion of the supply chain**
- **The importance of convincing internal departments and teams that sustainability and compliance due diligence with supply chain sourcing are impactful on the business**
- **Operating in high risk environments such as Burma, Bangladesh, Pakistan or a variety of African nations**
- **Changing consumer preferences and pressure and the impact on companies**

Plenary sessions: Usually consist of 2-5 speakers, speaking in intervals of 10-20 minutes each, followed by QA.

Mini-Lab sessions: Depending on the topic, there can be up to two presentations per 40 minutes' session. In the case of a two presentations, each speaker is allotted 15 min (allowing 10 min for Q&A). After the session, there will be a 5-minute break between sessions. This break allows delegates who have heard the session to exit and for a second group to enter – at which point the session is repeated. Each session will accommodate up to 25 delegates.

Speaking and presentation guidelines will be provided once the speaking proposal has been accepted.

Submissions must be submitted by email to [Daisy.Saukila@intertek.com](mailto:Daisy.Saukila@intertek.com) by **December 31, 2012.**

**The submission should:**

- **Include a brief outline of the material to be covered**
- **Be objective and include practical and impartial information**
- **Highlight case studies that involve actual implementation**
- **Include the presenter(s) full name, title, photo (jpg) and a biography 75-100 words with Company logo**
- ***No sales pitches will be accepted***

Additionally, service providers and/or consultants will not be considered for speaking opportunities but are welcome to exhibit.

Thank you for participating at the Ethical Sourcing Forum. We appreciate your support.

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