

Taking Action: The Collaborative Advantage

Navigating conflicting mandates: Modern slavery and human rights due diligence in practice

**Two-part series | Thursday 5 November and Thursday 19 November 2026
| 2:00–3:30pm NZDT**

As expectations around modern slavery disclosure and due diligence continue to develop, New Zealand businesses with global supply chains are having to navigate an increasingly complex regulatory landscape.

Different jurisdictions are introducing modern slavery reporting requirements, forced labour restrictions and rules governing what information businesses can access, disclose and share. For organisations operating across borders, these requirements can sometimes pull in different directions and create practical challenges for identifying and addressing modern slavery risks.

Across this two-part Collaborative Advantage series, Walk Free, DLA Piper and The Mekong Club will explore what this changing landscape means for New Zealand businesses and how organisations can continue to undertake meaningful and effective human rights due diligence.

Together, we will examine:

- Key developments shaping the global modern slavery and human rights landscape
- What changing international requirements could mean for New Zealand businesses and their supply chains
- How businesses can navigate conflicting legal, competition and information-sharing requirements
- Practical approaches to identifying and addressing modern slavery risks across complex supply chains, including for organisations with limited resources
- Where collaboration can help tackle modern slavery challenges that individual businesses cannot solve alone.

Part 1: Navigating the changing modern slavery landscape | Thursday 5 November 2026 | 2:00–3:30pm NZDT

What do global developments in modern slavery regulation and human rights due diligence mean for New Zealand businesses?

This session will explore the changing international landscape and the practical challenges businesses may face when modern slavery disclosure, forced labour and information-sharing requirements intersect.

Hear from:

- Jane Leibowitz, Head of Business and Human Rights, Walk Free
- Gemma Livingston, Special Counsel, DLA Piper
- Daniel Street, Partner, DLA Piper

Part 2: Modern slavery due diligence in practice | Thursday 19 November 2026 | 2:00–3:30pm NZDT

How can businesses maintain effective modern slavery due diligence when operating across complex global supply chains?

This session will move from the regulatory landscape to practice, exploring how businesses can identify and respond to modern slavery risks, work with suppliers and partners, and use collaboration where challenges cannot be addressed by individual organisations alone.

Hear from:

- Matt Friedman, CEO and Founder, The Mekong Club

Discussion facilitated by Rikki Stancich, Partner, Deloitte. Additional speakers to be announced.

[Request registration for the two-part series](#)

About The Collaborative Advantage

Our 2026 series covers topics spanning equity, community impact and labour conditions, with a particular focus on supply chains. Sessions are designed to help members consider what emerging issues mean for their businesses and discuss practical ways to respond.

Registrations are coordinated through The Collaborative Advantage secretariat. Outside the sessions above, expressions of interest can be sent to NZCollabAdvantage@deloitte.co.nz.

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