

ASK – Verité India Supply Chain Symposium – Delhi, India

On November 18, 2009, ASK and Verité will hold our inaugural India Symposium, examining social and environmental responsibility as a key part of sustainability in supply chains.

We will explore the key role that social compliance and labor rights play in a broader sustainability agenda, sharing perspectives from international and domestic practitioners of social compliance, labor protections, development, capacity building, sourcing and branding.

For over a decade global brands have been pursuing supply chain social and environmental responsibility. Yet labor problems persist, some of them severe.

- › **What have we learned?**
- › **What does supplier ownership really mean?**
- › **How can brands and Indian suppliers create mutually beneficial partnerships in support of better labor practices?**

This one-day Symposium will share concrete approaches to these questions.

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Local NGOs, Trade Unions and Academia Rs 2500/\$50

International NGOs Rs 5000/\$100

Corporate Rs 7500/\$150

Speakers and Presenters Include:

Sudhir K. Sinha, Country Head CSR and R&R, ArcelorMittal India Limited

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India Symposium Agenda

9:00-9:30

Welcome & Registration

9:30-10:00

Introduction, ASK & Verité

10:00-11:30

Session 1: Looking beyond Social Auditing

Objective: To look for alternate ways to monitor workplace conditions that leads to positive and visible change at the workplace.

- The participants will explore the ways in which social auditing can be taken to a higher level by increasing participation and capacity of supply chain stakeholders.
- We will also discuss ways to increase standards and quality of social auditing.

11:30–11:45

Tea break

11:45–1:00

Session 2: Supply Chain Ownership: Key stakeholders and their roles

Objective: We will discuss the concept of supply chain ownership and its issues and carve out distinct roles for every stakeholder.

- Participants will come to understand the meaning and need for taking responsibility for issues that arise along the supply chain.
- Participants will hear examples where taking “ownership” of supply chain issues has led to resolving complex problems and has built trust between suppliers and buyers.
- We will also examine the roles and responsibilities of participant stakeholders such as brands, suppliers, NGOs and trade unions.

1:00–1:45

Lunch break

1:45–3:00

Session 3: Addressing Major Issues and Challenges

Objective: To explore and address difficult and complex issues and challenges before successful supplier development.

- Participants will learn about ways to deal with complex issues such as child, contract and forced labour, overtime hours and double book keeping, freedom of association (FOA), harassment and abuse.

3:00–3:30

Tea break

3.30–5.00

Session 4: Innovations in Social Compliance

Objective: To share innovative approaches for managing social compliance programs

- Participants will hear about concrete examples of social compliance management and how Indian brands and suppliers can successfully adopt them.

5:00–5:30 Conclusions and next steps