



Trade and Policy Tools to Address Forced Labor in Global Supply Chains

DC LERA EVENT AT THE ILO OFFICE FOR U.S. AND CANADA

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Washington, DC chapter of Labor and Employment Research Association (DC LERA)

- ▶ Local chapter of the Labor and Employment Relations Association (LERA)
 - ▶ LERA first established in 1948 (leraweb.org) - Focus on labor and employment research - About 40 local chapters
 - ▶ Washington, DC chapter established in 1948
 - ▶ International Labour and Employment Relations Association (ILERA) established in 1966 under the auspices of the International Labour Organization (ILO) (ilera.org)
 - ▶ **PURPOSE:** promote discussion, dialogue and research on the workplace from the perspective of workers, employees, trade unions, employers, human resources, government, labor advocates, arbitrators, mediators (neutrals) and a variety of social groups and actors interested in the workplace

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DC LERA Organizational Structure



- ▶ Board of up to 14 members + *ex officio* board
- ▶ In addition, Labor Attaches from several Embassies to the United States – Currently we have the following countries represented: France, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Spain, Sweden, Taiwan
- ▶ Membership-based organization: several categories of reasonably priced annual dues
 - ▶ Regular \$40
 - ▶ Retiree \$30
 - ▶ Student \$20
- ▶ In 2023 DC LERA introduced Early Career, *In Transition*, Nonprofit / Not Profit memberships \$20

TRADE & POLICY TOOLS

TO ADDRESS

**FORCED
LABOR**

IN GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAINS



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Allison Gill is a human rights lawyer, researcher, and advocate. She joined ILRF in August 2019, leading strategy for a multi-stakeholder coalition to eliminate forced and child labor in cotton production in Central Asia, and to open space for organizing and workers' rights. She has authored numerous reports and submissions to international bodies on forced labor.

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Dean Pinkert joined Corporate Accountability Lab in November 2021 as Special Advisor. His background includes private practice as a labor lawyer and an international trade lawyer and government service in international trade law and policy. Dean served as a Commissioner on the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) from 2007 to 2017

Born and raised in Chicago, Dean earned his B.A. with High Honors in Government and Phi Beta Kappa from Oberlin College, his J.D. with Honors from University of Texas School of Law, and an LLM with Merit from the London School of Economics and Political Science.



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Kevin Willcutts is Deputy Director for Technical Assistance and Cooperation at USDOL in ILAB's Office of Child Labor, Forced Labor and Human Trafficking. He has over 20 years of experience working on international labor and development issues. He has played a lead role in ILAB's strategic engagement with the governments of Cote d'Ivoire and Ghana and the international chocolate and cocoa industry to combat child and forced labor in cocoa supply chains.

Kevin earned his BA from Tufts University and his MA from Yale University with a focus on African Studies.

