

Electronics Watch Regional Event 2026
Addressing modern slavery in public sector supply chains
15 December, London

09:00-09:30 Welcome and opening

09:30-10:45 Modern slavery in southeast Asia: The experience of workers

The first session presents the complexities of modern slavery through case studies from the ElectroPower project: a nickel smelter in Indonesia, and two manufacturing sites in Malaysia and Thailand. Affiliates will learn more about the indicators of forced labour, how they are connected to specific working conditions, and explore potential preventative and restorative remedies.

10:45-11:15 Refreshment and networking break

11:15-12:45 Integrating modern slavery requirements into public tenders

This session explores three common problems procurement teams encounter when integrating modern slavery into their tenders: convincing colleagues to include extra social requirements; balancing tender requirements without diluting the value of bidder responses to them; and respecting the principle of proportionality. Focusing on real examples from affiliates and how they overcame them, it will identify practical approaches that participants can test in their next tender.

12:45-14:15 Lunch followed by a Learning Café, an exhibition of achievements and innovations from Electronics Watch and affiliates

14:15-15:30 Addressing instances of modern slavery during contract performance

The final session focuses on solutions to common challenges during contract performance. Three affiliates will discuss how they dealt with low knowledge and engagement among resellers; a lack of internal processes and structures needed to be responsive; and uncertainty about their own expertise to engage suppliers. Group work will give participants the opportunity to share their own experiences and learn from each other.

15:45 -16:30 Closing and thanks

16:30-17:00 Networking