

Good practice project

Training: sustainable supply chains

CHALLENGE AND APPROACH

In the Global South, **minimum standards** are more difficult to comply with due to complex factors - with fatal consequences for people and the environment. German companies are therefore now legally obliged to uphold **human rights due diligence** throughout their supply chain. To support companies in complying with and implementing their obligations, the Business Scouts have designed a **certified IHK course** together with partner institutions in Germany. The training content was also adapted and is now, as a pilot, being offered to **local SMEs in Southern Africa** via the Chamber of Commerce and Industry based there, in order to achieve holistic changes.

EFFECTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

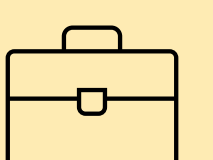
The course enables companies in Germany and Southern Africa to identify and assess the negative **impacts of their actions on people and the environment** in order to avoid them in the future. **Corporate due diligence** processes are therefore **anchored** in German and local companies and thus along the entire supply chain, **improving social and environmental standards in developing and emerging countries**. The project received the „German Award for Sustainability Projects“ 2022.

PROSPECT

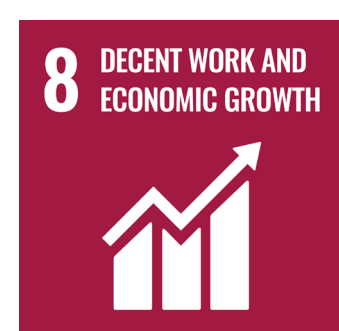
Following the successful pilot, the certified IHK course will be **rolled out across Germany**. The **expansion of the pilot abroad** to other Southern African countries is being planned.

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planned courses across Germany



Implementation of social standards



Data & Facts

Countries	Germany, Southern Africa
Partner institution	IHK Potsdam, Mittlerer Niederrhein & Düsseldorf, Southern African-German Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Involved partners	Education centers of the IHKs, Helpdesk on Business & Human Rights
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