

# 2025 New York Leadership Series

**Responsible Supply Chain  
Stewardship and Leadership:  
Navigating a Dynamic Era**



# AGENDA

## October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025

8:30 – 9:00 AM	<b>Registration</b> and Continental Breakfast / Coffee / Tea
9:00 – 9:10 AM	<b>Welcome</b> , housekeeping, overview of the day  <i>Andrew Savini</i> , Vice President, LRQA
9:10 – 10:00 AM	<b>LRQA Top Trends in Business, Human Rights and Responsible Sourcing for 2025</b>  LRQA leadership will provide their candid views of the state of the industry and responsible sourcing.  <i>Ian Spaulding</i> , CEO, LRQA <i>Andrew Savini</i> , Vice President, LRQA
10:00 – 10:55 AM	<b>Strengthening the Chain at Home: A Public-Private Dialogue on Ethical U.S. Production</b>  As U.S. production grows amid shifting trade policies, LRQA and partners from Fragomen and Fortney Law unveil a new framework to help companies safeguard labor rights and manage compliance risks.  <i>Edward Raleigh</i> , Partner, Fragomen Law <i>David Fortney</i> , Co-Founder, Fortney Law <i>Meghan Quinlan</i> , Principal, LRQA Moderated by: <i>Ian Spaulding</i> , CEO, LRQA
10:55 – 11:10 AM	Coffee networking break
11:10 – 12:10 PM	<b>A New World: Measuring the Impacts of the Trump Trade Agenda</b>

	<p>This session unites regulatory, investor, and data-driven insights to explore how shifting geopolitics are reshaping responsible sourcing, investment priorities, and corporate accountability across global supply chains.</p> <p><b>Kilian Moote</b>, US Head of ESG &amp; Manager Director, Georgeson  <b>Laura Nishikawa</b>, Head of ESG Research, MSCI, Inc.  <b>Fiona Watson</b>, VP, WBCSD  <b>Kevin Franklin</b>, Chief Product Officer, LRQA, CEO, EiQ  Moderated by: <b>Stuart Kelly</b>, Commercial Advisor, LRQA</p>
12:10 – 1:10 PM	Networking Luncheon & NYSE trading floor tours
1:10 – 2:00 PM	<p><b>Preserving and Evolving the Business Case for Responsible Sourcing</b></p> <p>In this interactive session, attendees will collaborate in groups to craft and defend responsible sourcing strategies that mirror real-world C-Suite decisions under market and regulatory uncertainty.</p> <p><b>Mike Toffel</b>, Professor, Harvard Business School  <b>Marcela Romero</b>, Head of Americas Advisory, LRQA  <b>Arno Gasteiger</b>, Head of Programs, LRQA</p>
2:00 – 2:40 PM	<p><b>Innovations in Monitoring and Supplier Due Diligence</b></p> <p>Discover how new technologies—from AI-driven assessments to integrated grievance systems—are transforming supplier monitoring and reshaping responsible sourcing programs.</p> <p><b>Ashley Apel</b>, Partnerships Director, Conservation International  <b>Kim Combs</b>, Supplier Risk and Compliance Manager, Kroger  <b>Alejandra Barajas Barbosa</b>, Data Insights Manager, SLCP  Moderated by: <b>Meghan Quinlan</b>, Principal, LRQA</p>
2:40 – 3:00 PM	<p><b>Our A.I. Vision</b></p> <p>Proceeding the panel on innovations in monitoring, Kevin Franklin will share with the audience LRQA’s vision on Artificial Intelligence, and how we are revolutionizing responsible sourcing program management and workflows.</p>

	<b>Kevin Franklin</b> , Chief Product Officer, LRQA, CEO, EiQ
3:00 – 3:20 PM	Coffee Networking Break
3:20 – 4:10 PM	<p><b>Supply Chain Decarbonization in the New Era of Trade</b></p> <p>This session examines how companies are balancing decarbonization, cost, and compliance in a post-tariff world through risk-based planning, collaboration, and data-driven tools that reshape transparency and reporting across global supply chains.</p> <p><b>Michelle Tarry</b>, VP, Responsible Sourcing &amp; Sustainability, AEO  <b>Logan Duran</b>, Global Head of ESG &amp; Sustainability, Tapestry  <b>Thibault Boiron</b>, Director, Supply Chain Decarbonization, RESET Carbon, LRQA  <b>Moderated by Eva Xiao</b>, Data Journalist, Financial Times</p>
4:10 – 5:00 PM	<p><b>Effective Supplier Remediation: Building Capacity in a Constrained Environment</b></p> <p>This panel explores how companies are empowering suppliers through education, upskilling, and capacity building to share responsibility and drive stronger social and compliance outcomes across the value chain.</p> <p><b>Stephanie Grotta</b>, VP, Responsible Sourcing and Sustainable Capabilities, Target  <b>Jill Davies</b>, Sr. Director, Corporate Responsibility and Human Rights, Best Buy  <b>Tina Nguyen</b>, VP of ESG, Centric Brands  Moderated by: <b>Margot Sfeir</b>, Global Head of Responsible Sourcing Assessment, LRQA</p>
5:00 – 5:20 PM	<p><b>Closing Remarks</b></p> <p>Team LRQA, EiQ and Clients</p>
5:20 – 6:30 PM	Networking reception – NYSE Floor



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