

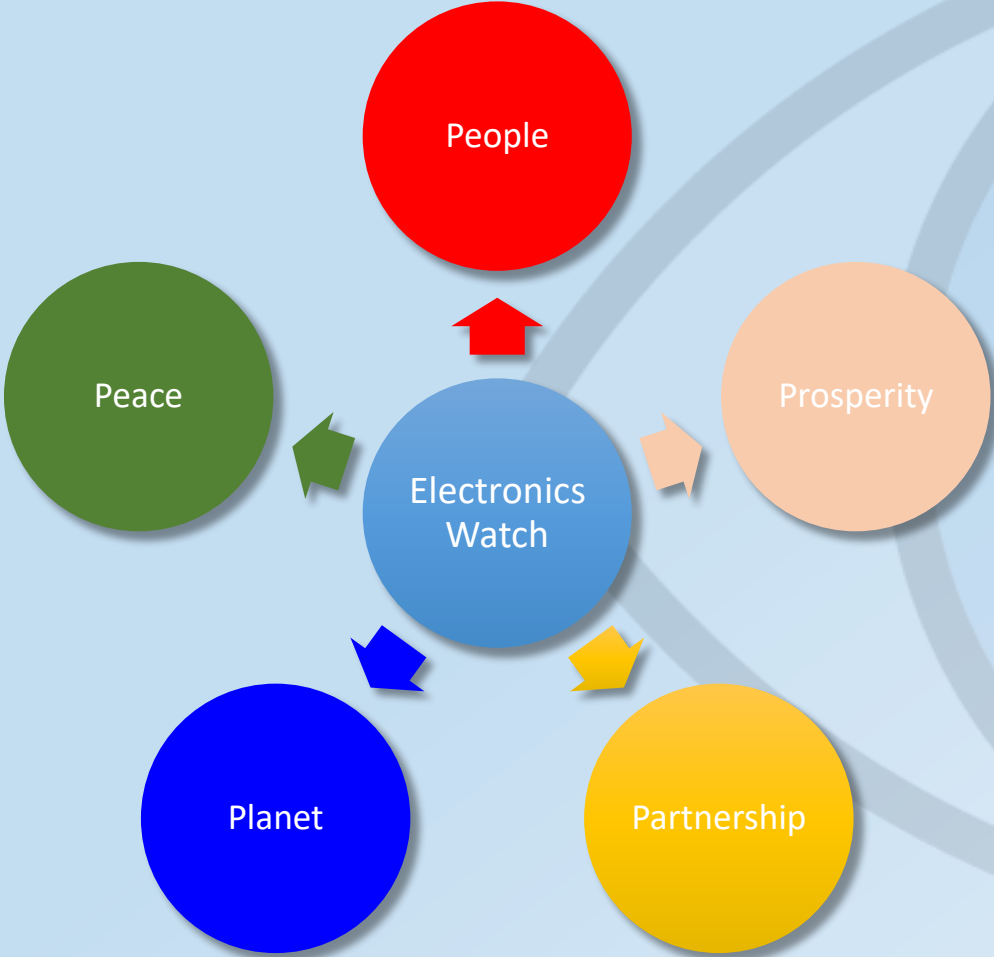
Electronics Watch

Independent Monitoring for Public Procurement

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Electronics Watch and the 5P's



Starting points of Electronics Watch



Monitoring

Beyond social audits
vulnerable workers need trust

Engagement

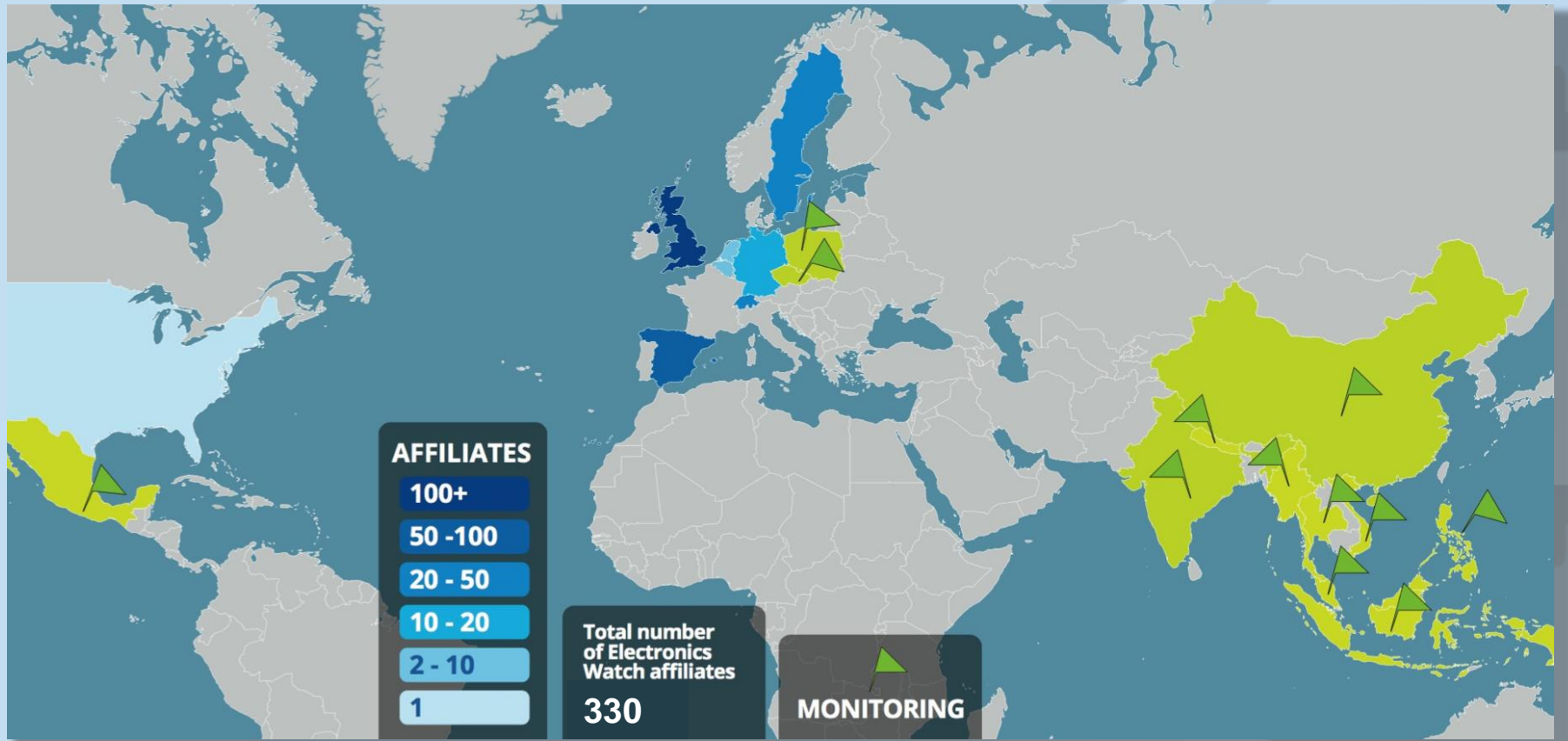
Due diligence of supply chain
Follow-up contractual obligations
Not naming and shaming



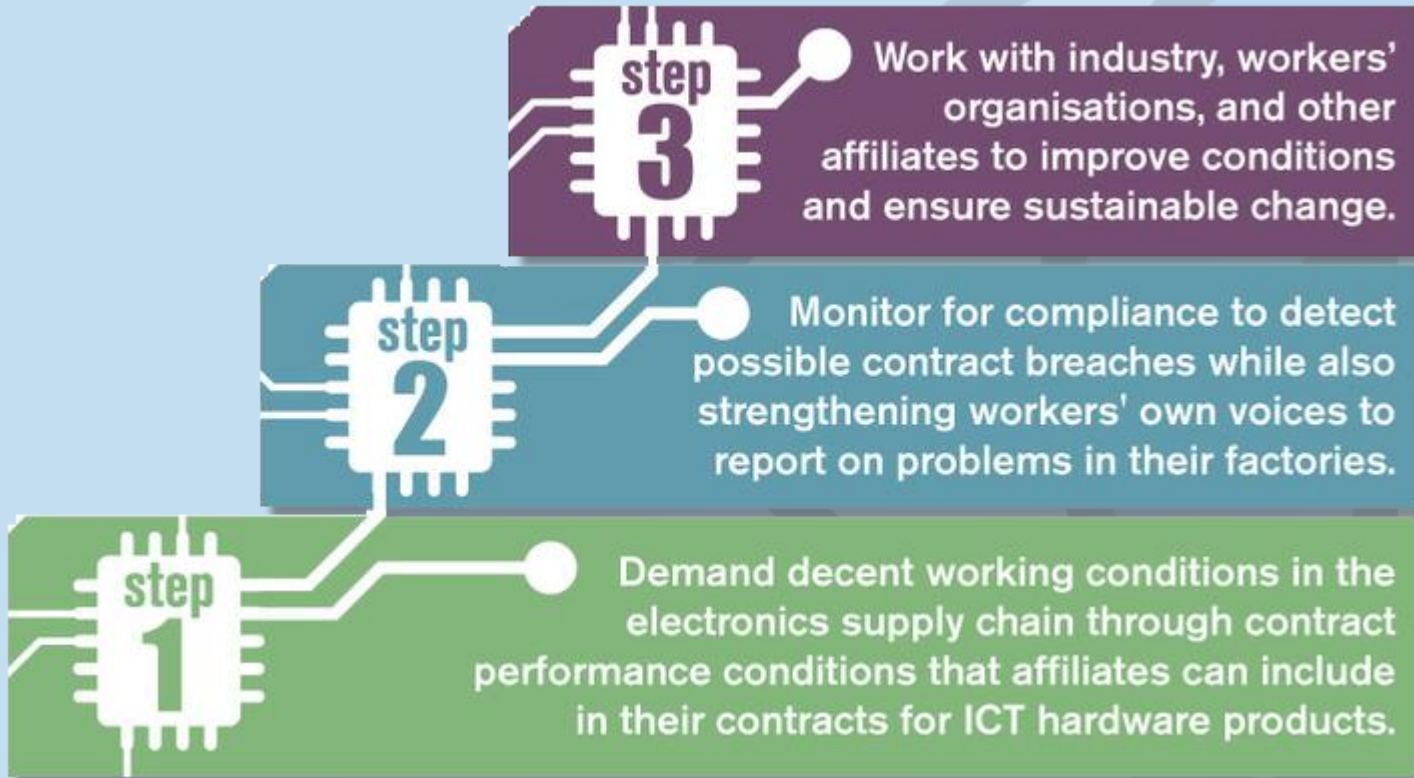
Collaboration

Public buyers across organisational
and national boundaries
Meeting monitors in person and
through reports

Networking for Impact



Contracting for Change



Worker-driven Monitoring

active involvement of workers

initiate investigation

involved in solutions

offsite

local

onsite

expert

remediation

trust

informed

safe

worker-driven transparency



Forced Labour in Thailand – Cal-Comp

Electronics Watch and Migrant Worker Rights Network **found:**

- Passports and work permits withheld from workers
- Excessive recruitment fees for Myanmar migrant workers
- Worker coercion to cover up excessive recruitment fees

Improvements

- Return of passports and work permits
- 10,000 workers fully reimbursed
- stop to hiring migrant workers until recruitment policy developed



Toxic Chemicals in Indonesia

- Electronics Watch and Sedane Labour Resource Centre (LIPS) **found:**
 - respiratory illnesses and fainting
 - toxic cleaning solvent toluene

Improvements

- Toluene replaced with less toxic ethyl acetate
- Ventilation system repaired
- Workers received more effective protective equipment



Forced Labour in Malaysia – Tier 3 supplier

Electronics Watch found in 5 factories:

- tier 2 and tier 3
- debt bondage and forced labour risks

Improvements

- 3 factories: return of identity documents to workers
- Worker receive compensations
- Ongoing work with RBA on reimbursement of cost



Electronics Watch monitoring – 2019



Screened risks
in **56** factories



Documented and responded
to worker rights complaints
in **9** factories



Conducted
1 supply chain screening
of two major OEMs, covering
38 suppliers

Thank you!



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