

BANKING STAKEHOLDER GROUP



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Sangeeta Goswami is Policy Advocacy Adviser at Human Security Collective (HSC), a nonprofit organization (NPO) based in The Netherlands. HSC works on ensuring a free and fully-enabled operating environment for NPOs worldwide. Impediments to this environment come from many fronts, including the AML/CFT frameworks set by bodies like the Financial Action Task Force (FATF). To that end, HSC co-founded and currently co-chairs the Global NPO Coalition on FATF, a network of 450 NPOs worldwide. The Coalition advocates for the effective, risk-based implementation of financial integrity standards in order to mitigate the unintended consequences of their implementation, one of which is bank de-risking. Work on addressing NPO de-risking takes place at both the normative level through policy change, and at national level through multi-stakeholder dialogue processes. HSC co-convenes (with the Ministry of Finance and the Dutch Banking Association) the Dutch Roundtable on Financial Access for NPOs, which brings together key stakeholders – NPOs, banks, government, the supervisor and the Banking Association - to promote financial inclusion and guarantee NPOs' important work. A practical solution resulting from the roundtable is a portal for NPOs to help facilitate onboarding and transfers. A second roundtable coordinated by the Dutch Banking Association and supported by the Central Bank and the Ministry of Finance (of which HSC was also a part) resulted in Risk-Based Industry Baselines for banks and customers, which provide banks with clear principles for riskbased CDD, and more detailed Sector Baselines for those sectors most impacted by de-risking such as NPOs. The NPO baseline, for example, lays out both risk enhancing and risk mitigating factors for NPO transactions.

Additionally, Sangeeta is a member of the <u>EU AML/CFT Global Facility's</u> Senior Advisory Group, on the Steering Group of the <u>UN CSO Coalition on Human Rights and Counter-Terrorism</u>, and a team member of the <u>Advancing Humanitarianism Through Sanctions Refinement</u> group.