



ROUNDTABLE

SUSTAINABLE MIGRATION FROM AFRICA TO EUROPE

Chatham House Rule

Dear participants, this online event will take place under **Chatham House Rule**.

What is the Chatham House Rule?

The Chatham House Rule helps create a trusted environment to understand and resolve complex problems. Its guiding spirit is: share the information you receive, but do not reveal the identity of who said it.

The Rule reads as follows: *“When a meeting, or part thereof, is held under the Chatham House Rule, participants are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s), nor that of any other participant, may be revealed.”*

The Rule explained

Meetings do not have to take place at Chatham House, or be organized by Chatham House, to be held under the Rule.

The Chatham House Rule applies to online events in the same way as it does to in-person activities.

Remarks made by any participant or speaker cannot be publicly or privately attributed to them.

The rule is not a legally binding decree but an expectation of attendees' behaviour both during and after an event.

Why apply the Chatham House Rule?

The Chatham House Rule exists to enable free discussion. It allows people to speak as individuals, and to express views that may not be those of their organizations, and therefore it encourages free discussion. People usually feel more relaxed if they do not have to worry about their reputation or the implications if they are publicly quoted.

In a polarized world, used effectively, the Chatham House Rule helps to bring people together, break down barriers, generate ideas and find solutions.

Twitter during an event under the Chatham House Rule

The Rule can be used effectively on social media sites such as Twitter as long as the person tweeting or messaging reports only what was said at an event and does not identify - directly or indirectly - the speaker or another participant. This consideration should always guide the way in which event information is disseminated - online as well as offline.

More information about the Rule can be found here: <https://www.chathamhouse.org/chatham-house-rule-faq>