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Floor is a human rights researcher with over 12 years of experience in the investigation of rights violations linked to government and corporations. She was academically trained as a criminologist and the investigation of international crimes, applying legal and criminological research methods.

She has managed a vast number of field investigations in countries such as Colombia, Egypt, Ethiopia, Jordan, Vietnam, and Uganda to provide evidence for case development and advocacy strategies for clients such as the American Bar Association Human Rights Program, Amnesty International, Friends of the Earth Netherlands, Fair Wear Foundation and the VU University’s Department of Criminal Law and Criminology.

Floor specialises in bridging the accountability gap for human rights violations linked to corporations and financial institutions. The retaliation against women's rights defenders, and the suppression of critical feminist voices - and how to counter this – also have a prominent focus in her work. For justice and accountability purposes, she has documented human rights abuses in the extractives, garment, and agribusiness industries and those linked to (international) financial institutions.

Fields of Expertise:

• corporate accountability and “business and human rights”

• international criminal law and the criminology of international crimes

• research and investigative methods for human rights documentation (human rights monitoring, fact finding and shadow reporting)  
• interviewing key informants in fragile settings

• developing advocacy strategies for justice initiatives

Selection of Recent Public Media and Publications:

# Het Financieel Dagblad (2021). [De naam ‘ontwrichtingsbank’ past inmiddels beter bij FMO dan ontwikkelingsbank](https://fd.nl/opinie/1424333/de-naam-ontwrichtingsbank-past-inmiddels-beter-bij-fmo-dan-ontwikkelingsbank-rvc2canbhgAj)

* Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime (2021). [Zero Risk Mentality](https://globalinitiative.net/analysis/financial-resilience/)

[The damaging effect of AML/CFT measures for civil society](https://globalinitiative.net/analysis/financial-resilience/).

* Friends of the Earth Netherlands (2021). [Palm Oil Certification: Not ‘Out of the Woods’](https://en.milieudefensie.nl/news/press-release-palm-oil-certification-not-out-of-the-woods)
* WO=MEN (2020). [Hold the line. COVID-19 and the pushbacks on gains made on gender equality and women’s rights](https://www.wo-men.nl/kb-bestanden/1600323455.pdf)

# Kvinna til Kvinna (2018). [Maintaining a Role for Women’s Organizations in International Development Finance.](https://kvinnatillkvinna.org/publications/maintaining-a-role-for-womens-organizations-in-international-development-finance/)