



## RAISING THE AMBITION – INCREASING THE PACE UNGPs 10+

### A ROADMAP FOR THE NEXT DECADE OF BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

The road to sustainable development, just green transition and responsible recovery goes through respect for people and the planet. As the authoritative global framework for preventing and addressing adverse business-related human rights impacts, the [United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights](#) (UNGPs) are a foundational tool for tackling these major collective challenges.

[As the UNGPs turned 10 in June 2021](#), the [UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights](#),<sup>1</sup> mandated by the Human Rights Council to promote dissemination and implementation of the UNGPs worldwide, took stock of the first decade of implementation. The [stocktaking](#) highlighted that the UNGPs have led to significant progress by providing a common framework for all stakeholders in managing business-related human rights risks and impacts. Yet, considerable challenges remain when it comes to coherent implementation with respect to ensuring better protection and prevention of adverse human rights impacts, with particular attention to the most marginalized and vulnerable, and to ensuring access to remedy for harms that occur.

*Therefore, what we need now for the next decade is to raise the ambition and increase the pace of implementation, to improve coherence and create greater impact.*

The UNGPs 10+ Roadmap for the next decade – launched at the 2021 UN Forum on Business and Human Rights – follows the stocktaking, complementing the assessment of the first decade with forward-looking recommendations for the next one. Building on the stocktaking’s analysis of achievements to date and existing challenges and opportunities, it sets out key action areas for the road ahead and for progressively getting closer to fuller UNGPs realization. Each action area identifies priority goals for what needs to happen and supporting actions to be taken by States and businesses as well as other key stakeholders, all playing a role in realizing UNGPs implementation. Its ultimate objective echoes that of the UNGPs themselves—that they should be translated to practice so as to “achieve tangible results for affected individuals and communities, and thereby also contributing to a socially sustainable globalization.”

The stocktaking and the Roadmap are results of the Working Group’s [UNGPs 10+ project](#), which has been supported by a wide-ranging multi-stakeholder consultation process.

The Working Group has identified eight action areas for moving faster and with greater ambition to support the overall ***urgent need for more coherent action***. The Roadmap elaborates on the priority goals connected to each action area, setting out what needs to happen over the next decade to scale

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<sup>1</sup> Official title: Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises, established by the Human Rights Council in 2011 by resolution [17/4](#).

up UNGPs integration and implementation and corresponding supporting actions to be taken by States and businesses, as well as other stakeholders.

These eight action areas and corresponding priority goals are:

Strategic direction	<p>Action area 1: UNGPs as a compass for meeting global challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Goal 1.1: Make business respect for human rights a core element of <i>just transition</i> and sustainable development strategies</li> <li>• Goal 1.2: Enhance collective action to tackle systemic challenges</li> <li>• Goal 1.3: Optimize digital transformation through respect for human rights</li> <li>• Goal 1.4: Ensure coherence and alignment in standards development</li> </ul>
Protect, Respect, Remedy	<p>Action area 2: State duty to protect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Goal 2.1: Improve policy coherence to reinforce more effective government action</li> <li>• Goal 2.2: Seize the mandatory wave and develop a full smart mix</li> </ul>
	<p>Action area 3: Business responsibility to respect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Goal 3.1: Scale up business uptake and translate commitments to respect into practice</li> <li>• Goal 3.2: Embed human rights due diligence in corporate governance and business models</li> <li>• Goal 3.3: Challenge business practices that are inconsistent with respect for human rights</li> </ul>
	<p>Action area 4: Access to remedy and meaningful stakeholder engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Goal 4: Move from paper to practice in tackling barriers to access to remedy</li> </ul>
Cross-cutting issues	<p>Action area 5: More and better stakeholder engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Goal 5: Ensure meaningful stakeholder engagement to reinforce protect, respect and remedy</li> </ul>
	<p>Action area 6: More and better leverage to drive faster change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Goal 6.1: Seize financial sector ESG momentum and align the S in ESG with the UNGPs</li> <li>• Goal 6.2: Leverage other business community “shapers” beyond regulators and finance</li> </ul>
	<p>Action area 7: More and better tracking of progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Goal 7.1: Spur State action and accountability through more systematic learning, data gathering and monitoring</li> <li>• Goal 7.2: Improve the tracking of business impacts and performance</li> </ul>
	<p>Action area 8: More and better international cooperation and implementation support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Goal 8.1: Plug the gap in UN system integration of the UNGPs</li> <li>• Goal 8.2: Enhance capacity-building and coordination to support faster and wider UNGPs uptake and implementation</li> <li>• Goal 8.3: Spur regional races to the top</li> </ul>

Read the Roadmap here: [ohchr.org/ungps10plusroadmap](https://ohchr.org/ungps10plusroadmap)

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- UNGPs 10+ project: [ohchr.org/ungpsBizHRsnext10](https://ohchr.org/ungpsBizHRsnext10)
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