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**Human Rights Council**  
**Forum on business and human rights**  
**First session**  
4 – 5 December 2012

## **Programme information – short version**

**Revised version – Revision 1, 2 December 2012**

Sessions in Room XX will be available in webcast via the Forum web page. You can also follow the proceedings by telephone by dialling annex 70901 or +41229170901 and keying the relevant room number (1 for the Assembly Hall).

4 DECEMBER		
08.30 – 09.45	<b>Room XXIII</b> <b>The UN Working Group on business and human rights presents:</b> A presentation of initial results from a baseline survey on implementation of the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (GPs) by the Working Group.	
10.00 – 11.30 Opening session	<b>NOTE: New room: Assembly Hall</b> <b>High-level segment: From Business and Human Rights Principles to Implementation in Practice</b>	
15 min	<b>BREAK</b>	
<b>TAKING STOCK - 1 ½ YEARS AFTER THE ENDORSEMENT OF THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES – PILLARS I &amp; II</b>		
11.45 – 13.15	<b>Room XX</b> <b>The State Duty To Protect</b> – Government experiences and steps taken toward implementing the GPs and identifying opportunities for implementation.	<b>Room XXI</b> <b>The Business Responsibility To Respect</b> – Business experience in implementing the GPs and opportunities for wider implementation.
		<b>Room XXIII</b> <b>The Role Of Global Governance Frameworks</b> – How international institutions are aligning their policies and efforts for uptake of the GPs.
30 min	<b>BREAK</b>	
13.45 – 15.15	<b>Room XX</b> <b>The Role of Public Finance in advancing implementation of the GPs</b>	<b>Room XXI</b> <b>The GPs and “New Audiences”</b> - Challenges and Opportunities: Perspectives from Global Compact Participants and Civil Society.
45 min	<b>BREAK</b>	
<b>‘TAKING STOCK - 1 ½ YEARS AFTER THE ENDORSEMENT OF THE GPs’ – PILLAR III</b>		
16.00 – 18.00	<b>Room XX</b> <b>Access To Judicial Remedy</b> – Developments in access to judicial remedy for business-related human rights impacts.	<b>Room XXI</b> <b>Access To Non-Judicial Remedy</b> – A discussion on priorities for taking non-judicial grievance mechanisms and dispute resolution forward.
18.00 – 20.00	<b>Reception - CANCELLED</b>	

**5 DECEMBER**

08.30 – 09.45	<b>Room XX</b> <b>The UN Working Group on business and human rights presents:</b> Lessons learned from its first official country mission in Mongolia, and joint presentation with the Danish Institute for Human Rights of the Working Group's draft country mission template.			
15 mins	<b>BREAK</b>			
10.00 – 11.30	<b>CHALLENGES IN IMPLEMENTATION</b>			
	<b>Room XX</b> <b>Of the State Duty to Protect</b> – With a focus on effective regulatory action and policy coherence and identifying opportunities for the way forward.	<b>Room XXIII</b> <b>Of the Business Responsibility to Respect</b> – With a focus on human rights policies, due diligence, and remediation processes.	<b>Room XXI</b> <b>For the Role Of Civil Society</b> – In advancing the GPs and identifying opportunities for affected stakeholders.	<b>Room XXII</b> <b>For the Role of the UN System</b> – In promoting implementation of the GPs, mitigating challenges and creating opportunities for uptake.
15 mins	<b>BREAK</b>			
11.45– 13.15	<b>CHALLENGES IN IMPLEMENTATION</b>			
	<b>Room XX</b> <b>In Conflict Zones</b> – Developments and opportunities in implementing the GPs.	<b>Room XXIII</b> <b>For SMEs</b> – How can the largest category of businesses in the world become aware of and integrate the GPs into their operations?	<b>Room XXI</b> <b>For Business Affecting Indigenous Peoples</b> – What are the critical implementation challenges for the GPs in the context of business operations affecting indigenous peoples?	
30 min	<b>BREAK</b>			
13.45– 15.15	<b>Room XXI</b> <b>Developing an Agenda for Comprehensive Capacity Building on Implementation of the GPs</b>	<b>Room XXIII</b> <b>The Role of the Finance Sector in Advancing the GPs</b>	<b>Room XXII</b> <b>Responsible Contracts: Integrating the Management of Human Rights Risks into State-investor Contract Agreements</b>	
15 min	<b>BREAK</b>			
15.30– 18.00  Closing session	<b>Room XX</b> <b>The Way Forward: Opportunities and Priorities for Action by Relevant Actors</b> <i>15.30-17.00</i> <i>Multistakeholder panel</i> <i>Interactive dialogue</i> <i>17.00-18.00</i> <i>Closing remarks</i>			

**PROGRAMME OF SIDE EVENTS AT THE FORUM ON BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS**

*NOTE: The Working Group and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights are not responsible for side events. Side events are the sole responsibility of the external organizers.*

3 DECEMBER				
13.00-15.00		<b>Room XXI</b> <b>Presentation of cases by affected stakeholders to the Working Group</b>		<b>Room XXIII</b> <b>Challenges and Opportunities for the Extractives Industry in integrating human rights into operations</b>
15.30-18.00		<b>Room XXI</b> <b>Responsible investment in Myanmar – Ongoing initiatives for aligning investment with human rights</b>	<b>Room XXII</b> <b>The role of National Human Rights Institutions</b>	<b>Room XXIII</b> <b>Launch of the human rights due diligence project</b> <i>Followed by a reception</i>
4 DECEMBER				
08.00-09.45			<b>Room XXII</b> <b>Due diligence for the right to join a trade union and to bargain collectively</b>	
13.30-15.00	<b>Room XI</b> <b>The Guiding Principles &amp; Risk Management: Developing a Global Corporate Community of Practice for Innovation in Human Rights Due Diligence</b>		<b>Room XXII</b> <b>The role of the legal profession in promoting implementation of the Guiding Principles</b>	

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<b>5 DECEMBER</b>				
08.00-09.45		<b>Room XXI</b> <b>Impact and remedy of mining on Latin American Indigenous Women</b>	<b>Room XXII</b> <b>The Gender Dimension of Business and Human Rights: Introducing the Women's Empowerment Principles – Equality Means Business</b>	<b>Room XXIII</b> <b>Human rights due diligence and business relationships</b>
13.30-15.00	<b>Room XI</b> <b>Indigenous Peoples and Extractive Industries</b>			

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