

**Improving Human Rights Reporting:  
The Contribution of the Reporting and Assurance Frameworks Initiative (RAFI)**

**Monday, 1 December 2014, 2:45-4:15pm, Room XXIII  
Hosted by Shift**

In today's ever more transparent world, companies are under increasing pressure to show that they respect human rights throughout their operations. In particular, there is growing demand for greater formal reporting by companies on their human rights performance. This comes from a range of sources, including regulators, stock exchanges, public and private financial institutions, investors, and other stakeholders, and it has been accelerated by the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.

The draft UN Guiding Principles Reporting Framework has been developed to help companies meet the evolving expectations for more and better public information about how they meet their responsibility to respect human rights. It should also help ensure more meaningful information for stakeholders. The Reporting Framework is being developed through the Reporting and Assurance Frameworks Initiative (RAFI). RAFI is co-facilitated by Shift and Mazars through an open, global, consultative process involving representatives of companies, investors, civil society, governments and other experts from all regions of the world. The framework will be tested through pilot work with companies; the first pilot with Unilever was announced in September 2014.

The Reporting Framework is grounded firmly in the UN Guiding Principles. A draft of the Framework will be launched in London in February 2015. Once finalized, it will be non-proprietary and publicly available to all stakeholders to use.

The purpose of this session is to share some of the key elements of the draft Reporting Framework through a practical exercise, and to hear from company, civil society and other experts about the relevance of the Framework to their work. Shift will facilitate the session with the aim of making it as interactive as possible.

**Session Agenda:**

**14:45-15:10:** Introduction to the draft UN Guiding Principles Reporting Framework by Rachel Davis, Managing Director, Shift

**15:10-15:30:** Perspectives on key challenges and opportunities in human rights reporting from **Marcela Manubens** (Global Vice President for Social Impact, Unilever) and **Amol Mehra** (Director, International Corporate Accountability Roundtable)

**15:30-16:00:** Practical exercise by all participants using sections of the draft Reporting Framework

**16:00-16:10:** Reflections from **Rafendi Djamin** (Indonesian Representative to the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights)

**16:10-16:15** Closing comments by Rachel Davis, Managing Director, Shift