



## 2015 United Nations Forum on **Business and Human Rights**

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“Tracking progress and ensuring coherence”

# Programme

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## Welcome to the 2015 Forum!

This year's Forum will identify ways to track progress, promote policy coherence and achieve more rapid change on the ground for rights-holders. Discussions in the plenary and parallel sessions will focus on [six key areas](#) that address the overall theme, taking into account the three pillars of the Guiding Principles: the State duty to protect against human rights abuses, the corporate responsibility to respect human rights, and the need for access to effective remedy for victims:

1. Efforts to track performance and progress in the implementation of the Guiding Principles, examining the wide range of existing initiatives and methodologies – from measuring, tracking and reporting to ranking and benchmarking – to measure and track progress of implementation by States and businesses;
2. Policy coherence in global governance frameworks, exploring the practical implications of the Guiding Principles for policies relating to trade, investment and sustainable development, and opportunities for improved policy coherence;
3. Policy and practice coherence at the national level, exploring emerging practices, challenges and opportunities, including the increasing trend of developing national action plans on business and human rights, as well as a focus on State-owned enterprises and economic activities controlled by the State;
4. Corporate respect for human rights in practice, exploring how companies can effectively prevent and address any adverse impact on human rights, with a particular focus on human rights due diligence, sector specific challenges and supply chain issues;

5. Groups at risk, learning from human rights defenders and groups who have been and are at particular risk of business-related human rights abuses, assessing the level of protection, and exploring good practice responses;
6. Access to effective remedy, examining trends and innovative ways to strengthen access to remedy for victims through both judicial and non-judicial mechanisms.

Each year the Forum strives to link discussions to concrete realities and existing challenges to securing protection, respect and remedy of private sector impact on human rights. Multi-stakeholder engagement between States, businesses, civil society and affected stakeholders across the three pillars of the Guiding Principles is a key focus. Mega sports events, which have dominated recent global headlines, also encapsulate all six of the Forum's themes and will be discussed in a special session.

A number of parallel sessions organized by external stakeholders will complement UN-led sessions on the topics listed above and address key trends and issues related to specific rights, groups, sectors and operational contexts. High-level plenary sessions will provide leadership perspectives on the business and human rights agenda and current global trends.

[Interpretation](#) services in English, French and Spanish will be provided at all sessions organized by the Working Group and OHCHR. Plenary sessions will be provided with interpretation services in all official languages of the United Nations. Interpretation services for other sessions are subject to arrangements made by external organizers.

[Map of Palais des Nations](#) (entry via the "Pregny Gate")

Blue background: Sessions led by the UN Working Group and/or OHCHR

White background: Sessions organized by external stakeholders

Interpretation: E (English), F (French), S (Spanish), A (Arabic), C (Chinese) & R (Russian).

## Monday 16 November

09:00 - 10:00	<b>Networking coffee</b> - outside Room XX (Building E)				
10.00 - 11.20	<p>Room XX</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Promoting the Guiding Principles in global governance frameworks: Recent developments and opportunities for further alignment</u></a></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- José Alcorta, ISO</li> <li>- Kathryn Dovey, OECD</li> <li>- Teresa Fogelberg, GRI</li> <li>- Tomislav Ivančić, EU</li> <li>- Dante Pesce, UNWG</li> <li>- Maria Luisa Silva, UNDP</li> <li>- Anthony Miller, UNCTAD</li> <li>- Mariëtte van Huijstee, SOMO</li> <li>- Filippo Veglio, WBCSD</li> <li>- Michelle Lau, UNGC</li> <li>- Githa Roelans, ILO</li> </ul> <p>E,F,S</p> <p>Watch Live: <a href="#"><u>WebTV</u></a></p>	<p>Room XXIII</p> <p><b>The Guiding Principles for newcomers: introductory presentation on their background, key features and implications</b></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lene Wendland, OHCHR</li> </ul> <p>Useful links:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#"><u>The Guiding Principles</u></a> (E)</li> <li>- <a href="#"><u>The Guiding Principles</u></a> (F)</li> <li>- <a href="#"><u>The Guiding Principles</u></a> (S)</li> <li>- UNGP <a href="#"><u>FAQ</u></a> (E)</li> <li>- <a href="#"><u>Corporate Responsibility to respect human rights: Interpretive Guide</u></a> (E)</li> </ul> <p>E,F,S</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Watch Live</u></a></p>	<p>Room XXIV</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Business and the Bar: leadership from the legal profession on business and human rights</u></a></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Michael Addo, UNWG</li> <li>- Dan Bross, Microsoft</li> <li>- Isabella Bunn, ABA</li> <li>- Rocio Paniagua, IBA</li> <li>- Deborah Enix-Ross, ABA</li> <li>- Amol Mehra, ICAR</li> <li>- Makoto Saito, JFBA</li> <li>- Andrea Saldarriaga, LSE</li> <li>- Andrea Shemberg, Law Society (England&amp;Wales)</li> <li>- Salli Swartz, Artus Wise</li> <li>- Daisuke Takahashi, JFBA</li> </ul>	<p>Room XXII</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Access to remedy and the role of national human rights institutions</u></a></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Aishah Bidin, Malaysia NHRI</li> <li>- Jacqueline Etongue Mayer, Cameroon NHRI</li> <li>- Enrique Guadarrama Lopez, Mexican NHRI</li> <li>- Mauricio Lazala, BHRRC</li> <li>- Minerva Martínez Garza, CEDHNL</li> <li>- Christopher Schuller, Germany NHRI</li> </ul> <p>E, S</p>	<p>Room XXI</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Cooperation through education and research: the role of academic institutions as multipliers of the global business and human rights agenda</u></a></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Björn Fasterling, EDHEC Business School</li> <li>- Joanne Bauer, Columbia Uni</li> <li>- Karin Buhmann, Copenhagen Business School</li> <li>- Surya Deva, Hong Kong Uni</li> <li>- Françoise Guichard, GDF SUEZ</li> <li>- Sheldon Leader, Essex Uni</li> <li>- Bonita Meyersfeld, Witwatersrand Uni</li> <li>- Manoela Roland, Juiz de Fora Uni</li> </ul>
11:20 - 11:40	<b>Break</b>				

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	Room XX	Room XXIII	Room XXII	Room XXIV	Room XXI
11.40 – 13:00	<p><b><u>Measuring States' implementation of the Guiding Principles</u></b></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Harriet Berg, Norway Mission</li> <li>- Phil Bloomer, BHRRC</li> <li>- Margaret Jungk, UNWG</li> <li>- Claire Methven O'Brien, DIHR</li> <li>- Tricia Olsen, Denver Uni</li> <li>- Geneviève Paul, FIDH</li> <li>- Valentina Stoevska, ILO</li> </ul> <p>E,F,S</p> <p>Watch Live: <a href="#">WebTV</a></p>	<p><b><u>The interface between judicial and non-judicial remedy: experiences and challenges</u></b></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Michael Congiu, Littler</li> <li>- Vuthy Eang, Equitable Cambodia</li> <li>- Richard Hermer QC, Matrix Chambers</li> <li>- Makbule Sahan, ITUC</li> <li>- Mariëtte van Huijstee, SOMO</li> <li>- Lene Wendland, OHCHR</li> </ul> <p>E,F,S</p> <p><a href="#">Watch Live</a></p>	<p><b><u>Unpacking the Guiding Principles in investment disputes: is there a place for human rights in investment treaty arbitration?</u></b></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Zachary Douglas QC, Matrix Chambers</li> <li>- Ariel Meyerstein, US Council for International Business,</li> <li>- Tara Van Ho, Essex Business &amp; Human Rights Project</li> <li>- Angeline Welsh, Allen &amp; Overly</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Recognizing indigenous peoples' rights to land, territories and resources, and challenges in their access to mechanisms for redress</u></b></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Arnold Alamon, Mindanao Interfaith Institute on Lumad Studies (Philippines)</li> <li>- Carlos Gualtero, Consejo Regional Indigena del Tolima (Colombia)</li> <li>- Leilah Gordon-Bates, Latin American Mining Monitoring Program (UK)</li> <li>- Lorena Terrazas Arnez, Red Pazinde (Bolivia)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">E, F, S</p>	<p><b><u>Human rights due diligence approaches across sectors</u></b></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Frédéric Chenais, Swiss Foreign Ministry</li> <li>- Stéphane Graber, Swiss Trading &amp; Shipping Assoc.</li> <li>- Françoise Guichard, GDF Suez</li> <li>- Dante Pesce, UNWG</li> <li>- OECD (tbc)</li> <li>- Other (tbc)</li> </ul>
13:00 – 15:00	<p><b>Lunch break</b></p> <p><b>Session organized by external stakeholders</b> - with sandwiches provided by the organiser at 13:00</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>13:30-14:30: <u>"Early application of forced labour standards and regulations"</u></b> (Room XII)</li> </ul> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Philip Hunter, Verité</li> <li>- Rob Lederer, Electronic Industry Citizenship Coalition</li> <li>- Rae Lindsay, Clifford Chance</li> <li>- Stephen Lowe, UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office</li> <li>- Mark Nordstrom, GE</li> <li>- Rachel Phillips Rigby, US Department of Labor</li> </ul>				

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15:00 – 16:20	<p><b><u>Multi-stakeholder engagement across all three pillars (case studies)</u></b></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Than Aung, Thilawa SEZ Management Committee</li> <li>- Aye Khaing Win, community leader</li> <li>- Vicky Bowman, Myanmar Centre for Responsible Business</li> <li>- Mark Hodge, GBI</li> <li>- Margaret Jungk, UNWG</li> <li>- Sarah Roberts, Ethical Tea Partnership</li> <li>- Rachel Wilshaw, Oxfam GB</li> <li>- Takashi Yanai, Myanmar Japan Thilawa Development Limited</li> <li>- Government (tbc)</li> </ul> <p>E,F,S</p> <p>Watch Live: <a href="#">WebTV</a></p>	<p><b><u>State implementation of the Guiding Principles in the context of investment policy</u></b></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Roichatul Aswidah, Indonesian NHRC</li> <li>- Diana Mendieta Durán, Colombia Govt.</li> <li>- Dante Pesce, UNWG</li> <li>- Andrea Shemberg, LSE Investment &amp; HR Project</li> <li>- Elisabeth Tuerk, UNCTAD</li> <li>- Simon Wake, Rio Tinto</li> </ul> <p>E,F,S</p> <p><a href="#">Watch Live</a></p>	<p><b><u>Balancing rights and State demands: taking stock of the challenges and exploring opportunities to secure rights online</u></b></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nighat Dad, Digital Rights Foundation</li> <li>- Tomaso Falchetta, Privacy International</li> <li>- Bennett Freeman, GNI Board Secretary</li> <li>- Stephen Lowe, UK Govt.</li> <li>- Rebecca MacKinnon, Ranking Digital Rights</li> <li>- Peter Micek, Access</li> <li>- Bernard Shen, Microsoft</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Promoting human rights in agricultural supply chains: From palm oil workers in South East Asia to women in Kenya's horticulture industry</u></b></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Philip Hunter, Verité</li> <li>- Andrew Odete, Hivos International</li> <li>- Ed Marcum, Humanity United</li> <li>- Benjamin Ware, Nestlé</li> <li>- Judy Gearhart, International Labor Rights Forum</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>State-based mechanisms for access to remedy</u></b></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Kathryn Dovey, OECD</li> <li>- Mauricio Lazala, BHRRRC</li> <li>- Anita Ramasastry, ICAR</li> <li>- Ragnhild Handagard, OHCHR</li> <li>- Joseph Wilde, SOMO/OECD Watch</li> <li>- Claire Methven-O'Brien, DIHR</li> </ul>
16:20 – 16:40	<b>Break</b>				

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<b>16:40 – 18:00</b>	<b>Room XX</b>	<b>Room XXIII</b>	<b>Room XXI</b>	<b>Room XXIV</b>	<b>Room XXII</b>
	<p><b><u><a href="#">Identifying the specific challenges that women human rights defenders face and understanding their valuable role</a></u></b></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Michael Addo, UNWG</li> <li>- Macu Barcia, AWID</li> <li>- Wendy Betts, “eyeWitness” app / IBA</li> <li>- María Isabel Jimenez Salinas, Asamblea Popular del Pueblo Juchiteco de Oaxaca</li> <li>- Bonita Meyerfeld, CALS</li> <li>- Lina Solano Ortiz, Frente de Mujeres Defensoras de la Pachamama</li> </ul> <p>E,F,S</p> <p>Watch Live: <a href="#">WebTV</a></p>	<p><b><u><a href="#">Sector-specific challenges: providing access to effective remedy in the financial sector</a></u></b></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ryan Brightwell, BankTrack</li> <li>- Caio Borges, Conectas</li> <li>- Christine Kaufmann, Independent Expert</li> <li>- Roel Nieuwenkamp, OECD</li> <li>- Jelena Stamenkova Van Rumpt, PGGM</li> <li>- Lene Wendland, OHCHR</li> </ul> <p>E,F,S</p> <p><a href="#">Watch Live</a></p>	<p><b><u><a href="#">Working together to promote due diligence and to protect workers’ rights during recruitment</a></u></b></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Beate Andrees, ILO</li> <li>- Sarah Fox, USA Govt</li> <li>- Philip Hunter, Verité</li> <li>- Neha Misra, Solidarity Center</li> <li>- John Morrison, IHRB (tbc)</li> <li>- IOE</li> <li>- A brand representative or a garment factory owner</li> </ul>	<p><b><u><a href="#">Land, corruption and human rights: a round-table discussion on the implications of large-scale land investments and constructive responses for human rights</a></u></b></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sara Blackwell, ICAR</li> <li>- David Bledsoe, Landesa</li> <li>- Josie Cohen, Global Witness</li> <li>- Olivier De Schutter, ex. UN Special Rapporteur on the right to food</li> <li>- Marcela Manubens, Unilever</li> <li>- Yuliya Neyman, USAID</li> <li>- Sin Sokhomony, NGO Forum Cambodia</li> </ul>	<p><b><u><a href="#">Effective company-level grievance mechanisms: multi-stakeholder perspectives and examples from practice</a></u></b></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Gina Barbieri, Compliance Advisor Ombudsman</li> <li>- Brian Ganson, Africa Centre for Dispute Settlement</li> <li>- Dwight Justice, ITUC</li> <li>- Pablo Lumerman, Global Community of Practice of Dialogue Facilitators</li> <li>- Katherine McDonnell, EarthRights Intl.</li> <li>- Anupama Mohan, Statoil</li> <li>- Other (tbc)</li> </ul>

## Monday 16 November

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### Evening launch sessions, followed by drinks receptions (Serpentine Bar):

- [Business and Human Rights Journal](#) (Room XXI)

#### Speakers:

- Michael K. Addo, UNWG
- Olivier De Schutter, University of Louvain
- Aliou Diouf, Business & Human Rights Resource Centre
- Rebecca O'Rourke, Cambridge Journals
- Anita Ramasastry, University of Washington School of Law
- Florian Wettstein, University of St. Gallen
- Liang Xiaohui, China National Textile and Apparel Council

- [Ranking Digital Rights: Corporate Accountability Index](#) (Room XXIV)

#### Speakers:

- Farnam Bigdoli, Sustainalytics
- Rebecca MacKinnon, Ranking Digital Rights
- Amol Mehra, ICAR
- Peter Micek, Access Now

# Tuesday 17 November

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09:00

**Networking coffee - Hall 14** (in front of the Assembly Hall when you arrive from the Pregny Gate)

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13:00

Assembly Hall

[Opening high-level plenary](#)

## **Part I: Opening remarks**

Speakers:

- Mukhtar Tileuberdi, Vice President of the Human Rights Council
- Diana Chavez, Chairperson of the 2015 UN Forum on Business and Human Rights
- Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (by video)
- Margaret Jungk, Chair of the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights

## **Part II: Panel conversations - Leadership views on business and human rights**

Moderators:

- Dan McDougall, award-winning Foreign Correspondent and Creative Director of Miran
- Caroline Rees, President of Shift

Speakers:

- Aishah Bidin, Commissioner, Human Rights Commission of Malaysia
- Adriano Campolina, Executive Director of ActionAid International
- Espen Barth Eide, Managing Director at World Economic Forum and former Foreign Minister of Norway
- Erol Kiresepi, CEO, Santa Farma Pharmaceuticals
- Linda Kromjong, Secretary General, International Organisation of Employers
- Rafael Marques de Morais, Angolan investigative journalist and 2015 Index on Censorship award-winner
- Michael Meehan, Chief Executive, GRI
- Mark Nordstrom, Senior Labor and Employment Counsel at General Electric
- Katie Redford, Founder and Director of Earthrights International
- Lee Sung-ho, Chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission of Korea
- Victoria Tauli-Corpuz, UN Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples
- Steve Waygood, Chief Responsible Investment Officer at Aviva Investors

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**Lunch break**

**Sessions organised by external stakeholders:**

**13:00: Networking lunch** - outside Room XX

- **13:30-14:30:** [SMEs, informality and human rights: challenges and solutions](#) (Room XX)

Speakers:

- Laura Chapman Rubbo, The Walt Disney Company
- Erol Kiresepi, Santa Farma Pharmaceuticals
- Egidio Germanetti, International Finance Corporation
- Ariel Meyerstein, United States Council for International Business
- Dan Rees, ILO-IFC Better Work Programme
- Makbule Sahan, International Trade Union Confederation
- Rona Star, McDonald's Corporation

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- **13:30-14:30:** [Sustainable fashion - empowering women in Africa's fashion industry](#) (Room XII)

Speakers:

- Simone Cipriani, ITC Ethical Fashion Initiative
- Roderick van Schreven, Permanent Representative of the Netherlands
- Arancha González, International Trade Centre
- Elena Bombis, UN Global Compact
- Omoyemi Akerele, Lagos Fashion & Design Week (Nigeria)
- Auret van Heerden, Equiception
- Monique Gieskes, Vlisco (DRC)
- Sindiso Khumalo, Sindiso Khumalo (South Africa)

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## Tuesday 17 November

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15:00 – 16:20	<p><b><u>National action plans on business and human rights: challenges and lessons learned</u></b></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Michael Addo, UNWG</li> <li>- Sarah Fox, US State Dept</li> <li>- Linda Kromjong, IOE</li> <li>- Lee Sung-ho, Korea NHRC</li> <li>- Amol Mehra, ICAR</li> <li>- Pedro Ortun, EU</li> <li>- Diana Medieta Durán, Colombian Govt</li> <li>- Christoph Straesser, German Govt.</li> <li>- Paulo Vannuchi, IAHR</li> </ul> <p>E,F,S</p> <p>Watch Live: <a href="#">WebTV</a></p>	<p><b><u>Measuring and tracking businesses' implementation of the Guiding Principles</u></b></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Farnam Bidgoli, Sustainalytics</li> <li>- Damiano de Felice, Access to Medicine Foundation</li> <li>- Bennett Freeman, Steering Committee - CHRB</li> <li>- Margaret Jungk, UNWG</li> <li>- Caroline Rees, Shift</li> <li>- Margaret Wachenfeld, IHRB</li> <li>- Richard Howitt, MEP</li> <li>- Ariel Meyerstein, US Council for International Business</li> </ul> <p>E,F,S</p> <p><a href="#">Watch Live</a></p>	<p><b><u>Business, climate change and environmental justice</u></b></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Basil Ugochukwu, CIGI</li> <li>- Conor Linehan, William Fry</li> <li>- Roger Martella, Sidley Austen LLP</li> <li>- Jessica Simor QC, Matrix Chambers</li> <li>- Sara L Seck, CIGI / Western University</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Promises and pitfalls of non-judicial grievance mechanisms: strengths and weaknesses, and how to improve outcomes on the ground</u></b></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Samantha Balaton-Chrimes, Deakin Uni</li> <li>- Tricia Feeney, RAID (UK)</li> <li>- Larry Memmott, US State Department</li> <li>- Kindra Mohr, Accountability Counsel</li> <li>- Sandeep Pattnaik</li> <li>- Brent Wilton, Coca-Cola</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Implementing the Guiding Principles: implications of trade and investment agreements on the State duty to protect and access to remedy</u></b></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Marta Hirsch-Ziembinska, EU Ombudsman</li> <li>- Joshua Curtis, Irish Centre for Human Rights</li> <li>- Tran Bich Hanh, joint venture that owns the Sheraton Hotel in Vietnam</li> <li>- Debbie Stothard, FIDH</li> </ul>
16:20 – 16:40	<p><b>Break</b></p>				

## Tuesday 17 November

	Room XX	Room XXIII	Room XXI	Room XXIV	Room XXII
16:40 – 18:00	<p><b><u><a href="#">Identifying solutions to key human rights challenges associated with Mega Sporting Events</a></u></b></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Federico Addiechi, FIFA</li> <li>- Tania Braga, Rio 2016 Olympic Committee</li> <li>- Sharan Burrow, ITUC</li> <li>- Hiroshi Ishida, Caux Round Table Japan</li> <li>- John Morrison, IHRB</li> <li>- Puvan Selvanathan, UNWG</li> <li>- Hisahiro Sugiura, Tokyo Olympic Committee</li> <li>- Brent Wilton, Coca-Cola</li> </ul> <p>E,F,S</p> <p>Watch Live: <a href="#">WebTV</a></p>	<p><b><u><a href="#">Multi-stakeholder consultation on the Accountability and Remedy Project of OHCHR</a></u></b></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Michael Addo, UNWG</li> <li>- María Fernanda Espinosa, Permanent Representative of Ecuador</li> <li>- Robert McCorquodale, BIICL</li> <li>- Mark Taylor, Fafo</li> <li>- Matthias Thorns, IOE</li> <li>- Jennifer Zerk, Consultant</li> </ul> <p>E,F,S</p> <p><a href="#">Watch Live</a></p>	<p><b><u><a href="#">Assessing the human rights impact of private sector projects: current challenges and innovative approaches</a></u></b></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tulika Bansal, DIHR</li> <li>- Francesca de Meillac, BG Group</li> <li>- Claire Lerner, ICMM</li> <li>- Manon Aubry, Sciences Po</li> <li>- Sam Szoke-Burke, CCSI</li> </ul> <p><i>(*The organisers are hosting a drinks reception from 18:00 in the Serpentine Bar)</i></p>	<p><b><u><a href="#">National action plans on business and human rights: global perspectives, lessons learned and next steps</a></u></b></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Joanne Bauer, ISHR</li> <li>- Sara Blackwell, ICAR</li> <li>- Flaviana Charles, LHRC</li> <li>- Mark Hodge, GBI</li> <li>- Joshua Loots, Pretoria Uni</li> <li>- Claire Methven O'Brien, DIHR</li> <li>- Bonita Meyersfeld, CALS</li> <li>- Nomonde Nyembe, CALS</li> <li>- Prabindra Shakya, AIPP</li> <li>- Thomas Thomas CAN</li> <li>- Luis Vittor CAOI</li> </ul>	<p><b><u><a href="#">Overcoming challenges of company-community relations in complex environments</a></u></b></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dost Bardouille-Crema, CDA Collaborative Learning Projects</li> <li>- Hubert de Bremond d'Ars, Total S.A.</li> <li>- Alan Bryden, DCAF</li> <li>- Lucía Hernández, DCAF</li> <li>- Jerry Nwigwe, LITE-Africa</li> <li>- Tamara Wiher-Fernandez, Swiss Govt.</li> <li>- Claude Voillat, ICRC</li> </ul>

18:15 – 19:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Book launch followed by drinks reception (Serpentine Bar)</b>  <b>18:15-19:30: <a href="#">Business and Human Rights at a Crossroads? Moving Forward, Looking Back</a></b> (Room XXIV)                      Speakers:                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Michael K. Addo, UNWG</li> <li>- Larry Catá Backer, Pennsylvania State Uni</li> <li>- Karen Bravo, Indiana Uni</li> <li>- Jernej Letnar Čerňič, School for European and Government Studies</li> <li>- Jena Martin, West Virginia Uni</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>18:15-19:30: <a href="#">Dialogue Facilitators: Practitioners' Exchange</a></b> (Room XXII) - with light refreshments                      Speakers:                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sarah Daitch, Access Facility</li> <li>- Brian Ganson, Africa Centre for Dispute Settlement</li> <li>- Pablo Lumerman, Dialogue Facilitators</li> <li>- Jose Pascal Da Rocha, Community of Practice member</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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# Wednesday 18 November

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Room XX

## Respecting children's rights in law and in practice: tools and approaches to fight child labour

Speakers:

- Luisa Book, H&M
- Rachel Davis, Shift
- Philip Jennings, UNI Global Union
- Joost Kooijmans, UNICEF
- Erol Kiresepi, Santa Farma Pharmaceuticals (tbc)
- Barbara Küppers, Terre des Hommes
- Alejandra Leon Amaya, Colombian Ministry of Labor
- Dahlberg Markstedt Malin, Save the Children
- Ben Smith, ILO
- Katharine Stewart, Primark

Room XXIII

## Human rights obligations of development finance institutions and the right to an effective remedy

Speakers:

- Elana Berger, Bank Information Center
- Phil Bloomer, BHRRC
- Caio Borges, Conectas
- Jessica Evans, HRW
- Komala Ramachandra, Accountability Counsel
- Michel Forst, UN Special Rapporteur on human rights defenders
- International finance institution grievance mechanism (tbc)

Room XXII

## Innovative approaches in company-community dispute resolution in complex environments

Speakers:

- Gina Barbieri, CAO
- Mia Corpus, independent mediator
- Brian Ganson, Africa Center for Dispute Settlement
- Abdellatif Kissami, MANAGEM Group Morocco
- Pablo Lumerman, Dialogue Facilitators
- Santiago Porto, Peace Nexus
- Carlos Salazar, Socios Perú

Room XII

## The United Nations treaty process on business and human rights: business and other perspectives

Speakers:

- Sharon Burrow, ITUC
- Douglass Cassel, Notre Dame
- María Fernanda Espinosa, Permanent Representative of Ecuador
- Mark Hodge, GBI
- Linda Kromjong, IOE\*
- Mthunzi Mdwaba, IOE
- Geneviève Paul, FIDH

(\*The organisers are providing refreshments at 08:00)

Room XXIV

## Whistle-blower protection in the context of the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights

Speakers:

- Sara Blackwell, ICAR
  - Ben Cokelet, PODER (tbc)
  - Brynn O'Brien, No Business in Abuse
  - Arnaud Poitevin, CNRS\*
  - Grant Stevens, Expolink Europe Ltd
  - Mark Work, Blueprint for Free Speech
- (\*The organisers are providing refreshments at 08:00)

Room XXI

## Corporate capture and company ownership transparency: addressing the root causes of corruption and human rights abuses

Speakers:

- Ben Cokelet, PODER (tbc)
- Shauna Leven or Eryn Schornick, Global Witness
- Dominic Renfrey, ESCR-Net
- Bobby Ramakant, Central News Service
- Indian Govt. (tbc)
- UK Govt. (tbc)
- Financial Industry (tbc)

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10 :00 - 11:20	<p><a href="#"><u>Addressing the challenges human rights defenders face in the context of business activities and in an age of a shrinking civil society space</u></a></p> <p><b>*See also:</b> <a href="#"><u>BHRRRC webpage</u></a> on “HR Defenders”</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dan Bross, Microsoft</li> <li>- Alfred Brownell, Assoc. of Environmental Lawyers (Liberia)</li> <li>- Andy Hall, HR defender &amp; migrant worker specialist</li> <li>- Geneviève Paul - FIDH</li> <li>- Riccardo Serri, EU</li> <li>- Suzanne Spears, Volterra Fietta</li> <li>- Salil Tripathi, IHRB</li> </ul> <p>E,F,S, R</p> <p>Watch Live: <a href="#"><u>WebTV</u></a></p>	<p><a href="#"><u>Integrating human rights in State-owned enterprises and other business controlled by the State: challenges and lessons learned</u></a></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Malin Helgesen, Statoil</li> <li>- Dwight Justice, ITUC</li> <li>- Liang Xiaohui, China National Textile &amp; Apparel Council</li> <li>- Dante Pesce, UNWG</li> <li>- Viviane Schiavi, ICC</li> <li>- Jens Schlyter, Swedish Ministry of Enterprise &amp; Innovation</li> <li>- Myongsei Sohn, Korea Health Insurance Review &amp; Assessment Service</li> </ul> <p>E,F,S</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Watch Live</u></a></p>	<p><a href="#"><u>Challenges and opportunities of a treaty to address corporate abuse of human rights</u></a></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- FIDH or ESCR-Net</li> <li>- Friends of the Earth</li> <li>- Baby Milk Action/IBFAN UK</li> <li>- Asia-Pacific Treaty Initiative</li> <li>- Africa Treaty Initiative</li> <li>- Al Haq</li> <li>- Govt (South Africa or Ecuador) – tbc.</li> </ul> <p><i>(The organisers are providing refreshments at 10:00)</i></p>	<p><a href="#"><u>Putting the Guiding Principles into practice: making business sense of human rights</u></a></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Michael Santoro, Business &amp; HR Journal</li> <li>- Mary Johnson, Fair Play Human Rights Consulting</li> <li>- Paul Bowden, Freshfields Bruckaus Deringer LLP</li> <li>- Adam Smith-Anthony, Omnia Strategy LLP</li> <li>- John Gummer (Lord Deben), Sancroft International</li> <li>- UN Global Compact, Australia (tbc)</li> </ul>	<p><a href="#"><u>Business relationships learning dialogue: implementing the corporate responsibility to respect human rights beyond supply chain</u></a></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ron Popper, ABB</li> <li>- Haley St Dennis, IHRB</li> <li>- Isabelle Salhorgne, Total S.A</li> <li>- Katryn Wright, GBI</li> <li>- Contributions from the floor including Bechtel, ICAR, Flextronics, Microsoft and more.</li> </ul>
11:20 - 11:40	<p><b>Break</b></p>				

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<b>11:40</b> – <b>13:00</b>	<p><b><u><a href="#">The sustainable development goals, the private sector and the Guiding Principles</a></u></b></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Christine Chow, Hermes</li> <li>- Kate Donald, CESR</li> <li>- Sammie Eddico, Permanent Representative of Ghana</li> <li>- Mauricio Lazala, BHRRC</li> <li>- Allan Lerberg Jørgensen, DIHR</li> <li>- Celine Steer, GRI</li> <li>- Puvan Selvanathan, UNWG</li> <li>- Margaret Wachenfeld, IHRB</li> </ul> <p>E,F,S</p> <p>Watch Live: <a href="#">WebTV</a></p>	<p><b><u><a href="#">Company commitments and community-led initiatives: making meaningful community engagement a best practice</a></u></b></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- BoBo Aung, EarthRights Intl (Myanmar)</li> <li>- Segundo Tarquino Cajamarca Mariles, community lawyer</li> <li>- Aurelio Chino Dahua, FEDIQUEP</li> <li>- Alejandro Gonzalez, PODER America</li> <li>- Natalia Gonchar, Sakhalin Energy</li> <li>- Eniko Horvath, BHRRC</li> <li>- Aye Khaing Win, ERI pilot project (Myanmar)</li> <li>- Jan Klawitter, Anglo-American</li> <li>- Katherine McDonnell, EarthRights Intl.</li> <li>- Wendy Pineda, AIDSESEP</li> <li>- Pavel Sulyandziga, UNWG</li> </ul> <p>E,F,S, R</p> <p><a href="#">Watch Live</a></p>	<p><b><u><a href="#">The role of corporate reporting in the implementation of the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights</a></u></b></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Verónica Aranzazu Zubía Pinto, Chile Govt.</li> <li>- Rachel Davis, Shift</li> <li>- Marine de Carné, French Govt.</li> <li>- Teresa Fogelberg, GRI</li> <li>- Camilla Goldbeck-Löwe, Ericsson AB</li> <li>- Richard Howitt, MEP</li> <li>- Malin Helgesen, Statoil</li> <li>- Richard Karmel, Mazars</li> <li>- Tatiana Krylova, UNCTAD</li> <li>- Rae Lindsay, Clifford Chance*</li> <li>- Amol Mehra, ICAR</li> </ul> <p>(*The organisers are providing sandwiches at 13:00)</p>	<p><b><u><a href="#">Enhanced due diligence in conflict-affected areas: the roles of different stakeholders</a></u></b></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Roper Cleland, International Alert</li> <li>- Sheldon Leader, Essex Business &amp; HR Project</li> <li>- Mona Sabella, Al-Haq</li> <li>- Jason Tower, American Friends Service Community</li> <li>- Tara Van Ho, Essex Business and Human Rights Project</li> </ul>	<p><b><u><a href="#">Beyond auditing: effective ways to address human rights violations in garment supply chains</a></u></b></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Kalpona Akter, BCWS</li> <li>- Johan H. Andresen, Council on Ethics</li> <li>- Lars Åke Bergqvist, H&amp;M</li> <li>- Ken Loo, Cambodian Garment Manufacturers Association</li> <li>- Scott Nova, Worker Rights Consortium, USA</li> <li>- Mark Taylor, Fafo</li> <li>- Margreet Vrieling, Fair Wear Foundation</li> </ul>

**Lunch break**

**Sessions organised by external stakeholders:**

**13:30:14:30:** [An international legally binding instrument on transnational corporations and other business enterprises, with respect to human rights, and the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights: Mutually reinforcing processes in the framework of the United Nations](#) (Room XII)

\*The organiser is providing sandwiches at 13:00

Speakers :

- María Fernanda Espinosa, Permanent Representative of Ecuador\*
- Khalil Hamdani, former director of the programme of the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations
- Richard Meeran, Leigh Day
- Dante Pesce, UNWG
- Anne van Shaik, Friends of the Earth Europe

**13:15:14:40:** Film screening of "[Food Chains](#)" (Room XXIII) - with sandwiches provided beforehand.

Speakers :

- Greg Asbed, Coalition of Immokalee Workers
- Cheryl Queen, Compass Group USA
- Miguel Rios, United States Department of Labor
- Florence Tercier Holst-Roness, Oak Foundation

[Link](#) to "Food Chains" film

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15:00 – 16:20	<p><b><u>Multi-stakeholder engagement across all three pillars (case studies)</u></b></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Greg Asbed, Coalition of Immokalee Workers</li> <li>- Lars Åke Bergqvist, H&amp;M</li> <li>- An Nan, Workers Rights Consortium &amp; Arbitration Council of Cambodia</li> <li>- Phil Bloomer, BHRRC</li> <li>- Susan Hayter, ILO</li> <li>- Dante Pesce, UNWG</li> <li>- Cheryl Queen, Compass Group</li> <li>- Miguel Rios, Wage &amp; Hour Division, US Labor Dept.</li> </ul> <p>E,F,S</p> <p>Watch Live: <a href="#">WebTV</a></p>	<p><b><u>Access to remedy – Roles and responsibilities of States concerned in cross-border cases</u></b></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Alberto Pedro D’Alotto, Permanent Representative to Mission of Argentina</li> <li>- Keith Harper, US Representative to UNHRC</li> <li>- Seema Joshi, Amnesty International</li> <li>- Daniel Leader, Leigh Day</li> <li>- Ariel Meyerstein, USCIB</li> <li>- Lene Wendland, OHCHR</li> <li>- Jennifer Zerk, Consultant</li> </ul> <p>E,F,S</p> <p><a href="#">Watch Live</a></p>	<p><b><u>Public procurement and human rights: a round-table discussion</u></b></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Carlos Busquets, EICC</li> <li>- Daira Gómez, CEGESTI</li> <li>- Amol Mehra, ICAR</li> <li>- Claire Methven O’Brien, DIHR</li> <li>- Rachel Phillips Rigby, US Labor Department</li> <li>- Emily Sims, ILO</li> <li>- Robert Stumberg, Georgetown Uni</li> <li>- Nelleke van Amstel, DCAF</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Utilizing the Guiding Principles in the context of extractive industries - benefits and challenges</u></b></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Vicky Tauli-Corpuz, UN SR on Indigenous Peoples (tbc)</li> <li>- Linsi Crain, Chevron</li> <li>- Mutuso Dhliwayo, Zimbabwe Environmental Law Association</li> <li>- Anuarite Ketu</li> <li>- Chikwanine, Dynamique Femme et Mines</li> <li>- Raoul Kitungano, Justice for All (DRC)</li> <li>- Volker Lehmann, FES</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Human rights due diligence in law and in practice</u></b></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Robin Brooks, Norton Rose Fulbright</li> <li>- Sandra Cossart, Sherpa</li> <li>- Richard Howitt, MEP</li> <li>- Robert McCorquodale, BIICL</li> <li>- Martijn Scheltema, Pels Rijcken &amp; Droogleever Fortuijn</li> <li>- Eryn Schornick or Shauna Leven, Global Witness</li> <li>- Gwynne Skinner, Willamette Uni</li> <li>- Sophio Tabatadze, Telia Sonera AB</li> </ul>
16:20 – 16:40	<b>Break</b>				



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Room XX

### Closing high-level plenary

**Panel discussion:** [Deepening and broadening implementation of the UN “Protect, Respect and Remedy” Framework](#)

Moderator:

- Diana Chavez, Chairperson - 2015 Forum on Business and Human Rights

Speakers:

- 16:40  
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18:00
- Arancha González, International Trade Centre
  - Tone Skogen, State Secretary at Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
  - Mark Hodge, GBI
  - Margaret Jungk, UNWG
  - Lise Kingo, UN Global Compact
  - Shauna Leven, Global Witness
  - Mthunzi Mdwaba, TZoro IBC
  - Debbie Stothard, FIDH

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