

# Accountability and Remedy Project Update

This is a regular update on the <u>Accountability and Remedy Project (ARP)</u>. Work on ARP has been ongoing since 2014 in response to multiple mandates from the Human Rights Council (Resolutions <u>26/22</u>, <u>32/10</u>, <u>38/13</u>, and <u>44/15</u>). The current phase (ARP IV) is dedicated to enhancing the accessibility, dissemination, and implementation of ARP findings from the first three phases.

#### **New ARP Reports!**

ARP IV Report: Enhancing the accessibility, dissemination and implementation of the Accountability and Remedy Project

The official ARP IV report is now published in all UN languages. It provides:

- An overview of activities undertaken during the fourth phase
- Examples of uptake of ARP guidance
- The way forward for ARP
- Recommendations

ARP IV Addendum: <u>Summary of</u> <u>consultations on enhancing access to</u> <u>remedy in the technology sector and on</u> <u>the enforcement of human rights due</u> <u>diligence</u>

The official ARP IV addendum is also available in English. The document provides details from the two multi-stakeholder consultations convened pursuant to Council resolution 44/15:

- 23-24 September 2021: Enhancing access to remedy in the technology sector (recording)
- 3-4 March 2022: Exploring the links between human rights due diligence, accountability and access to remedy (recording)

## Mandatory Human Rights Due Diligence

**EU Draft Directive**: On 23 February 2022, <u>the European Commission adopted a proposal for a corporate</u> <u>sustainability due diligence draft directive</u>. Shortly thereafter, <u>a joint response was released by the heads</u> <u>of the ILO, OECD, and OHCHR</u>, in which the organizations welcomed the European Commission's commitment to advancing the protection of human rights and the environment through due diligence. On 23 May 2022, **OHCHR submitted its technical feedback on the draft directive**, covering issues such as company and subject-matter scope, taking action, enforcement and remedy, and stakeholder engagement.

**Links between HRDD, accountability, and remedy**: OHCHR's feedback on the EU draft directive built on discussions held during a March consultation organized by the ARP team that explored the links between human rights due diligence, accountability, and access to remedy (concept note and agenda | video recording). Over the course of two days, nearly 300 people and 30 panellists participated in sessions that covered global developments and how human rights due diligence regimes relate to courts, administrative supervision, and private grievance mechanisms. A summary of the discussions can be found in the <u>ARP IV addendum</u>.

**HRDD and legal liability report**: The March consultation built on a <u>2018 ARP report</u> on the relationship between human rights due diligence and determinations of corporate liability. **An unofficial translation of this report in Spanish was recently released**.

### **ARP Extras**

Other notable updates from the past months include:

- An unofficial collection of resources referencing ARP
- <u>An updated 2-page info note on ARP</u>
- Numerous events added to the ARP IV page
- <u>Compilation of responses received to call for input regarding the March consultation on HRDD,</u> <u>accountability, and remedy</u>
- <u>A publication on remedy in development finance</u> developed by OHCHR colleagues in consultation with the ARP team
- <u>A report of the Independent Redress Mechanism of the Green Climate Fund</u> in which it assesses itself against the UNGP effectiveness criteria using a tool provided in OHCHR's publication on development finance

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