Foster responsible business conduct in the African tech ecosystem:
Human Rights Due Diligence and Meaningful stakeholder engagement

26th October 2023, 12.30- 5.00pm

Organizers: Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in collaboration with the German Development Cooperation

Venue: Golden Tulip Hotel, Muthithi Road, Westlands, Nairobi

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Event Description:

The B-Tech Africa stakeholder engagement is designed to be a forum for discussions on the policies, regulations, and measures required to improve the adoption of responsible and rights-respecting business practices and investing for Africa's technology sector.

The focus is bringing together key stakeholders to discuss use cases and best practices for fostering responsible business conduct in the African Tech Ecosystem, with a focus on human rights due diligence and stakeholder engagement.

The aim is to depict how the United Nations Guiding Principles (UNGPs) on Business and Human Rights. Notably can be used by representatives of tech companies, regulators and civil society to drive responsible conduct of tech business operating in African markets.

<u>**Key Objectives**</u>

- Highlight the importance of implementing the UNGPs for tech companies in the region.
- Discuss use cases where the UNGPs have helped to inform right-respecting practice
- Identify best practices by tech companies in particular regarding human rights due diligence and stakeholder engagement

Programme

Activities	Presenter	Time
Lunch, Arrival & Registration	All	12.30– 1:20 pm
Welcome Remarks	OHCHR	1:20 – 1:25 pm
Introduction to B-Tech Africa project and the UN Guiding Principles	OHCHR	1:25 – 1:40 pm
Multi Stakeholder Panel Session Topic: Discussion on the Implementation of UNGPs across various sectors in Africa (experiences, challenges and recommendations)	Bloggers Association KICTANet DPOs KNCHR	1:40 – 3:10 pm
Q&A Session	Data Governance and Privacy Association of Kenya	3:10 – 3:40 pm
Closing Remarks	OHCHR	3:40 – 3:45 pm
Coffee & Networking	All	3:45 – 5:00 pm