



Provisional programme

Business and human rights: implementing the Guiding Principles one year on Wednesday 27 – Friday 29 June 2012 | WP1172

At its session in June 2011 the United Nations Human Rights Council unanimously adopted Guiding Principles for the implementation of the 'Protect, Respect, Remedy' framework on business and human rights proposed by UN Special Representative John Ruggie.

One year later, across the three pillars of the framework, the conference aims: to take stock of developments since the Guiding Principles were adopted, in particular identifying examples of good practice; to examine what are the main challenges in implementing the Guiding Principles; and to identify what are the major priorities for all stake-holders in advancing effective implementation.

In association with:

Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London

Wednesday 27 June

1430 onwards Participants arrive and light refreshments available

1530 **Welcome and introduction**

Richard Burge
Chief Executive, Wilton Park, Steyning

1540-1715 **1. Opening session**

A UK vision for business and human rights

Jeremy Browne
Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London

Delivered by: **Tom Kennedy**, Deputy Head, Human Rights & Democracy Department, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London

**Perspectives on advancing implementation of the Guiding Principles.
What progress should be seen in five years' time, and where do the
main challenges lie?**

Audrey Gaughran
Director, Global Thematic Issues Programme, Amnesty International, International Secretariat, London

Rachel Davis
Managing Director, Shift, New York

1715- 1745

Photograph followed by tea/coffee

1745-1915

2. Duty to protect: how are governments implementing the Guiding Principles? Are there examples of recent good practice?

Experience from South East Asia

Rafendi Djamin

Member, ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights, Jakarta

Experience from Europe

Marie Volby

Head of Division, Danish Business Authority, Copenhagen

Rémy Friedmann

Senior Adviser, Desk for Human Security and Business, Swiss Federal Department for Foreign Affairs, Berne

Civil society perspectives

Chris Avery

Director, Business and Human Rights Resource Centre, London

1930

Reception followed by dinner

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0800-0845

Breakfast

0900-1030

3. Responsibility to respect: what is being done to implement the Guiding Principles, and now done differently? How are due diligence requirements being addressed?

Vicky Bowman

Global Practice Leader, External Affairs (Policy), Rio Tinto, London

Philippa Birtwell

Head of Public Policy Research, Barclays Corporate Affairs, London

Joris Oldenzien

Programme Manager, SOMO, Amsterdam

Perspectives from working in an Asian context

Liu Kaiming

Executive Director, ICO Consulting Co Ltd, The Institute of Contemporary Observation, Guangdong

1030-1100

Tea / coffee

1100-1230

4. Access to remedy: are there new developments taking place?

Developments in judicial remedy

Martyn Day

Partner, Leigh, Day & Co, London

Remedy through the OECD, including National Contact Points

Joske Bunders

Independent Member, National Contact Point of the Netherlands, Amsterdam

How can national human rights institutions play an active role?

Florence Simbiri-Jaoko

Lecturer, Faculty of Law,, University of Nairobi; former Chairperson, Kenya National Commission on Human Rights, Nairobi

Elaborating internal corporate grievance procedures

Aidan Davy

Director, International Council on Mining and Metals (ICMM), London

1300

Lunch

1500-1630

5. Parallel working groups

What are the challenges and gaps in implementing the Guiding Principles under the three pillars? What should the future priorities be?

Working Group 1: The State duty to protect

Chair: Mark Taylor, Deputy Managing Director, FAFO Institute for Applied International Studies, Oslo

Rapporteur: Melike Yetkin, Business and Human Rights Section Chief, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights & Labor, Department of State, Washington D

Working Group 2: Corporate responsibility to respect

Chair: Michael Addo, Member, UN Working Group on Human Rights and Transnational Corporations, Geneva

Rapporteur: Clément Mavungu, Legal Counsellor, International Commission of Jurists

Working Group 3: Access to remedy

Chair: Claire O'Brien, Senior Adviser, Danish Institute for Human Rights, Copenhagen

Rapporteur: Scott Jerbi, Communications Director, Institute for Human Rights and Business; Researcher, Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights

1630-1700

Tea / coffee

1700-1830

6. Generating action for implementation of the Guiding Principles: how is this being done, and to what effect? What is the role of civil society?

The role of trade unions

Jim Baker

Coordinator, Council of Global Unions, Brussels

Building coalitions to advance implementation

Amol Mehra

Coordinator, International Corporate Accountability Roundtable, Washington DC

Mobilising governments and civil society in Africa

Clément Nyaletsossi Voule

Manager, International Service for Human Rights, Geneva

1900

Reception followed by dinner

Dinner address:

Carrying forward implementation of the Guiding Principles – the role and priorities of the UN Working Group on Human Rights and Transnational Corporations

Margaret Jungk

Member of the UN Working Group on Human Rights and Transnational Corporations, Geneva

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0800-0900

Breakfast and check out

0900-0930	Report back from working groups
0930-1100	<p>7. Generating action for implementation of the Guiding Principles: the role of international organisations</p> <p>Mainstreaming the Guiding Principles in the United Nations system Lene Wendland Adviser on Business and Human Rights, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, United Nations, Geneva</p> <p>What role for the International Labour Organisation? Githa Roelans Senior Specialist, Multinational Enterprises Programme, International Labour Organisation, Geneva</p> <p>Priorities for European Union action Ajnacska B. Nagy Projects Officer, CSR Team, Enterprise and Industry Directorate-General, European Commission, Brussels</p>
1100-1130	Tea / coffee
1130-1300	<p>8. What are the priorities for future action, and how can these best be implemented?</p> <p>Daniel B Baer Deputy Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, Department of State, Washington DC</p> <p>Charlotte Wolff Corporate Responsibility General Manager, ArcelorMittal, London</p> <p>John Morrison Executive Director, Institute for Human Rights and Business, London</p> <p>Alexandra Guaqueta Member, Working Group on Human Rights and Transnational Corporations; Lecturer, School of International Studies, Flinders University, Adelaide</p>
1300	Lunch
1415	Participants depart