

## Business and human rights in South East Asia: Trends, challenges and the way forward

## Parallel session: Sub-regional discussions

Wednesday 20 April, 08:00-09:30

The Regional Forum programme will include discussions on the particular trends and challenges in implementing the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights in Asia's various sub-regions. This session, focused on South East Asia, will involve a multi-stakeholder panel set to explore the key business-related human rights challenges in the sub-region. Its chief objective is to identify what actions are needed for more effectively preventing and addressing adverse human rights impacts in the context of business in South East Asia.

Speakers from the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission for Human Rights (AICHR), business and civil society and trade union organisations will share their perspectives on challenges and opportunities for the business and human rights agenda. The interactive discussion with the audience will examine what needs to be done and by whom for putting the UN Guiding Principles into practice in South East Asia, seeking to arrive at concrete action points for stakeholders to take forward.

The session on South East Asia is organised in collaboration with the ASEAN CSR Network.

## Multi-stakeholder panel followed by discussion with the audience

- Thomas Thomas, CEO, ASEAN CSR Network (moderator)
- Seree Nonthasoot, Representative of Thailand to the Asean Inter-governmental Commission for Human Rights (AICHR)
- Yaya W. Junardy, President of the Indonesia Global Compact Network / President Commissioner at PT Rajawali Corporation
- Michelle Staggs Kelsall, Senior Researcher on Business and Human Rights, Human Rights Resource Centre (HRRC)
- Rajendra Kumar Acharya, Director, UNI Apro Trade Union Development Activities