



2016 Asia Regional Forum on **Business and Human Rights**

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PROGRAMME

(Version with speakers)

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Interpretation:

- Opening and Closing Plenary Sessions: Arabic, Chinese, English and Russian.
- “North East and Central Asia” session (20 April, 08:00-09:30): Arabic, Chinese, English and Russian.
- All other sessions: Arabic and English.

Tuesday 19 April

<p>08:30 - 10:00</p>	<p>Room: Dukhan Training session <i>(by OHCHR)</i></p>  <p>What are the “UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights” & how do you use them?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lene Wendland, OHCHR (see also FAQ on UNGPs) 	<p>Room: Salwa 1 Training session <i>(in collaboration with external partner)</i></p>  <p>How human rights reporting can help companies manage risks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rachel Davis, Shift (see UNGP Reporting Framework) 	<p>Room: Salwa 2 Training session <i>(in collaboration with external partner)</i></p>  <p>IFI grievance mechanisms as avenues for community engagement & access to remedy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scott Adams, Office of Compliance Advisor/Ombudsman, IFC & MIGA - Jennifer Francis, Asian Development Bank - Komala Ramachandra, Accountability Counsel - Eang Vuthy, Equitable Cambodia 	<p>Room: Salwa 3 Training session <i>(in collaboration with external partner)</i></p>  <p>The rights of migrant workers and approaches to address forced labour and human trafficking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Patrick Earle, the Diplomacy Training Program - William Gois, Migrant Forum in Asia
<p>10:00 - 10:30</p>	<p>Break</p>			
<p>10:30 - 13:00</p>	 <p>Opening plenary: Al Dafna Hall 2</p> <p><i>Identifying the key business-related human rights challenges in Asia & determining how to speed and scale up implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business & Human Rights</i></p> <p><u>Opening remarks</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dante Pesce - Chair, UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights (UNWG) - H.E. Sultan bin Saad Al Meraikhi - Assistant Foreign Minister for Foreign Affairs, Government of Qatar - Karim Ghezraoui - Chief a.i., Special Procedures Branch, OHCHR <p><u>Keynote speech</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - John Ruggie - Former Special Representative of the UN Secretary General / Professor at Harvard University <p><u>Panel discussions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Masaru Arai - Chairman, Japan Sustainable Investment Forum - Sharan Burrow - General Secretary, International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) - Tran Duc Cuong - Deputy Secretary General, Viet Nam National Mekong Committee (VNMC) - Yaya W. Junardy - President, Indonesia Global Compact Network - Haris Munandar Nurhasan - Deputy Minister for Industrial Research & Development, Indonesian Ministry of Industry - Kamran T. Rahman - Regional Vice President for Asia, International Organisation of Employers (IOE) - Debbie Stothard - Secretary General, International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) - Thomas Thomas - CEO, ASEAN CSR Network 			

13:00 -
14:30

Lunch

Room: Salwa 2

*Protecting and respecting the rights of **migrant workers in countries of origin - Part 1***

- *Recruitment practices, supply chain monitoring and the role of home States*

14:30 -
16:00

- William Gois, Migrant Forum in Asia (moderator)
- David Des T. Dicang, Philippine Overseas Labor Office in Qatar
- Mohamed El Zarkani, IOM / IRIS consortium
- Bob Mitchell, Hewlett Packard Enterprise / Electronic Industry Citizenship Coalition
- Bandita Sijapati, CESLAM

Room: Salwa 1

*Protecting and respecting human rights in the context of **land investments***

- Bobbie Sta. Maria, Business & Human Rights Resource Centre (moderator)
- Eang Vuthy, Equitable Cambodia
- Prabindra Shakya, Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP)
- Mark Grimsditch, Inclusive Development International
- Hidayat Alhamid, BP Indonesia

Room: Salwa 3

*Protecting and respecting human rights **in the garment sector***

- Linda Kromjong, IOE (moderator)
- Nazma Akter, Sommito Garments Sramik Federation
- William Anderson, Adidas
- Liang Xiaohui, China National Textile and Apparel Council
- Phil Fishman, ILO

Room: Dukhan

Side event: *Righting the wrong: seeking criminal accountability for corporate human rights abuses in Asia*

- Sophia Lin, ICAR
- Daniel Aquirre, International Commission of Jurists
- Monika Mehta, American Bar Association
- Sor Rattanamanee Polkla, Community Resources Centre
- Lucy Graham, Amnesty International

(Organised by the International Corporate Accountability Roundtable)

16:00 -
16:30

Break

Room: Salwa 2

*Protecting and respecting the rights of **migrant workers in countries of destination - Part 2***

- *Worker welfare and living conditions*
- *The role and responsibilities of business and host States*

16:30 -
18:00

- Ray Jureidini, Hamad Bin Khalifa University (moderator)
- Amara Quesada Bondad, Action for Health Initiatives
- Norma Muico, Rights Exposure
- Rona Starr, McDonald's

Room: Salwa 1

*A spotlight on the challenges facing **human rights defenders across Asia** in the context of business activities*

- Debbie Stothard, FIDH (moderator)
- Umida Niyazova, Uzbek German Forum for Human Rights
- Cristina Palabay, Karapatan
- Binda Pandey, General Federation of Nepalese Trade Unions

Room: Salwa 3

Human rights due diligence: multi-stakeholder & sector-wide approaches

- Keiichi Ushijima, EY Japan (moderator)
- Farooq Ahmed, Bangladesh Employers Federation
- Vicky Bowman, Myanmar Centre for Responsible Business
- Roel Nieuwenkamp, OECD
- Brent Wilton, Coca-Cola

Room: Dukhan

Side event: *Paving the way towards an international legally-binding instrument on business and human rights*

- Luis Espinosa Salas, Ecuador Permanent Mission to the UN in Geneva (moderator)
- John Morrison, IHRB
- Linda Kromjong, IOE
- Sharan Burrow, ITUC
- Daniel Aquirre, ICJ

(Organised by Ecuador Government)

Wednesday 20 April



Early birds session!

Sub-regional trends and challenges (in collaboration with external partners)

<p>08:00 - 09:30</p>	<p><u>Room: Al Dafna Hall 2</u> North East and Central Asia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lowell Chow, Business & Human Rights Resource Centre (moderator) - Oyunchimeg Purev, Mongolia National Human Rights Commission - Guowei Zhao, China Enterprises Confederation / Global Compact Network China - Kevin May, Oxfam Hong Kong - Sergey Solianik, Crude Accountability 	<p><u>Room: Salwa 1</u> South-East Asia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thomas Thomas, ASEAN CSR Network (moderator) - Seree Nonthasoot, Representative of Thailand to the Asean Inter-governmental Commission for Human Rights (AICHR) - Rajendra Kumar Acharya, UNI Apro - Yaya W. Junardy, Indonesia Global Compact Network - Michelle Staggs Kelsall, Human Rights Resource Centre 	<p><u>Room: Salwa 3</u> South Asia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Harpreet Kaur, Business & Human Rights Resource Centre (moderator) - Rajinder S. Maker, Employers Federation of India - Priyanga Hettiarachi, RightsBusiness - Nasir Aziz, National Trade Union Federation Pakistan - Binda Pandey, General Federation of Nepalese Trade Unions 	<p><u>Room: Salwa 2</u> Gulf region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mustafa Qadri, Amnesty International (moderator) - Nick Forster, FSI Worldwide - Karim Radhi, General Federation of Bahrain Trade Unions - Vani Saraswathi, Migrant-Rights.Org
<p>09:30 - 09:45</p>	<p>Break</p>			
<p>09:45 - 11:15</p>	<p><u>Room: Salwa 1</u> Addressing Asia's NAP gap: why are there so few national action plans on business and human rights in Asia and how can more be developed?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dante Pesce, UNWG (moderator) - Harpreet Kaur, BHRRRC - Nur Kholis, National Human Rights Commission of Indonesia - Livio Sarandrea, UNDP - Sandra D'Amico, Cambodian Federation of Employers; HRINC 	<p><u>Room: Salwa 3</u> Victims' experiences in accessing remedy in Asia for business-related human rights harms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Archana Kotecha, Liberty Asia (moderator) - Thomas Jalong Apoi, Asia Indigenous Peoples' Pact - Stephen Ekka, PAJHRA - Vichet Mong, Highlander Association - Sor Rattanamanee Polkla, Community Resources Centre 	<p><u>Room: Dukhan</u> Human rights and the ICT sector</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Antony Crockett, Herbert Smith Freehills LLP (moderator) - Jeffrey Avina, Microsoft - Malavika Jayaram, Digital Asia Hub - TBC 	<p><u>Room: Salwa 2</u> Mega sporting events in Asia & their impact on human rights – Part 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - John Morrison, IHRB (moderator) - William Anderson, Adidas - Saul Takahashi, Business and Human Rights Resource Centre - Minky Worden, Human Rights Watch - Ambet Yuson, Building and Wood Workers' International

11:15 -
11:45

Break

Room: Salwa 1
The State duty to protect in the marketplace: protecting human rights across state-business activities, rules and relationships

- Dante Pesce, UNWG (moderator)
- Asya El Meehy, UNESCWA
- Yukako Kinoshita, Japan Business Council in Europe
- Martin Neureiter, The CSR Company
- Seree Nonthasoot, Representative of Thailand to the Asean Intergovernmental Commission for Human Rights (AICHR)

Room: Dukhan
Strengthening the role of NHRIs in Asia to provide access to remedy for business-related human rights impacts

- Christopher Schuller, German Institute for Human Rights (moderator)
- Oyunchimeg Purev, Mongolia National Human Rights Commission
- Prabin Shakya, Asia Indigenous Peoples' Pact
- Lene Wendland, OHCHR
- TBC

Room: Salwa 3
A spotlight on Indigenous Peoples in Asia in the context of business activities

- Vicky Bowman, Myanmar Centre for Responsible Business (moderator)
- Mary Louise Dumas, Mindanao Interfaith Institute on Lumad Studies
- Chhakchuak Lalremruata, Zo Indigenous Forum
- Robin Moaina, Repsol

Room: Salwa 2
Mega sporting events in Asia & their impact on human rights - Part 2

- John Morrison, IHRB (moderator)
- Federico Addiechi, FIFA
- Rachel Davis, Shift
- John Ruggie, Harvard University
- Hassan Al Thawadi, Supreme Committee for Delivery & Legacy

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Lunch

Room: Salwa 1
Corporate reporting on human rights: why human rights reporting matters & what types of disclosure makes a difference

- Jerry Bernas, ASEAN CSR Network (moderator)
- Nor Azimah Abdul Aziz, Companies Commission of Malaysia
- Neha Kumar, GIZ India
- Darian McBain, Thai Union

Room: Salwa 2
Access to judicial remedy: roles and responsibilities of interested States in cross-border cases

- Lene Wendland, OHCHR (moderator)
- Mohd Ashrof Adrin Kamarul, Office of Malaysia's Attorney General
- Krishnendu Mukherjee, Doughty Street Chambers
- Patrick Earle, The Diplomacy Training Program (DTP)

Room: Salwa 3
Side event: The role of NHRIs in NAP processes

- Elin Wrzoncki, Danish Institute for Human Rights (moderator)
- Nur Kholis, National Human Rights Commission of Indonesia
- Sophia Lin, ICAR
- Sara Phung, German Institute for Human Rights
- Catie Shavin, GBI
- Prakairat Thontiravong, National Human Rights Commission Thailand

(Organised by Working Group on Biz & Human Rights of the International Coordinating Committee of NHRIs)

Room: Dukhan
Side event: Corporate Japan rises to the challenge

- Ashleigh Owens, EY Japan (moderator)
- Akiko Ueno, Global Compact Local Network Japan
- Akane Odake, LIXIL
- Saul Takahashi, Business & Human Rights Resource Centre
- Hiroshi Sato, IDE-JETRO

(Organised by Institute of Developing Economies, IDE-JETRO and EY Japan)

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16:15 -
16:45

Break



Closing Plenary: Al Dafna Hall 2

Reporting back from the parallel sessions with key recommendations to address the salient business-related human rights issues in Asia

Forum Rapporteurs

- Viraf Mehta, National Human Rights & Business Resource Group
- Michelle Staggs Kelsall, Human Rights Resource Centre
- Miwa Yamada, IDE-JETRO
- Rosie Zhang, Myanmar Centre for Responsible Business

Closing remarks

- Dante Pesce, UNWG

16:45 -
18:00