

How Human Rights Reporting Can Help Companies Manage Risks

Training Session at the UN Asia Regional Forum – Tuesday 19 April, 8:30-10:00am

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The UN Guiding Principles Reporting Framework (www.UNGPReporting.org) is a groundbreaking new tool that helps companies report meaningfully on their human rights performance, in line with the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. It was developed over two years in a global, multistakeholder process, grounded in consultations in the Asian region. The process was led by Shift, the leading center of expertise on the UN Guiding Principles, and international accountancy firm Mazars.

Non-financial reporting is a growing regulatory reality, including in markets such as India, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand. The Reporting Framework is a uniquely practical tool to help companies meet this growing imperative. Unilever piloted the Framework while it was still being developed. ABN AMRO, Ericsson, H&M, Newmont and Nestlé are other early adopters using the Reporting Framework in their current reporting cycle. The Reporting Framework has the support of over 80 investors representing close to US\$5 trillion in assets under management worldwide.

This practical session is intended to introduce companies and other stakeholders to the UNGP Reporting Framework and its ability to help companies improve their underlying human rights risk management systems, while also enabling them to disclose more meaningful information about their efforts to prevent and address harm to people. It will also explore the connection between risks to people and risks to business.

The session will use examples of actual company reporting to evaluate together what makes for good corporate disclosure through small table discussions and a facilitated plenary conversation.

Please come prepared to ask questions. The session does not assume prior familiarity with human rights reporting requirements or developments in this space – all are welcome!