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**BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS:
DEVELOPMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES IN
COLOMBIA**

First Forum on Business and Human Rights

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I. Public Policy on Business and Human Rights

II. Progress in Colombia on Business and Human Rights



INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK AND PUBLIC POLICY

HUMAN RIGHTS AND IHL NATIONAL SYSTEM

“set of principles, standards, policies, programs and public institutions at the national and local levels”

Promote the coordination of the State to guarantee human rights and to implement IHL

Working Group on Business and Human Rights

Build comprehensive public policy HR and IHL.

Process of participative construction –**National Conference on HR and IHL**: inputs of NGOs and local institutions, as well as of the international community.

Chapter on business and human rights

Include a rights, differentiated and sectorial approach on a comprehensive public policy.

Promote the construction of a culture on human rights and IHL.



National actions through the **Working Group on Business and Human**

Rights:

- Identify issues and key activities in the field of business and human rights.
- Relationship with the tripartite and public-private spaces for dialogue: CME (Committee on Mining and Energy) and Colombia Guides.
- Consolidate inputs for the formulation of Business and Human Rights chapter in the **Comprehensive public policy on Human Rights and IHL**.
- Identify links and opportunities to improve the institutional response and due diligence .



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STATE ACTION

Vertical policy coherence

- Formulation of chapter of public policy on Business and Human Rights, organization of local workshops containing inputs from social organizations, local authorities and private sector.
- Permanent feedback with the UN Working Group on the Issue of Human Rights and Transnational Corporations and other Business Enterprises. (Resolution A/HCR/17/4).

Horizontal policy coherence

- Training in human rights and IHL for the Trade Sector.
- Formulation of Human Rights Public Policy for the Trade Sector



JOINT EFFORTS STATE-BUSINESS

GUIAS COLOMBIA (COLOMBIA GUIDES): national initiative that develops guides related to security, complaint mechanisms and claims from the communities, institutional strengthening and labour issues.

CME (COMMITTEE ON MINING AND ENERGY FOR SECURITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS): group to reflect and provide recommendations to improve the performance of the mining sector and State institutions, in the promotion and respect of human rights, in particular, public and private security.



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WHITE BOOK ON BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS. Guiding Principles adapted to business activities and human rights in Colombia.

GLOBAL COMPACT - COLOMBIA, group to design actions related with Global Compact, good practices and the implementation of 10 principles.

COMPREHENSIVE MINE ACTION FOR DEVELOPMENT

- Exchange experiences on victims assistance. First Forum on Business and Antipersonnel-Mines: “Activate Colombia”.
- Labour opportunities for antipersonnel-mines victims with disabilities.



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