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Room XX

Thematic track: Strengthening public policy on business and human rights through national action plans and other measures

# Scaling up action on business and human rights – the role of international and regional organizations

The session will look at the role of international and regional organizations in setting standards and shaping the key drivers and incentives that will make national action plans (and other national initiatives) effective in terms of how Governments and businesses respond to preventing and addressing business-related human rights impacts. The session will examine progress and lessons learned from business and human rights related initiatives involving key international and regional actors, and discuss ways forward for ensuring alignment and reinforcing synergies for scaled-up action to implement the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights in all regions.

Some of the key questions will be:

* What progress have international and regional organizations made in promoting implementation of the Guiding Principles and what is next? Are they doing enough?
* How can international and regional organizations bring new incentives into the system to shape effective corporate governance systems – either directly or through advancing the regulatory action of Governments?
* What further action is needed from the international and regional multilateral levels to drive forward greater uptake of the Guiding Principles?

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