**Third Annual Forum on Business and Human Rights**

**« Addressing Security and Human Rights Challenges in Complex Environments »**

*Wednesday 3 December 2014, 09:45 – 11:15*

The Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF), the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the Human Security Division of the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs would like to hold a ninety minutes side-event under the title **“Addressing Security and Human Rights Challenges in Complex Environments”**.

The side-event will present and seek inputs to the joint DCAF-ICRC project “Addressing Security and Human Rights Challenges in Complex Environments”, supported by Switzerland. The project aims to provide implementation-oriented guidance to improve respect for human rights and international humanitarian law in the management of corporate security, building on the Voluntary Principles on Security and Human Rights (VPs) and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. Following this same approach, the side-event will offer the opportunity to have a multi-stakeholder dialogue on how to put the UN Guiding Principles, the VPs and other international standards into practice, taking into account different challenges and practical limitations on the ground.

In particular, the objective of the side-event will be to:

1. Discuss the challenges faced by companies in managing the security of their operations in complex environments, in compliance with the UN Guiding Principles and the VPs. Beyond sharing the key findings from the DCAF-ICRC project, the event will provide an opportunity to present the points of view of representatives from one government, one company and one civil society organisation.
2. Present the DCAF-ICRC project and the two products developed in the framework of this project -i.e. a Knowledge Hub, [www.securityhumanrightshub.org](http://www.securityhumanrightshub.org) and a Toolkit of good practices, <http://www.securityhumanrightshub.org/content/toolkit>;
3. Highlight the linkages between the UN Guiding Principles, the VPs and the DCAF-ICRC project; and
4. Provide an opportunity to discuss and receive feedback from all stakeholders on how to address security and human rights challenges.

Panellists:

* Mr. Claude Voillat, Economic Advisor, Division for Multilateral Organisations, Policy and Humanitarian Action, ICRC (co-moderator)
* Mr. Alan Bryden, Assistant Director and Head of the Public-Private Partnerships Division, DCAF (co-moderator)
* Ms. Lucía Hernández, Project Coordinator, Public-Private Partnerships Division, DCAF
* Mr. Rémy Friedmann, Senior Advisor, Desk Human Security and Business, Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs
* Mr. Jan Klawitter, Group Manager Government Relations, Anglo American plc.
* Mr. Julio Martínez, Social Innovation Director, Socios Perú

DCAF and the ICRC will introduce the session and present their joint project in 30-40 minutes. This will be followed by an interactive panel where the co-moderators will ask a few rounds of questions to the panellists focused on how to address different security challenges on the ground, in alignment with the UN Guiding Principles, the VPs and other international standards. After each round of questions and answers from the panellists, the floor will be open for the public to share their views and ask additional questions.

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