



2015 United Nations Forum on
Business and Human Rights
Geneva · 16 – 18 November

“Tracking progress and ensuring coherence”

Quick-view programme

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- [Speakers](#)
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- Please enter the Palais des Nations via the **Pregny Gate** (open from 7am on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday)
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- Dates for 2016 Forum: **14 to 16 November 2016**

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Blue background: Sessions led by the UN Working Group and/or OHCHR

White background: Sessions organized by external stakeholders

Monday 16 November		
09:00 - 10:00	Networking coffee - near Room XX (Building E)	
10:00 - 11:20	Room XX <u>“Promoting the Guiding Principles in global governance frameworks: Recent developments and opportunities for further alignment”</u>	Room XXIII <u>“The Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights for newcomers”</u>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Room XXIV: <u>“Leadership from the legal profession on business and human rights”</u> Room XXII: <u>“Access to remedy & the role of NHRIs”</u> Room XXI: <u>“The role of academic institutions as multipliers”</u>
11:20 - 11:40	Break	
11:40 - 13:00	Room XX <u>“Measuring States’ implementation of the Guiding Principles”</u>	Room XXIII <u>“The interface between judicial and non-judicial remedy: Experiences and challenges”</u>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Room XXI: <u>“Human rights due diligence approaches across sectors”</u> Room XXII: <u>“International investment arbitration and human rights”</u> Room XXIV: <u>“Indigenous peoples and access to remedy”</u> & <u>Flyer</u>
13:00 - 15:00	Lunch break Session organized by external stakeholders: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13:30-14:30: <u>“Early application of forced labour standards and regulations”</u> (Room XII) 	
15:00 - 16:20	Room XX <u>“Multi-stakeholder engagement across all three pillars (case studies)”</u>	Room XXIII <u>“State implementation of the Guiding Principles in the context of investment policy”</u>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Room XXI: <u>“Challenges and opportunities to secure rights online”</u> Room XXIV: <u>“Promoting human rights in agricultural supply chains”</u> Room XXII: <u>“State-based mechanisms for access to remedy”</u>
16:20 - 16:40	Break	
16:40 - 18:00	Room XX <u>“Identifying the specific challenges that women human rights defenders face and understanding their valuable role”</u>	Room XXIII <u>“Sector-specific challenges: providing access to effective remedy in the financial sector”</u>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Room XXII: <u>“Effective company-level grievance mechanisms”</u> Room XXI: <u>“Due diligence and protection of workers’ rights during recruitment”</u> Room XXIV: <u>“Land, corruption and human rights”</u>
18:15 - 19:30	Evening launch sessions followed by drinks receptions (Serpentine Bar): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Business and Human Rights Journal</u> (Room XXI) <u>Ranking Digital Rights: Corporate Accountability Index</u> (Room XXIV) 	

Tuesday 17 November

08:00 - 09:00	<p>Networking coffee - Hall 14 (in front of the Assembly Hall when you arrive from Pregny Gate)</p>		
09:00 - 13:00	<p>Assembly Hall (Building A)</p> <p>Opening high-level plenary</p> <p>Part I: “Opening remarks” by the HRC Vice President, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Forum Chairperson and the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights</p> <p>Part II: Panel conversations: “Leadership views on business and human rights”</p>		
13:00 - 15:00	<p>Lunch break</p> <p>Sessions organized by external stakeholders:</p> <p>13:00: Networking lunch - outside Room XX</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 13:30-14:30: “SMEs, informality and human rights: challenges and solutions” (Room XX) ● 13:30-14:30: “Sustainable fashion - empowering women in Africa's fashion industry” (Room XII) 		
15:00 - 16:20	<p>Room XX</p> <p>“National action plans on business and human rights: challenges and lessons learned”</p>	<p>Room XXIII</p> <p>“Measuring and tracking business implementation of the Guiding Principles”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Room XXI: “Promises and pitfalls of non-judicial grievance mechanisms” ● Room XXII: “Implications of trade and investment agreements on the State duty to protect and access to remedy” ● Room XXIV: “Business, climate justice and environmental justice”
16:20 - 16:40	<p>Break</p>		
16:40 - 18:00	<p>Room XX</p> <p>“Identifying solutions to key human rights challenges associated with Mega Sporting Events”</p>	<p>Room XXIII</p> <p>“Multi-stakeholder consultation on the Accountability and Remedy Project of OHCHR”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Room XXI: “Assessing the human rights impact of private sector projects” ● Room XXIV: “National action plans: global perspectives, lessons learned and next steps” ● Room XXII: “Overcoming challenges of company-community relations in complex environments”
18:15 - 19:30	<p>Evening sessions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Book launch: “Business and Human Rights at a Crossroads?” (Room XXIV) - followed by a drinks reception (Serpentine Bar) ● “Dialogue Facilitators: Practitioners’ Exchange” (Room XXII) - with light refreshments 		

Wednesday 18 November

08:20 - 09:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Room XX: “Respecting children’s rights in law and in practice” Room XXIII: “Human rights obligations of development finance institutions and the right to an effective remedy” Room XXII: “Community-company dialogue facilitation in complex environments” Room XII: “The UN treaty process on business and human rights: business and other perspectives” Room XXIV: “Whistleblower protection in the context of the Guiding Principles” Room XXI: “‘Corporate capture’ and company ownership transparency” 		
10:00 - 11:20	<p>Room XX</p> <p>“Addressing the challenges that human rights defenders face in the context of business activities and in an age of a shrinking civil society space”</p>	<p>Room XXIII</p> <p>“Integrating human rights in State-owned enterprises and other business controlled by the State: challenges and lessons learned”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Room XXI: “Challenges and opportunities of a treaty on business and human rights” Room XXIV: “Making business sense of human rights” Room XII: “Business relationships learning dialogue: corporate responsibility to respect human rights beyond the supply chain”
11:20 - 11:40	<p>Break</p>		
11:40 - 13:00	<p>Room XX</p> <p>“The sustainable development goals, the private sector and the Guiding Principles”</p>	<p>Room XXIII</p> <p>“Company commitments and community-led initiatives: making meaningful community engagement a best practice”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Room XII: “Beyond audit: Ways to address human rights violations in garment supply chains” Room XXIV: “Enhanced due diligence in conflict-affected areas” Room XXI: “The role of corporate reporting in the implementation of the Guiding Principles”
13:00 - 15:00	<p>Lunch break</p> <p>Session organized by external stakeholders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13:30-14:30: “Legally-binding instrument and the Guiding Principles: mutually reinforcing” (Room XII) 13:15-14:40: Film screening of “Food Chains” (Room XXIII) 		
15:00 - 16:20	<p>Room XX</p> <p>“Multi-stakeholder engagement across all three pillars (case studies)”</p>	<p>Room XXIII</p> <p>“Access to remedy: roles and responsibilities of States concerned in cross-border cases”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Room XXII: “Public procurement and human rights” Room XXIV: “Utilizing the Guiding Principles in the context of extractive industries - Benefits and challenges” Room XXI: “Human rights due diligence in law and practice”
16:20 - 16:40	<p>Break</p>		
16:40 - 18:00	<p>Room XX</p> <p>Closing high-level plenary</p> <p>Panel discussion: “Deepening and broadening implementation of the UN “Protect, Respect and Remedy” Framework”</p>		