



***Leadership and Leverage:  
Embedding human rights in the rules and relationships that drive the global economy***

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# Welcome to the 2016 UN Forum on Business and Human Rights!

The 2016 Forum programme addresses key human rights challenges around the globe where greater State and business leadership and leverage urgently need to be applied. Now in its fifth year - reflecting also the fifth anniversary of the endorsement of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights - the 2016 Forum aims to drill down on a number of core issues and demonstrate the role of many different stakeholders along the value chain and across business relationships.

Broadly, the Forum sessions reflect four key messages:

1. *States should “lead by example”: there is an urgent need for governments around the world to step up their efforts in policy, law and enforcement to implement the Guiding Principles. One lagging area concerns their own business-related activities, such as the conduct of State-owned enterprises, government procurement activities and the decisions and actions of public financial institutions.*
2. *Leadership and leverage should be exercised by all enterprises that make up the value chain (including parent companies, suppliers and financial institutions) and by all relevant company functions (from the board and legal teams to the sustainability and communication departments). It is not sufficient for attention to be focused merely on consumer-facing brands and a couple of business functions within a company. There is also a pressing need to better understand how the “capital supply chain” can better incentivize business respect for human rights and how to create markets that reward good corporate conduct.*
3. *We need better models of action and accountability to drive business respect for human rights in order for companies to play a meaningful role in implementing the Global Goals. Respect for human rights should be at the heart of a company’s contribution to sustainable development. Adverse human rights impacts cannot be offset and companies should first and foremost consider the effect of their core operations on people ahead of unrelated corporate philanthropy/CSR activities.*

4. *We need to step up our efforts to improve access to remedy for victims of human rights abuses and take concrete action to protect those in particularly vulnerable situations, including human rights defenders, indigenous peoples, migrant workers, trafficked persons, children and those facing discrimination for their gender, sexuality, and disability.*

These messages are captured across these general session headings:

- *Plenaries*
- *State leadership & leverage*
- *Business leadership & leverage*
- *Money & finance*
- *New models*
- *Local action*

## What is the Forum?

The UN Human Rights Council established the Forum as a multi-stakeholder platform to “discuss trends and challenges in the implementation of the Guiding Principles and promote dialogue and cooperation on issues linked to business and human rights.” It is guided by the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights and organized by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR).

Building on this year’s event, the 2017 Forum (November, dates tbc) will include a major focus on the third pillar of the Guiding Principles: “access to remedy.”

This year’s Forum aims to achieve deeper discussions and more interaction with the audience. We welcome you to take part in three days with tremendous opportunities to share perspectives and network.

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# Monday 14 November

<b>08:30-09:30: Breakfast sessions</b>					
08:00 – 10:00	<p><b>Badge collection at Pregny Gate is open from 07am</b></p> <p>Networking coffee (By Room XX)</p>		<p>Introduction to the <b>world of finance &amp; human rights</b></p> <p>XXI</p>	<p><b>Benchmarking: leveraging transparency to drive business respect for human rights in supply chains</b></p> <p>XXIII</p>	
10:00 – 11:20	<p><b>Plenary I</b>  <u><a href="#">Embedding human rights in the private sector's contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals</a></u>          Room: XX - E, F, R, S - Live streaming</p>				
11:20 – 11:40	<b>Break</b>				
11:40 – 13:00	<p><u><a href="#">Embedding human rights in corporate tax regimes</a></u></p> <p>XXVII</p>	<p><u><a href="#">Decent work in global supply chains: the way forward after the 2016 International Labour Conference</a></u></p> <p>XX - E, F, R, S - Live streaming</p>	<p><u><a href="#">Embedding gender in the business and human rights agenda</a></u></p> <p>XXIII - E, S</p>	<p><u><a href="#">Capital supply chain: understanding the investor eco-system &amp; how to engage with investors on human rights</a></u></p> <p>XXI</p>	<p><u><a href="#">Banks &amp; the UNGPs: implementation case studies and dilemmas</a></u></p> <p>XXII</p>
<b>13:20-14:40: Lunch sessions</b>					
13:00 – 15:00	<p><b>Lunch break</b>          (Sandwiches served by Room XX)</p>	<p><u><a href="#">Re-imagining supply chain initiatives to drive impact</a></u></p> <p>XXI</p>	<p><u><a href="#">Combating discrimination against persons with disabilities in the workplace and value chain</a></u></p> <p>XXVII - with closed captioning</p>	<p><u><a href="#">The Bali Process Business Forum: partnerships to end trafficking and modern slavery</a></u></p> <p>XXIII</p>	<p><u><a href="#">Banks: human rights due diligence and developments in public reporting</a></u></p> <p>XXII</p>
15:00 – 16:20	<p><u><a href="#">Lessons from the field when implementing human rights impact assessments</a></u></p> <p>XX - E, F, S - Live streaming</p>	<p><u><a href="#">ACT initiative: how brands, manufacturers &amp; trade unions are working together for a living wage in garment supply chains</a></u></p> <p>XXIII</p>	<p><u><a href="#">The role of companies in addressing legal and societal discrimination against LGBTI people</a></u></p> <p>XXVII</p>	<p><u><a href="#">The responsibility and influence of institutional investors to drive better business conduct</a></u></p> <p>XXI</p>	<p><u><a href="#">Integrating human rights in international investment agreements</a></u></p> <p>XXII</p>
16:20 – 16:40	<b>Break</b>				
16:40 – 18:00	<p><u><a href="#">Labour migration in supply chains – combating forced labour and human trafficking</a></u></p> <p>XXVII</p>	<p><u><a href="#">Unpacking the case for the living wage in law, practice and commerce</a></u></p> <p>XXIII</p>	<p><u><a href="#">Leveraging the money: engaging investors, lenders and buyers to ensure effective remedy for communities</a></u></p> <p>XX - E, F, S - Live streaming</p>	<p><u><a href="#">Understanding the role of insurance companies vis-à-vis human rights</a></u></p> <p>XXI</p>	<p><u><a href="#">Implementing the UNGPs in times of major political, economic or social change: focus on investment</a></u></p> <p>XXII - E, S</p>
18:15 –	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Film screening: <u><a href="#">The True Cost</a></u></b> (a documentary film about the impacts of global clothing production) - XXIII</li> <li>• Thematic event followed by drinks reception: <b>SDGs and the rights of indigenous peoples</b> - XXVII</li> <li>• Book launch: Business and human rights – <b>Reflections from Latin America</b> - XXI</li> </ul>				

## Tuesday 15 November

08:00 – 09:00	<p><b>Badge collection at Pregny Gate is open from 7am</b></p> <p><b>Networking coffee</b> (By Room XX)</p>				
09:00 – 10:20	<p><u><a href="#">State-owned Enterprises and the Governments that own or control them: human rights implications</a></u> XXVII</p>	<p><u><a href="#">Responsible raw materials sourcing: collaborating along the supply chain</a></u> XX</p>	<p><u><a href="#">Human rights in the context of mega sporting events</a></u> XXI</p>	<p><u><a href="#">Boardroom case study: the board considers human rights challenges in a transnational commercial venture</a></u> XXII</p>	<p><u><a href="#">Unlocking new streams of funding for business and human rights</a></u> XXIII</p>
10:20 – 10:45	<p><b>Break</b></p>				
10:45 – 12:45	<p><u><a href="#">Plenary II</a></u>  <u><a href="#">Leadership perspectives: Embedding human rights in the rules and relationships that drive the global economy</a></u>                  Assembly Hall (<b>Building A</b>) - A, C, E, F, R, S - Live streaming</p>				
12:45 – 15:00	<p><b>13:20-14:40: Lunch sessions</b></p>				
12:45 – 15:00	<p><b>Lunch break</b></p>	<p><u><a href="#">Using the 'business case' for companies to respect human rights to drive change</a></u> XX - Live streaming</p>	<p><u><a href="#">Business leadership on human rights in areas affected by conflict, political instability and social unrest</a></u> XXII</p>	<p><u><a href="#">Embedding human rights within a company: strategies, challenges and successes</a></u> XXI</p>	<p><u><a href="#">How accountants can assure respect for human rights and be enablers for change</a></u> XXIII</p>
15:00 – 16:20	<p><u><a href="#">State regulatory approaches: the practice in emerging markets</a></u> XXVII - C, E</p>	<p><u><a href="#">How can public financial institutions respond to new human rights expectations?</a></u> XXII</p>	<p><u><a href="#">Using leverage to forge leadership: indigenous peoples' rights in business operations</a></u> XX - E, F, R, S - Live streaming</p>	<p><u><a href="#">Direct linkage and leverage: practical experiences and lessons for the future</a></u> XXI</p>	<p><u><a href="#">Practical leverage of law: Do corporate group structures preclude liability for human rights impacts?</a></u> XXIII</p>
16:20 – 16:40	<p><b>Break</b></p>				
16:40 – 18:00	<p><u><a href="#">Access to remedy: victims' perspectives in cross-border cases</a></u> XX - E, F, R, S - Live streaming</p>	<p><u><a href="#">Corruption: the business of violating human rights</a></u> XXII</p>	<p><u><a href="#">Eradicating worker-paid recruitment fees</a></u> XXVII</p>	<p><u><a href="#">Ending business relationships: exploring disengagement in human rights due diligence</a></u> XXI</p>	<p><u><a href="#">How lawyers can help companies to better identify and respond to human rights issues</a></u> XXIII</p>

## Wednesday 16 November

07:30 – 08:20	<b>Badge collection at Pregny Gate is open from 7am</b> <b>Networking coffee</b>				
08:20 – 09:40	<u><a href="#">Government procurement: emerging practice in the apparel and electronics sectors</a></u> XXII	<u><a href="#">New models for access to State-based non-judicial remedy</a></u> XX	<u><a href="#">Challenges and opportunities of operational-level grievance mechanisms</a></u> XXVII	<u><a href="#">Commitment to practice: using the UNGPs as a launching pad for responsible land-based investments</a></u> XXI - E, S	<u><a href="#">Securing respect for human rights in the global transition to renewable energy</a></u> XXIII
09:40 – 10:00	<b>Break</b>				
10:00 – 11:20	<u><a href="#">Public procurement, human rights and sustainable development: the need for policy coherence</a></u> XXII	<u><a href="#">Access to remedy: implementing OHCHR's recommendations to address barriers to judicial remedy</a></u> XXI	<u><a href="#">How many more killings &amp; threats? Solutions to protect human rights defenders working on extractives in Latin America</a></u> XX - E, F, R, S - Live streaming	<u><a href="#">Leadership &amp; leverage across the supply chain: perspective of suppliers, retailers and unions</a></u> XXIII	<u><a href="#">The role of local industry associations to drive respect for human rights: focus on Asia, Africa and Latin America</a></u> XXVII - E, S
11:20 – 11:40	<b>Break</b>				
11:40 – 13:00	<u><a href="#">National action plans to implement the UNGPs: stepping up Government commitments &amp; action</a></u> XX - E, F, R, S - Live streaming	<u><a href="#">Practicing responsible business in occupied territories: the role of companies &amp; investors</a></u> XXII	<u><a href="#">How companies can advocate for the protection of human rights defenders and broader fundamental freedoms</a></u> XXI	<u><a href="#">Beans: adapting commercial practices and enhancing lives in perishable supply chains</a></u> XXIII - E, F, S	<u><a href="#">Soda giants, land &amp; good practice: lessons from a land conflict in Brazil</a></u> XXVII - E, S
13:00 – 15:00	<b>13:20-14:40: Lunch sessions</b>				
13:00 – 15:00	<b>Lunch break</b>	<u><a href="#">Human rights &amp; model clauses between Government security forces and companies</a></u> XXII	<u><a href="#">Update on the treaty process</a></u> XXI	<u><a href="#">Redefining leadership: embedding human rights in management education</a></u> XXIII	<u><a href="#">Lessons in implementing the corporate responsibility to respect around the world</a></u> XXVII
15:00 – 16:20	<u><a href="#">Supporting SMEs to meet their responsibility to respect human rights</a></u> XX - Live streaming	<u><a href="#">State regulatory approaches: the trend toward mandatory human rights due diligence and reporting across sectors</a></u> XXII	<u><a href="#">Making consultations with indigenous peoples work: how to overcome the lack of national capacity?</a></u> XXI - E, F, R, S	<u><a href="#">Leadership, leverage and the special challenges of Big Data</a></u> XXIII	<u><a href="#">Advancing national action plans: "Global South" civil society perspectives</a></u> XXVII
16:20 – 16:40	<b>Break</b>				
16:40 – 18:00	<u><a href="#">Plenary III</a></u> <u><a href="#">Summing up and looking ahead to 2017 and beyond</a></u> Room XX - E, F, R, S - Live streaming				

# Map of Palais des Nations

- Room XX is in Building E on level 3
- Rooms XXI, XXII, XXIII & XXVII are in Building E on level 1
- The Assembly Hall (*Plenary II on Tuesday at 10:45 only*) is in Building A
- The Serpentine Bar is in Building E on level 1

