

Opening plenary

27 November

11:30-13:00

Opening remarks

- Peggy Hicks, Director, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
- Surya Deva, Chairperson of the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights

Keynote panel

- Kalpona Akter, former garment sector child worker from Bangladesh; Executive Director,
 Bangladesh Centre for Worker Solidarity
- Maryam Al-Khawaja, award-winning human rights defender from Bahrain, founder of Al-Khawaja Consulting and board member of multiple international human rights organizations
- Winnie Byanyima, Executive Director of Oxfam International
- Marcela Manubens, Global Vice President for Integrated Social Sustainability, Unilever
- Susi Pudjiastuti, Minister of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, Indonesia
- Moderator: Anita Ramasastry, UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights

The 2017 keynote panel brings together inspiring leaders from different backgrounds. The composition of diverse speakers is meant to reflect the Forum's spirit of multi-stakeholder engagement and dialogue. It aims to provide high-level and leadership perspectives on the Forum's theme and key topics. Key questions for the panel include:

- How to achieve access to remedy for victims of business-related human rights impacts?
- How can we ensure that corporate respect for human rights becomes the foundational principle for the private sector's contribution to the SDGs and for efforts to achieve socially sustainable global supply chains?
- How to scale up efforts involving business to better protect and respect human rights defenders that speak up on business-related impacts?
- How can the business and human rights movement better position itself in contributing to new coalitions for tackling these challenges and providing a vision for the role of the private sector in delivering sustainable development based on respect for human rights?