



National actions plans and access to remedy

Parallel session

29 November

10:00-13:00

Organized by the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights

Part 1: UNWG perspectives – Michael Addo

10:00-10:15

Part 2: State presentations

10:15-11:45

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Part 3: Multi-stakeholder dialogue – How to make NAPs work in improving access to remedy

11:45-13:00

Brief outline: The session on NAPs, which will be chaired by the Working Group, provides an opportunity for States to share experience and lessons learned in the development and implementation of NAPs, as well as to share commitments to develop new or update existing NAPs (or similar policy framework) to implement the Guiding Principles.

The Working Group strongly encourages all States to develop and implement national action plans (NAP) on business and human rights to protect against adverse human rights impacts by business enterprises in conformity with the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. It has issued guidance for States in this regard.¹ The Human Rights Council has also encouraged States to submit information on such national action plans to the Working Group (res. 26/22, para. 4).

In view of the 2017 Forum’s theme, “Realizing access to effective remedy”, States are also encouraged to address how the need to ensure access to remedy for victims of business-related human rights abuse is being integrated in existing or planned NAPs.

The session will also be an opportunity for all stakeholders to share their views on progress made to date.

¹ See www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Business/Pages/NationalActionPlans

States that wish to make a 3-minute statement to share their experiences and perspectives are invited to pre-register by sending an email to forumbhr@ohchr.org, cc: wg-business@ohchr.org with subject line: "2017 Forum NAP session – Statement by [country name]". Although speaking time is limited, all States will be able to submit such a statement to be posted on the Forum web page.

Stakeholders wishing to join the multi-stakeholder are also invited to sign up in advance by sending an email to forumbhr@ohchr.org, cc: wg-business@ohchr.org with subject line: "2017 Forum NAP session – Multi-stakeholder dialogue - [name of organization]". Interventions should be no more than 2-3 minutes in order to allow time for as many stakeholder perspectives as possible. Written statements may be submitted for posting on the Forum web page.