

GLOBAL REPORTING AND ASSURANCE STANDARDS PROJECT
30 August 2013, 11:00-13:00

Hosted by Shift (<http://www.shiftproject.org/>)

This workshop will provide participants with an overview of a recently-launched project to develop public, non-proprietary standards for reporting and assuring companies' implementation of the UN Guiding Principles. It will explain the rationale for the project, the process envisaged for broad consultation and collaborative development of the standards, and some of the particular challenges anticipated in achieving meaningful and viable standards in this area. Participants will have chance to provide their general views on the project.

The session will then focus on substantive discussion of the proposed standard for reporting companies' implementation of the UN Guiding Principles. Following some opening reflections from three expert stakeholders, there will be a broad-ranging debate with participants about what they see as the opportunities and pitfalls of developing a standard in this area.

Participants' contributions to this workshop will be collated into a short summary and form part of the feedback that informs the project's direction.

AGENDA

11:00-11:45	Introduction and overview of project on reporting and assurance standards: Rationale, challenges and proposed process	Caroline Rees, Shift Q&A with workshop participants
11:45 – 12:50	Corporate reporting on implementation of the UN Guiding Principles: Expectations, opportunities and pitfalls	Moderator: Caroline Rees Panelists: Amol Mehra, International Corporate Accountability Roundtable Paul Maidstone, Codelco Luis Fernando de Angulo, Gestion Responsable Discussion with workshop participants Commentator: Ernst Ligteringen, Global Reporting Initiative
12:50-13:00	Conclusions	Caroline Rees, Shift