



Rules of Engagement and Guidelines for Respectful Dialogue

The Regional Forum on Business and Human Rights for Latin America and the Caribbean aims at providing a platform for constructive multi-stakeholder dialogue on the implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. There will no doubt be different views on the region's issues and ways to implement the Guiding Principle's three pillars, and how to take the agenda forward. Participants are not expected to agree on all matters. In order to stimulate respectful dialogue, creative thinking and a fully participatory approach, the following Forum rules are set out for all participants.

- Participants will keep a polite tone and ensure that a sense of respect and tolerance permeates the discussion.
- Most panels will be moderated in an interactive fashion to avoid single speaker presentations.
- Forum participants will have an opportunity to take the floor to ask questions or provide comments of no longer than two minutes. Session facilitators will aim to ensure a balanced representation of stakeholder groups. States, businesses, civil society and other groups will be treated on an equal footing.
- Remarks should be pertinent to the topic of the session.
- Session facilitators may use their discretion in the management of the interventions from the floor in order to achieve dynamic discussions.
- All participants are invited to send statements to the UN Working Group's Secretariat at Regionalforumbhr@ohchr.org for posting on the website of the Forum (<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Business/Forum/Pages/2013LACRegionalForumBusinessandHumanRights.aspx>). The Secretariat will make every effort to ensure that statements are posted by the end of each day, but participants are kindly advised that there may be delays.
- Participants are encouraged to avoid reading from prepared written statements, documents or published texts in order to stimulate dynamic discussions.
- Photos can be taken.
- No live TV media coverage will be present (except for opening and closing sessions), though sessions will be recorded for later partial or complete posting on the Internet.
- A Forum Report will be circulated about 2 months after the event reflecting the diversity of views and proposals.
- No signage, apart from institutional information will be allowed.
- Stakeholders can share their reports or information brochures outside the conference room.