



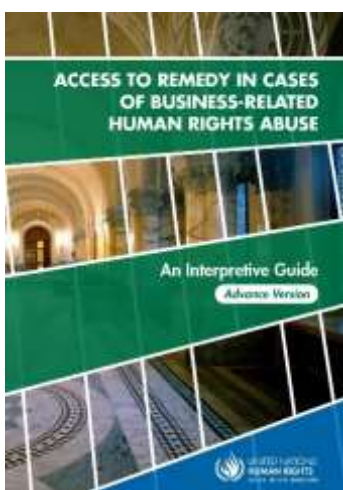
## Accountability and Remedy Project Update

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### RESOURCES

#### NEW PUBLICATION

[Access to Remedy in Cases of Business-related Human Rights Abuse: An Interpretive Guide](#)



This [interpretive guide](#) provides additional background explanation on the principles of the access to remedy pillar of the Guiding Principles so as to support a full understanding of their meaning and intent. It aims to equip all actors, whether specialist or non-specialist, with the knowledge and insights needed for more productive engagement and advocacy in relation to access to remedy for business and human rights harms in a wide range of contexts.

This is an advance version of the guide; a professionally designed and translated version of the guide will be published as soon as it is ready.

#### NEW TRANSLATIONS OF ARP MATERIALS

**Summary of ARP Guidance on Meeting the UNGPs' Effectiveness Criteria:**

[English](#) | [Español](#) | [Français](#)

**2018 report on the relationship between HRDD and liability:** [English](#) | [Español](#)

### NOTABLE EVENTS

For information on other ARP events, please consult [the ARP IV events page](#).



#### Workshop series with judges, prosecutors, and public defenders in Latin America

In late 2022, OHCHR co-convened a series of 10 workshops with judges, prosecutors, and public defenders throughout Latin America (Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia (regional), Costa Rica, Ecuador, Mexico, Panama, and Peru). These workshops were conducted in the context of our [Project on Responsible Business Conduct in Latin America and the Caribbean \(RBCLAC\)](#) together with the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung and local partners. In total, these workshops involved around 300 judges, 30 prosecutors, and 30 public defenders, among others. The discussions centered around the relevance of the UNGPs in judicial decision-making and built on our [ARP report on the links between human rights due diligence and legal liability](#).

#### Remedy workshops with members of the ISEAL Alliance

Over the last years, OHCHR has worked with the ISEAL Alliance to enhance the role of sustainability systems and their partners in accountability and remedy. A

series of workshops were conducted with ISEAL members covering topics such as: fundamentals of remedy, effectiveness criteria, facilitating remedy, strengthening collaboration, and connections between HRDD and remedy. [Please consult ISEAL's blog about the series to learn more.](#)

### **The importance of rights holder perspectives in the design of remedial mechanisms**

At the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Forum on Business and Human Rights, the ARP team organized a session on [the importance of rights holder perspectives in the design of remedial mechanisms](#). Taking the Fair Food Program (FFP) as a case study, the session explored the role of migrant worker community organizing in the development of the FFP, the FFP's model for addressing accountability and remedy, how the model has influenced developments in other sectors and countries, and how rights holders have been instrumental in this expansion. Panellists included co-founders of the Coalition of Immokalee Workers and FFP, a representative from a company associated with the FFP, and an expert on worker-driven social responsibility. [A recording of the session is available here.](#)



### **Webinar series with the GRAM Partnership**

Since 2021, OHCHR has worked with the Grievance Redress and Accountability Mechanism (GRAM) Partnership to deliver webinars for practitioners working at a range of non-judicial mechanisms, both State-based and non-State-based. These sessions have covered issues such as designing and administering effective grievance mechanisms and enhancing the accessibility of mechanisms. [Please consult the GRAM Partnership webpage to learn more.](#)

## **MANDATORY HRDD**

OHCHR has continued to advocate for alignment between forthcoming mHRDD legislation, ARP, and the UNGPs more broadly. [An overview of work done in this area may be found on our dedicated mHRDD web portal.](#) While much of OHCHR's engagement has been behind the scenes, OHCHR has released a number of materials publicly, such as:

- [A press release by the High Commissioner calling on EU leaders to adopt the CS3D](#)
- [A call for alignment of the CS3D with the UNGPs](#)
- [A note on mandating downstream HRDD](#) (complemented by a [blog post](#))

This is an update on OHCHR's [Accountability and Remedy Project \(ARP\)](#). Work on ARP has been ongoing since 2014 in response to multiple mandates from the Human Rights Council (Resolutions [26/22](#), [32/10](#), [38/13](#), [44/15](#), and [53/3](#)). The current phase (ARP IV) is dedicated to enhancing the accessibility, dissemination, and implementation of ARP findings from the first three phases.

If you would like to be removed from, or added to, the ARP mailing list, please indicate so at: [ohchr-business-access2remedy@un.org](mailto:ohchr-business-access2remedy@un.org).

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