

RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS FORUM

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Bangkok, Thailand

DRAFT AGENDA

Wednesday, 12 June 2019

08:00 - 09:00 *Registration*

09:00 – 09:15 **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Minister of Justice, Royal Government of Thailand (tbc)

09:15 – 10:45 **The 2030 Agenda and the role of business in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals**

The 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) outline priority actions needed to ensure adequate resources and a healthy planet for the next generation, while also attending to the needs of the poorest and most vulnerable of the current generation. Businesses should leverage their expertise and resources to help achieve the SDGs. This includes examining and reforming their operations to ensure - at a minimum - doing no harm to the environment and human rights. This session will discuss how governments can promote business engagement on the SDGs and how businesses can secure their license to operate through concrete commitments to human rights and environment.

Moderator: **Adnan Aliani**, Director, Strategy and Programme Management Division, ESCAP

Panelists:

- **Masamichi Kono**, Deputy Secretary General, OECD
- **Haoliang Xu**, Assistant Secretary-General and Director of the Regional Bureau for Asia and Pacific, UNDP
- **Graeme Buckley**, Director, Country Office for Thailand, Cambodia, and Lao PDR, and Director, Decent Work Team, Regional Office for the Asia and Pacific, ILO
- **Rob Lederer**, Executive Director, Responsible Business Alliance
- **Serena Lillywhite**, Chief Executive Officer, Transparency International Australia

10:45 – 11:00 *Coffee break*

11:00 – 12:30 **Governments Taking Action: Deepening Policy Coherence**

Governments are using creative ways to ensure departments, agencies and other State-based institutions that shape business practices are aware of responsible business and human rights obligations. This session will discuss how vertical and horizontal policy coherence can be achieved, including through National Action Plans, multi-stakeholder approaches involving local government and CSOs, and integration of due diligence expectations in various policies governing business conduct.

Moderator: **Serena Lillywhite**, Chief Executive Officer, Transparency International Australia

Panelists:

- **Surya Deva**, Chair, UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights
- **Christine Kaufmann**, Chair, OECD Working Party on Responsible Business Conduct
- **Fan Bin**, Deputy Director-General, Ministry of Industry and Information Technology, China
- **Prabianto Mukti Wibowo**, Assistant Deputy Minister for Forest Governance, Coordinating Ministry for Economic Affairs, Indonesia
- **Masatoshi Sugiura**, Director, Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs Division, Foreign Policy Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan
- **Injeti Srinivas**, Secretary, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India

12:30 - 14:00 *Lunch break*

14:00 - 15:30

Tools to address climate change and human rights impacts

The transition to a low carbon economy is leading to the development of new policies and business tools, such as enhanced disclosure of climate-related risks, impact measurement, incentives for board members linked to GHG emission reductions, and targeted engagement with suppliers. This session will discuss how the experience gained in the development and implementation of these policies and tools can help address issues in other areas of corporate responsibility, such as human rights issues.

Moderator: UNDP

Panelists:

Roberto Cadiz, Commissioner, Commission on Human Rights of the Philippines (CHRP)

Maartje Van Putten, Chair, National Contact Point for Responsible Business Conduct, Netherlands

Alexander Mastrovito, Head of Sustainable Transport Solutions, Scania Hong Kong/Scania Asia & Oceania

Niclas Svenningsen, Manager, Global Climate Action, UNFCCC

Due diligence in global supply chains: FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

The food and agriculture industries present some of the highest risks to human rights in Asia and have been the focus of reform efforts in several food exporting countries. What changes have taken root and what successes can now be celebrated? In this session, representatives from the food and agriculture industries, regulatory bodies, and civil society will exchange views on progress and ongoing challenges, with particular reference to promoting responsible business due diligence efforts.

Moderator:

FAO (tbc)

Panelists:

Bruce Blakeman, Vice President Corporate Affairs, Cargill

Darian McBain, Global Director of Sustainable Development, Thai Union

Yann Wyss, Senior Public Affairs Manager, Social & Environmental Impact, Nestle

Sarah Rogan, Senior Labour Rights Campaigner/Gender Expert, Oxfam Australia (tbc)

Thai government representative (tbc)

Due diligence in global supply chains: INFRASTRUCTURE

Infrastructure is a critical input for development. It is both an explicit SDG as well as a factor in achieving other SDGs. However, infrastructure projects are complex, with long supply chains and many stakeholders. Obtaining and maintaining the social license to operate is often an underestimated and under-priced risk that threatens the success of projects, while costs for communities are often higher and more serious than contemplated at the start of project implementation. This session will discuss how integrating and carrying out due diligence in the infrastructure project life-cycle can lead to better project outcomes.

Moderator:

Mac Darrow, Representative, Office of the Human Rights Commissioner, UN

Panelists:

Cynthia Ann Peterson, Principal, Social Performance, PETRONAS

Ron Popper, CEO, Global Business Initiative on Human Rights

Manisha Dogra, Vice-President, Sustainability, Asia, Telenor Group
NGO representative (tbc)

15:30 - 16:00

Coffee break

16:00 - 17:30

Decent Work in Global Supply Chains: Trends, Practical Tools and Experiences in the Region

Global supply chains have become a common way of organising investment, production and trade in the global economy. In many countries, particularly developing countries, they have created employment and opportunities for economic and social development. However, there are also examples where global supply chains lead to deficits in decent work with negative

Due diligence in global supply chains: ELECTRONICS MANUFACTURING

Asian firms hold a strong market position in consumer and non-consumer electronics products globally. This is and has been a key sector for development. However, environmental and social risks, such as for example migrant and labor rights or human rights risks, are present in the sector and along the supply chain. These impacts and risks can occur in companies' manufacturing operations, business relationships (i.e. suppliers) as well as

Due diligence in global supply chains: PROJECT FINANCE

Financial service providers play an important role in promoting responsible business conduct with respect to the activities they finance. Responsible finance is not only an ethical consideration but also relevant to managing risks, as often environmental and social risks will also represent commercial risks. This session will explore the latest developments in due diligence with respect to project finance transactions and will discuss practical ways that the sector can

impacts on development and the society as a whole. This session will showcase how socially responsible labour practices help businesses to become more competitive, productive and to ease the access to new markets.

Sarah Gondy, Policy Officer, EU-DG Trade

Miwa Yamada, Director, Inter-disciplinary Studies Center, JETRO-IDE

Xiaohui Liang, Deputy Chief Economist, China National Textile and Apparel Council (CNTAC)

Annie Adviento, Regional Representative, IndustriALL Global Union (tbc)

Chanintr Chaisarapong, President, Thai Tuna Industry Association (tbc)

Company belonging to the Global Business Network on Forced Labour (tbc)

companies' raw materials sourcing. This session will explore opportunities and challenges related to supply chain due diligence in this context.

Moderator:

Carlos Busquets, Director of Public Policy, Responsible Business Alliance

Panelists:

Balan Shanmuganathan, Senior Director of EHS & Sustainability, Seagate

Narisa Siamchai, Assurance Programme Manager, Human Rights & Supply Chain Sustainability, HP Inc. (Thailand)

Omana George, Programme Coordinator, Asia Monitor Resources

Electronics company (tbc)

strengthen respect for human rights and the SDGs.

Moderator:

Christine Kaufmann, Chair, OECD Working Party on Responsible Business Conduct

Panelists:

Ghislaine Nadaud, Head of Sustainability Asia Pacific, ABN AMRO Bank N.V.

John Burch, Senior Adviser, Foreign Investment Division, Treasury, Australia

Namit Agarwal, Fair Finance Asia

Patrick Bader, Head of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), Corporate and Institutional Banking, BNP Paribas

Thursday, 13 June 2019

08:30 – 10:00

Promoting Responsible Business and Human Rights in Global Trade and Investment

The focus of international trade and investment policy has been broadening in recent years beyond “more is better” to place greater emphasis on the quality of investment that countries receive and how this impacts domestic conditions. A critical dimension of this shift concerns expectations around better business practices. The objective of this session is to discuss the trends and practical ways that governments and business are reflecting responsible business conduct and human rights concerns in trade and investment strategies and policy action.

Moderator: Anita Ramasastry, Member, UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights

Panelists:

- **Hilde Hardeman**, Director and Head of Service, Foreign Policy Instruments, European Union
- **Young Tae Kim**, Secretary-General, International Transport Forum
- **Steve Olson**, Research Fellow, Hinrich Foundation
- **Karina Yong**, Senior Researcher, Third World Network (tbc)
- **Aung Naing Oo**, Director General, Office of the Union Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, Myanmar (tbc)

10:00 – 11:15

Learning from Practice: Accountability and Access to Remedy

This session will explore the access to remedy landscape in Asia and the world and the role of non-judicial mechanisms, such as the National Contact Points (NCPs) and National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), in providing access to effective remedy. The session will present real-life cases from non-judicial mechanisms and will discuss how to enhance the roles and functions of these mechanisms, including through collaboration.

Moderator: Aishah Bidin, Professor of Law, Universiti Kebangsaan, Malaysia

Panelists:

- **Maartje Van Putten**, Chair, National Contact Point for Responsible Business Conduct, Netherlands
- **Angkhana Neelapaijit**, Commissioner, National Human Rights Commission of Thailand
- **John Burch**, National Contact Point for Responsible Business Conduct, Australia

- **Elin Wrzoncki**, Senior Advisor, Human Rights and Business, Danish Institute for Human Rights
- Institute for Policy Research and Advocacy (ELSAM), Indonesia (tbc)
- Private sector representative (tbc)

11:15 – 11:30 *Coffee break*

DEEP DIVE SESSIONS

11:30 – 12:30

Human Rights Defenders and Responsible Business

Growing international concern over the ill-treatment of environmental and human rights defenders (HRDs) is now recognized as a priority issue for States, and a reputational and operational risk to businesses. Recognizing the State duty to protect and remedy, some governments in Asia are reviewing laws and enforcement practices to protect HRDs. How are HRDs enabling responsible business practices? And what more must be done to protect them?

Pranom Sonwan, Protection International, Thailand Representative

Anita Ramasastry, Member, UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights

Shubha Sekhar, Director Human Rights, Eurasia & North Africa, Coca Cola

Applying a Gender Lens to Global Supply Chains

Persistent gender inequalities mean that men and women can be impacted in very different ways by company operations across global supply chains. Although participation in global supply chains can bring economic empowerment, it may also lead to greater risks of precarious work and harassment. This session will discuss experience in building a gender perspective into corporate RBC policies and practices, in line with the UN Working Group report to the Human Rights Council on “Gender Lens to the UN Guiding Principles on business and Human Rights”.

Joyce Chau, Director Asia Pacific, Amfori

Surya Deva, UN Working Group on Business & Human Rights

Tran Thi Lan Anh, Deputy Secretary General, Vietnam Chamber of Commerce and Industry (VCCI)

Emily Sims, Senior Specialist on International Labour Standards, ILO

Measuring and Communicating Impact

Enterprises need to account for how they identify and addresses actual or potential adverse impacts in their company and supply chains. Sustainability reporting and due diligence are key tools for monitoring and improving responsible business practices and ensuring accountability. Communicating information on due diligence processes, findings and plans is part of this. It enables the enterprise to build trust in its actions and decision-making, and demonstrate good faith. This session will discuss company experiences with measuring and communicating the impact of its actions to ensure responsible business conduct, including in its supply chains.

Mathilde Mesnard, Deputy Director of Financial and Enterprise Affairs, OECD

Kitty Potter, Apple

Thomas Thomas, Chief Executive Officer, ASEAN CSR Network

Dante Pesce, Member, UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights

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New Technologies and New Norms: A.I., privacy protection, cyber security and beyond

New technologies are being examined for their potential role in realizing sustainable development. Their enhanced capacities at data collection, risk analysis, and policy and program evaluation, shows much promise in “ensuring that no one is left behind.” Yet, troubling events related to the misuse, misapplication and failure of new technologies are giving pause to the enthusiasm of many. Accounts are increasing of the human rights risks and impacts of new technologies in military applications and related to biodata privacy, surveillance, discrimination and sexual exploitation. This session will focus on the urgent need to build norms and take next steps around the use of technology as

Migrant workers and responsible business conduct

Migrant workers play an intrinsic role in many sectors and economies. However, the circumstances in which migrant workers are recruited and hired can in some cases increase their vulnerability to exploitation when operating in contexts without adequate protections and enforcement. This session will seek to address how companies can carry out due diligence in their own operations as well as those linked to suppliers, such as third party recruitment agencies, in the recruitment and employment of migrant workers. Panellists will discuss lessons learned in applying due diligence to prevent and mitigate risks linked to the recruitment process as well as in addressing potential human rights and labour risks in the destination country. This session will likewise examine the policy tools available to governments to create an enabling environment for

related to AI, IOT, robotics, digital communication, as well as policies related to cyber security.

- **Marcus Bartley Johns**, Regional Director - Asia, Government Affairs and Public Policy, Microsoft
- **Jake Lucchi**, Head of Content and AI - Asia Pacific Public Policy, Google (tbc)
- Civil society (tbc)
- Government (tbc)

responsible business conduct and to protect workers in both sending and destination countries and the roles of civil society and trade unions.

- **Wan Zulkfli bin Wan Setapa**, Director of the Institute of Labour Market Information and Analysis, Malaysia
- **Aiden McQuade**, Director, Anti-Slavery international
- **Nilim Baruah**, Triangle project in ASEAN programme, ILO
- IOM
- Karex, Malaysia (tbc)
- Private sector (tbc)

15:30 - 15:45 *Coffee break*

15:45 - 17:00 **The Future of Work**

The rapid changes in the world of work and the global degree of impact call for decisive action by governments, private sector, workers, think-tanks, academia and the civil society to ensure that the transformative changes create a brighter future and deliver economic security, equal opportunity and social justice. This session will promote a better understanding of the impact that technologies, demographics and climate change are posing in the world of work. It will discuss the recommendations of the pillars needed for building a human-centred agenda for a decent future of work proposed in the report of the Global Commission on the Future of Work. Particular attention will be paid to the role of stakeholders to reshaping business incentives for longer-term investment approaches and establishing an enabling environment for increased job creation and decent work.

Moderator: **Jose Rolan Moya**, Director General, Employers' Confederation of the Philippines

Panelists:

- Ministry of Labour of Thailand (tbc)
- **Francis Kim Uppi**, Director Social and Economic Policy, ITUC-AP

17:00 - 17:30 **"Take-aways" and concluding remarks**

About this event

The *Responsible Business and Human Rights Forum (#RBHRForum)* is a multi-stakeholder event addressing an array of priority issues under the Responsible Business Conduct and Business and Human Rights agendas. The *#RBHRForum* will take place during the *Bangkok Business and Human Rights Week*, 10-14 June. The *#RBHRForum* is co-organized by the Royal Thai Government, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), International Labour Organization (ILO), and with the participation of the Working Group on Business and Human Rights. The *#RBHRForum* includes the OECD Global Forum on Responsible Business Conduct.