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Project launch: Business and human rights – towards a decade of global implementation

Virtual launch event - 7 July 2020 from 15:00-18:00 CEST

Convened by the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights in cooperation with the German Federal Foreign Office (co-host)

AGENDA

15:00-15:10	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Welcome by Anita Ramasastry, Chairperson, UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights and Niels Annen, Minister of State at the Federal Foreign Office, Germany</p>
15:10-15:20	<p>Opening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Didier Reynders, European Commissioner for Justice</i> • <i>John Ruggie, former UN Secretary-General's Special Representative for Business and Human Rights; Berthold Beitz Professor in Human Rights and International Affairs at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government</i>
15:20-15:30	<p>Remarks by UN Project Partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Peggy Hicks, Director, Thematic Engagement, Special Procedures and Right to Development Division, Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights</i> • <i>Mourad Wahba, Associate Administrator a.i., UNDP</i>
15:30-15:45	<p>Government perspectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Jens Frølich Holte, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway</i> • <i>Silvia Lara Povedano, Vice Minister of the Presidency, Costa Rica</i> • <i>Krystyna Marty, State Secretary, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland</i> • <i>Stefano Sannino, Deputy Secretary General for Economic and Global Issues, European External Action Service</i>
15:45-15:55	<p>Introducing the UNGPs10+/NextdecadeBHR project</p> <p>Conversation with UN Working Group Chair Anita Ramasastry and Vice-chair Dante Pesce Conducted by Christopher Schuller, independent business and human rights expert</p>
15:55-16:25	<p>Reflections on UNGPs10+ and reinforcing coherence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Sharan Burrow, Secretary-General, International Trade Union Confederation</i> • <i>Mthunzi Mdwaba, Vice-President, International Organisation of Employers</i> • <i>Sanda Ojiambo, Executive Director, United Nations Global Compact</i> • <i>Christine Kaufmann, Chairperson, Working Party on Responsible Business Conduct, OECD</i> • <i>Josep Wilde-Ramsing, Senior Researcher, SOMO; Coordinator OECD Watch</i> • <i>Victor van Vuuren, Director, Enterprises Department, ILO</i> <p>Moderator: Lene Wendland, Chief, Business and Human Rights, Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)</p>
16:25-16:35	<p>Break</p>

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16:35-16:50	<p>Perspectives and expectations from the ground</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Joan Carling, Co-convenor of the Indigenous Peoples Major Group for Sustainable Development</i> • <i>Nnimmo Bassey, Defender of victims of climate change, Nigerian activist and poet</i> <p><i>Moderator: Mauricio Lazala, Deputy Director & Head of Europe Office, Business & Human Rights Resource Centre</i></p>
16:50 -17:35	<p>The road ahead: how to scale action to move business respect for human rights from aspiration to action?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Heidi Hautala, Member of the European Parliament; Chair of the European Parliament Working Group on Responsible Business Conduct</i> • <i>Fiona Reynolds, CEO, Principles for Responsible Investment</i> • <i>Jeanette von Wolfersdorff, Director of Commission for Transparency, Quality and the Impact of Public Expenditure, Chile; former Director of the Santiago Securities Exchange</i> • <i>Liang Xiaohui, Chief Researcher, Office for Social Responsibility, China National Textile and Apparel Council; Adjunct Professor, Peking University Law School</i> • <i>Fernanda Hopenhaym, Co-executive director, PODER (Latin America); Chair of the board, ESCR-Net</i> • <i>Ron Popper, CEO, Global Business Initiative on Human Rights</i> <p><i>Moderator: Salil Tripathi, Senior Advisor, Global Issues, Institute for Human Rights and Business</i></p>
17:35-17:55	<p>Answers, take-aways and next steps</p> <p><i>Virtual Q&A with the Working Group Chair and Vice-chair</i></p>
17:55-18:00	<p>Closing remarks by the co-host</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Bärbel Kofler, Commissioner for Human Rights Policy of the German Federal Government</i>

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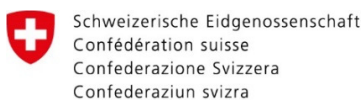


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