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International

1. UN Forum on Business and Human Rights - Geneva, 1-3 Dec (proposal deadline 1 Jul)

Proposals for side events held at third annual UN Forum on Business and Human Rights (Geneva, 1-3 Dec 2014) are due 1 July and can be submitted [here](#). The UN Working Group welcomes suggestions for the Forum by 1 July [here](#). Please visit the [2014 Forum web page](#) for further information.

The Forum is the largest global gathering for multi-stakeholder dialogue on business and human rights and discussions on trends and challenges in the implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, and is open to participation by relevant stakeholders, including governments, business, civil society and others.

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2. Treaty Alliance to push towards international treaty to address corporate human rights violations

ESCR-Net, FIDH and other members of the [Treaty Alliance](#), a global network of civil society organizations and social movements, are coordinating a series of actions to promote a resolution at the Human Rights Council's 26th Session in June that would begin a process towards creating an international treaty to address corporate human rights violations. During June, advocacy will take place in, and elsewhere, in order to raise awareness about corporate human rights violations and the need to strengthen the international framework on business and human rights.

During the 26th Session of the HRC in Geneva, FIAN, FIDH and other members of the Treaty Alliance will be organising a joint side event on 19 June highlighting cases of corporate-related abuses from around the world, the difficulties of accessing remedy, and the need for stronger regulation. Members of the Treaty Alliance will also coordinate a Week of Mobilization, beginning 23 June. Activities planned include a hearing of the Permanent Peoples' Tribunal on global corporate crimes on 23 June, conferences on violations by transnational corporations and on a human rights-compliant system for food production by TNCs on 24-25 June, and a march on 25 June.

To support these efforts, [sign on to the Joint Statement](#) calling for an international legally binding instrument on human rights, transnational corporations and other business enterprises. The statement has so far been signed by 450 organizations and 170 individuals.

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3. Toolkit on addressing security and human rights challenges in complex environments - 30 Jun

On 30 June, the [Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces](#) (DCAF) and the [International Committee of the Red Cross](#) (ICRC) will publish a toolkit of good practices as part of their joint project “Addressing security and human rights challenges in complex environments”. The toolkit will be published on www.securityhumanrightshub.org, a knowledge hub also developed by this project which provides a platform for guidance, tools and good practices to address security and human rights challenges.

The DCAF-ICRC toolkit provides guidance to help companies operating in complex environments manage their security in a way that is effective and respects human rights and, when relevant, international humanitarian law. The project has initially focused on developing two chapters of the toolkit: 1) Working with host governments, and 2) Public security forces. Other chapters will be developed in a subsequent phase.

The toolkit is structured around challenges related to the issues of working with host governments and public security forces. Good practices and recommendations are provided on how to address these challenges, as well as practical tools such as checklists, templates and case studies. These are geared towards supporting project-level implementation.

The toolkit is a living document, which will be regularly updated with new good practices, tools and links to other resources. Feedback from users is therefore encouraged to ensure the guidance and tools included are practical and implementation-oriented. This may be done by sending a message to [PPPs \(at\) dcaf.ch](mailto:PPPs@dcaf.ch).

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4. Launch of “KnowShow”, world’s first business & human rights identification app - Amsterdam, 11 Jun

On 11 June [Global CSR](#) and [ViewWorld](#) have been invited to present our human rights identification app – [KnowShow](#) – in Amsterdam, at the conference on Business and Human Rights hosted by the VBDO, CNV International, ICCO Cooperation and PwC. The app allows companies to engage stakeholders in identifying potential and actual adverse human rights impacts. Global CSR and ViewWorld will facilitate a session on how to use the app for human rights impact reporting and engage participants in identifying potential adverse impacts at various stages of the value chain in the food and agriculture sector.

For more information about the KnowShow app, please contact CSR Adviser, Sine Gyruup, at +45 2629 2664 or [sg \(at\) global-csr.com](mailto:sg@global-csr.com) or read more about the app here: <http://global-csr.com/human-rights-impact-identification-made-easy-with-an-app/>

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5. Launch of Business and Peace initiative by CDA Collaborative Learning

CDA’s [Corporate Engagement Program](#) and [Reflecting on Peace Practice Program](#) are launching a new initiative on Business and Peace. The focus of the initiative is to provide an analytical framework to better understand the range of efforts in which companies can engage in settings affected by fragility and violent conflict in order to make a positive contribution to peace efforts. This ranges from due diligence measures to addressing core drivers of conflict through operational activities. Based on the initiative’s findings, CDA hopes to develop mechanisms to evaluate the effectiveness of company initiatives that relate to peace.

This mechanism will help to inform the creation of the [United Nations Global Compact’s \(UNGC\) B4P \(Business for Peace\)](#) platform by offering the UNGC and its local networks a means for understanding their effects on peace and for developing strategies to improve their impacts. As an outcome of the initiative, CDA plans to convene a formal community of practice for the exchange of best practice and experience sharing among corporate actors. If you are interested in contributing or being involved please contact Sarah Cechvala, [scechvala \(at\) cdacollaborative.org](mailto:scechvala@cdacollaborative.org).

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6. Conference on legal remedies for corruption - Oxford, 28 Jun

The [Open Society Justice Initiative](#) & [Oxford University’s Institute for Ethics, Law and Armed Conflict](#) will host discussions on how national and international laws are being used to fight corruption.

Discussion will focus on:

- **Where do we stand now?:** The state of play in light of significant cases and current litigation efforts globally.
- **Where are we going?:** How anti-corruption groups are using existing law to innovatively expand available legal tools. The focus will be on public interest litigation in India, the U.S. False Claims Act and False Claims Bill in Kenya, Africa’s human-rights mechanism & the humanitarian law of pillage, including pillage by companies.

- **How can we push the frontiers?:** Legal theories & concepts that may shape the future course of global anticorruption efforts.

Panelists include: Sir Paul Collier, Vuyelwa Kuuya, Liz David-Barret & Arghya Sengupta, Oxford University; Mutembo Nchito, National Prosecution Authority of Zambia; Adetokunbo Mumuni, Socio-Economic Rights & Accountability Project (Nigeria); Yevgeniy Zhovtis, BOTA Foundation (Kazakhstan); Abiola Makinwa, Hague University of Applied Sciences; Wamuti Ndegwa, Ndegwa, Muthama & Katisya Associates (Kenya); Maud Perdriel-Vaissière, formerly of Association Sherpa (France); Samuel Nguiffo, Center for Environment and Development (Cameroon); Bénédict De Moerloose, TRIAL (Switzerland).

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7. Corporate Legal Accountability Quarterly Bulletin - future issues also available in Russian

In June, Business & Human Rights Resource Centre will issue its [Corporate Legal Accountability Quarterly Bulletin](#) in Russian for the first time; it has previously been published in English, French and Spanish. This bulletin assists all those following corporate legal accountability issues and highlights key developments, new cases profiled on our [Corporate Legal Accountability Portal](#), updates to existing case profiles, and other news.

Please contact us if you wish to receive the bulletin, specifying the language version you wish to receive.

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8. Business & Human Rights Resource Centre website upgrade - approaching launch

The Resource Centre has embarked on a major redesign of its website with UK-based IT firm [Fat Beehive](#). Internal website testing is underway, and the new site is due to be launched publicly over the coming months. Our aim is to create a more user-friendly platform, with a more intuitive search function, greater social media integration, more audio-visual materials, navigation in seven different languages, and other innovations.

→ *Please email any feedback you may have on the new website after its launch to Mauricio Lazala, Deputy Director, Business & Human Rights Resource Centre, [lazala \(at\) business-humanrights.org](mailto:lazala@business-humanrights.org)*

Africa

9. Workshop on security and human rights in Kenya's extractive sector - 16-17 Jun, Nairobi

[The Institute for Human Rights and Business](#) (IHRB) and the [British High Commission Nairobi](#) are convening a two-day workshop on security and human rights in Kenya's extractive sector on Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 June in Nairobi.

This follows the recent [Annual Plenary Meeting on the Voluntary Principles](#) (VPs) in Montreux, Switzerland where the UK Government took the Chairmanship of the VPs and IHRB joined as an Observer. This multi-stakeholder convening in Nairobi will bring together key government officials, oil and gas industry representatives, and civil society organizations from Kenya, Ghana, Tanzania and Uganda to discuss the relevance and practical application of the VPs to the complex security challenges facing the emerging oil and gas sector in Kenya. The overarching aim is to create a common plan of action for all stakeholders for further engagement and collaboration around security and human rights.

IHRB has been engaging with oil and gas exploration companies, government and civil society in Kenya for over a year through the ["Nairobi Process: A Pact for Responsible Business"](#) which it has been leading in collaboration with the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights, addressing challenges such as security, local content and community engagement.

This meeting is by invitation only. For further information, please contact: Kelly Davina Scott, [kelly.scott \(at\) ihrb.org](mailto:kelly.scott@ihrb.org)

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10. 3rd Zambia Alternative Mining Indaba - Ndola, Zambia, 17-20 Jun

The 3rd Zambian Alternative Mining Indaba (ZAMI) will be hosted, under the theme “Our Minerals, Our Future, Putting Local Communities First”, in Ndola, Zambia, 17-20 June. The event is held under the auspices of the Evangelical Fellowship of Zambia, Council of Churches in Zambia and Zambia Episcopal Conference in collaboration with Publish What You Pay Zambia, ActionAid Zambia, Centre for Trade Policy and Development and other civil society organizations. The objective of ZAMI is to provide a platform for CSOs, government, mining companies and community members to share experiences on sector-specific issues such as taxation, growth and investment, land, environment, policy and legislation. This platform will further highlight some of the issues within the extractive sector involving mining and forestry communities, mine workers, companies, government, civil society and will propose possible solutions. For more information on this event, email Edward Goma: [edwardgoma \(at\) ctpd.org.zm](mailto:edwardgoma@ctpd.org.zm)

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11. Civil society report on mining companies’ investments in Dem. Rep. of Congo

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Civil society organizations in DRC working in the natural resource sector, and specifically the mining sector, have launched an independent inquiry to highlight the conclusions of a provisional 2012 report that audited several companies, among them Tenke Fungurume Mining (TFM). The goal of the inquiry is to better understand why the country does not benefit adequately from the economic impacts of mining. These organizations have just published a preliminary report that revealed a number of irregularities, including overvaluation by companies of their investments; unavailability of relevant documents that are needed as a basis for financial audits; and transfer by companies of mining revenues to foreign bank accounts, rather than the repatriation of 40% of their export earnings as specified in the mining code. These CSOs plan to organise meetings with the companies in question and government officials during the coming weeks, to clarify the situation and propose solutions to these concerns.

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For a recent response by TFM to allegations of overvaluation of investments and tax avoidance (only available in French), [click here](#).

12. Building capacity on the UN Guiding Principles in Ghana - workshops in July

In July, [Shift](#) and the [Commission for Human Rights and Administrative Justice](#) (CHRAJ) in Ghana will partner to deliver capacity-building workshops for civil society, business and government stakeholders in Accra on the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. CHRAJ is Ghana's National Human Rights Institution and in implementing its mandate, CHRAJ is closely involved in national discussions about business and human rights. Shift and CHRAJ will collaborate with the [Dutch Centre for Research on Multinational Enterprises](#) (SOMO) in delivering the civil society workshop.

The presence of a number of extractive and agribusiness companies has brought heightened attention to preventing and addressing business impacts on society in Ghana. The workshops aim to strengthen stakeholders' capacity in understanding and implementing the UN Guiding Principles, with a view to convening a multi-stakeholder dialogue to discuss priorities for action and potentially the development of a National Action Plan on the UN Guiding Principles in 2015.

For further information please contact Rachel Davis, [rachel.davis \(at\) shiftproject.org](mailto:rachel.davis@shiftproject.org), and see: <http://shiftproject.org/project/building-capacity-un-guiding-principles-ghana>

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13. Forthcoming court hearing on eviction of Hoima, Uganda, residents following resettlement dispute

Following their re-settlement to make way for new oil & gas development, residents of Kabale, in Hoima District, in co-ordination with [Africa Institute for Energy Governance](#) (AFIEGO), filed a civil suit at the Ugandan High Court. In the suit the plaintiffs allege many residents were not paid the fair market value of their land and crops; they

dispute the rates used in the assessment for compensation, asserting their land and crops were grossly undervalued by the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development. Many residents also refused to sign compensation acknowledgement receipts and transfer forms because they had not yet received payment of compensation, nor details of how the compensation figures had been reached.

On 20 May, the plaintiffs filed a High Court application seeking a temporary injunction restraining the government from evicting the residents without adequately compensating them and allowing them to continue using their land for cultivation or other purposes until the original case is heard and concluded. Some residents have been served with eviction notices requiring them to vacate the land by 10 June. The case is set to be heard in June in the High Court of Kampala.

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Americas

14. Human rights, freedom and development: An approach beyond ideologies - Guatemala, 18 Jul

Understanding human rights and how best to implement them is a vital foundation of the work of all organizations, companies and entrepreneurs. To support social and economic development in Guatemala, [Advocacy for Business & Human Rights \(ABHR\)](#) has organised a forum on business and human rights on 18 July. The forum seeks to support the development of more humane economic development in Guatemala, and has been designed for people from a range of sectors including journalists, academics, students and business people. The forum focuses on ways young people in Guatemala have begun to build empowering democratic spaces in the field of human rights. The forum will also include discussion of the UN Guiding Principles (also known as the “Ruggie framework”) as a key instrument for sustainable economic development and better social and political relationships.

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15. Training course for companies on human rights - Buenos Aires, June

[Unofficial translation by Business & Human Rights Resource Centre from original text in Spanish]

In June the Legal & Compliance programme of [CEADS](#) (Argentinian Business Council for Sustainable Development) will conduct the second edition of its training course on business and human rights, for its member companies. The workshop will include teaching and discussion with civil society representatives. The objective will be to provide participants with a better understanding of current human rights issues related to business. The workshop will also help participants to identify and create strategies within their organizations to face sensitive human rights situations. Continuing with training activities, during the second half CEADS will also host the first edition of its in-depth workshop on business and human rights, aimed mostly at participants in the first workshop in order to deepen their knowledge and share practical experiences.

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Asia/Pacific

16. Training on UN Guiding Principles - Phnom Penh, June

[Cambodian Center for Human Rights](#) (CCHR) is scheduled to provide training on the UN Guiding Principles and their implementation for labour unions, land rights groups, and related civil society groups and organizations in late June 2014 (tentatively on 27 June). We expect to provide this training to at least 30 participants. This will be the third such training CCHR has conducted thus far in 2014. The training will help civil society groups and workers achieve greater knowledge of the obligations for businesses to respect and protect human rights in their day-to-day operations, as well as advocacy and legal remedies available to promote these rights – resulting in more effective advocacy, legal and other actions to protect their own rights.

For further information, please visit our business portal at <http://business.sithi.org/>

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17. Events on implementation & awareness of CSR and human rights - Tokyo

The Nippon CSR Consortium was established to raise awareness and promote activities in the field of business and human rights. Several events are currently open for registration including the Human Rights Due Diligence Workshop from July to December: http://www.crt-japan.jp/EN/files/human_rights_due_diligence/intro.html. To facilitate the practical implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, we developed the "Sustainable Navigation (Sus-Navi)" framework, a roadmap that marks out twelve steps in order to create a clear link between human rights issues, CSR activities and reporting (transparency). More information about the Sus-Navi framework is at the following link: http://www.crt-japan.jp/EN/files/Holistic_Approach/framework.html.

Caux Round Table Japan have facilitated a conference on CSR and risk management since 2013 to explore ways of strengthening risk management by implementing the UN Guiding Principles. The conference is held in March and September. At this moment we are preparing the final list of international speakers; more information will be made available here: <http://www.crt-japan.jp/EN/index.html>

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18. China Learning Project Information report - June

In June, a short report will be released on a project entitled "The Corporate Responsibility to Respect Human Rights in China and Globally". The project aimed to support Chinese and multinational business participants to enter into meaningful peer-to-peer dialogue, and to share policies and practices related to business impacts on human rights. The project took place over 9 months, starting in June 2013 and ending in February 2014.

The project included a learning seminar, bilateral meetings between the project team and participating companies, and the production of a final report. To support learning, each company presented and submitted small case studies or "learning cases". The discussions reflected diverse human rights impacts, in a variety of geographies and across industries. The project was led by [Peking University Law School](#), the Beijing Rong Zhi Corporate Responsibility Institute, [Tracktwo](#), and the [Global Business Initiative on Human Rights](#). The report will be available on the website of the project partners in English and Chinese.

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19. Modern-day slavery - session at CSR Asia Summit - Hong Kong, 16-17 Sep

Sweatshops, slave boats, child labour, forced labour, and forced prostitution are some of the many modern-day slavery issues that are increasingly confronting the private sector and leading to loss of reputation and disruptions to business. At the CSR Asia Summit in September, this session will outline modern-day slavery, address some key challenges facing business, and support participants to understand how they can identify, assess and tackle modern-day slavery.

Topics covered:

- understanding modern-day slavery and impacts facing each company
- international frameworks and guiding principles that companies need to know about
- how to mitigate the risks associated with modern-day slavery problems
- how business can play a lead role in disabling the slavery industry
- innovative, strategic and business-driven projects that are designed to disrupt the industry at pivotal points and reduce the risk of more people becoming enslaved.

(Topics may be subject to change.)

For further details, or to register, email [summit \(at\) csr-asia.com](mailto:summit@csr-asia.com) or visit <http://www.csr-asia.com/summit2014>

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20. Resource Centre appoints Saul Takahashi as Japan, Korea & Pacific Islands researcher, based in Tokyo

Business & Human Rights Resource Centre is pleased to announce that Saul Takahashi has begun work as its first Japan, Korea & Pacific Islands Researcher & Representative, based in Tokyo. Saul's work will help rapidly escalate transparency and accountability of companies' human rights impacts in the region – spotlighting concerns and drawing attention to positive initiatives. The need for this work is great, given the importance and influence of Japan and Korea's businesses – both at home and overseas – which to date have not played a prominent role in international developments on business and human rights. The Pacific Islands and Mongolia have natural resources that have too often become a focus for human rights abuse.

Saul will be responsible for the Resource Centre's coverage of Japan, South Korea and North Korea, Mongolia and the Pacific Islands. Other countries in Asia are covered by the Resource Centre's researchers Lowell Chow (based in Hong Kong), Harpreet Kaur (based in New Delhi) and Bobbie Sta. Maria (based in Yangon).

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Europe/Central Asia

21. "Delivering Access to Justice" event - London, 17 Jul

[CORE Coalition](#) and Business & Human Rights Resource Centre, in association with the British Institute of International and Comparative Law, are organising an event in London on 17 July, focusing on access to justice for cases of transnational corporate human rights abuses. The conference will include discussion of recommendations for action in the UK and the EU to address the issue, drawing on "[The Third Pillar: Access to Judicial Remedies for Human Rights Violations by Transnational Business](#)", by CORE, Intl. Corporate Accountability Roundtable and European Coalition for Corporate Justice; and "[Injustice Incorporated](#)" by Amnesty International. It will feature speakers from Legal & Human Rights Centre in Tanzania, the UN Working Group on Business & Human Rights (invited), the UK Government, leading lawyers from the UK, Europe and USA including Martyn Day and Paul Hoffman, and the business sector.

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22. Calling companies to account: experience gained in transnational human rights lawsuits - Berlin, 3 Jul

Presentation on Thursday 3 July, 4:30-7pm at Bread for the World (Brot für die Welt), Caroline-Michaelis-Str. 1, 10115 Berlin

As the law currently stands in Germany and the EU, it is very difficult to make companies that are based here liable for their involvement in human rights violations in developing countries. Based on experience gained in 60 cases of human rights violations by German and European companies in Latin America, Africa and Asia, [Bread for the World](#), [Misereor](#) and the [European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights](#) have analysed the existing obstacles to accountability and reform. Following the presentation of this study, Ali Askouri, Chairman Council of Merowe Dam Affected People, will report on the devastating impacts of a dam in Sudan that is largely operated by the German company Lahmeyer International. Shubhaa Srinivasan, Partner at Leigh & Day Solicitors will share her experience from a number of successful lawsuits in the UK against transnational companies for human rights violations in the global South.

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23. Workshops to help business tackle hidden labour exploitation in supply chains - UK

The [Stronger Together](#) initiative, which aims to reduce hidden labour exploitation in UK supply chains, is currently running a series of interactive regional workshops to help businesses understand their responsibilities and best practice associated with tackling hidden labour exploitation in the workplace.

The Stronger Together initiative has been developed by the [Association of Labour Providers](#) in collaboration with the [Gangmasters Licencing Authority](#) and [Migrant Help](#), with sponsorship by five UK retailers: Co-operative Food,

Marks & Spencer, Sainsbury's, Tesco and Waitrose. Supporting partners include the Anti-Slavery International, the British Retail Consortium, the British Growers Association, Crimestoppers, Sedex and the Salvation Army.

In addition to the regional workshops, Stronger Together provides access to a range of free resources to help businesses to detect, deter and tackle hidden labour exploitation within their own operations and wider supply chain, including best practice guidance and a toolkit containing multi-language workplace posters, worker leaflets, template forms and procedures and a powerful anti-trafficking video.

To book a place in a workshop, to access the free resources or for more information, visit www.stronger2gether.org.

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24. Course: "Globalization, Competitiveness and Human Rights Guarantee" - Madrid, 14-15 Jul

Since the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights were endorsed by the UN in 2011, they have required successive actions by stakeholders to carry out the core ideas of the Principles. International organizations, national governments and parliaments, and companies in the value chain of the global marketplace, must take on their commitments for the effective guarantee of human rights.

Complutense University of Madrid has launched a course, "Globalization, Competitiveness and Human Rights Guarantee", which will be held on 14-15 July in Madrid. At conferences and round tables, senior representatives of international organizations, European institutions, and governments will present their plans and guides, as will public and private institutions that guide and promote good practices in our country. Strategies for implementing responsible supply chain practices, designed by Spanish companies, will also be examined as in the context of their efforts to build a "Spanish model for business and human rights".

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25. Panel: "Business, violence and conflict: What role for multi-stakeholder initiatives?" - London, 17 Jun

On Tuesday 17 June, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Institute for Human Rights & Business, and the Foreign & Commonwealth Office have organised a panel, "Business, violence and conflict: What role for multi-stakeholder initiatives?". Ensuring that the presence of business in conflict zones does not lead to further violence is a complicated challenge that no individual business, or State, can achieve alone. A growing number of multi-stakeholder initiatives (MSIs) involving private sector, civil society and government representatives have been developed in recent years in response to this challenge. Are these initiatives helping reduce violence, lessen the humanitarian impact and promote respect for human rights? Are businesses and States doing enough to ensure MSIs work as intended? What are the lessons to be learned in how such efforts should be developed and implemented as some key MSIs reach maturity?

The panel will be held 5:30-7pm at the Foreign & Commonwealth Office, London.

Full details, including speakers and RSVP: <http://business-violence-conflict-17-jun-14.eventbrite.com/?aff=BHHRC>

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26. Roundtable on social & environmental impacts of parent company policy - London, 17 Jul

[University of Essex Business and Human Rights Project \(EBHR\)](#) is organising a roundtable discussion on 17 July in London on "Social and Environmental Impacts of Parent Company Policy". This meeting will consider two issues of concern to lawyers and policy makers concerned with the social impacts of business. The first is the evolution of parent company liability in the light of the decision in *Chandler v Cape Industries*. How may the criteria formulated by the Court of Appeal in that case potentially apply in future cases? Does the decision have implications for commercial links other than the parent/subsidiary corporate link? The second focus considers the legal issues surrounding withdrawal of multinational companies from sites in host countries in which social or

environmental damage has occurred. What are the problems that arise in attempting to provide a remedy in these situations? If you would like additional information on this meeting please contact us.

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27. “Human Rights Explained” & supply chain workshops - Copenhagen, Jun

“Human Rights Explained”: Several companies have already signed up for the upcoming “Human Rights Explained” workshop, where participants are offered in-depth capacity development on each individual human right framed in a business context. Guided by a human rights impact-assessment tool, participants will learn to identify their business’ potential and actual adverse impacts on all human rights from the International Bill of Human Rights.

To secure a spot today (only a few seats available), contact CSR Adviser, Sine Gyruup, at +45 2629 2664 or [sg \(at\) global-csr.com](mailto:sg@global-csr.com). Read more about the workshop here: http://www.global-csr.com/fileadmin/Kursus/PDF/14_flyer_HURI_2001.pdf

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IMPA ACT: Workshop on responsible supply chain management aligned with UN Guiding Principles: On 17-18 June in Copenhagen, Global CSR will conduct a course in collaboration with the International Marine Purchasing Association (IMPA) on Responsible Supply Chain Management (RSCM) and IMPA-ACT. This carefully constructed two-day programme will provide shipping personnel with “fast-track” insights into the needs and benefits of integrating the latest international expectations in CSR including the UN Guiding Principles into operations and supply chain management. Through guidance on the critical first steps in the adoption of IMPA’s RSCM system, the programme workshop will offer a thorough background and detailed overview of the IMPA-ACT programme, through which the participants will learn how to apply IMPA-ACT tools.

For further information please visit: <http://impa-act.org/news/article/first-steps-in-rscm-with-the-impa-act-programme>

Register with Tatiana Stotz at [tatiana \(at\) impa-act.org](mailto:tatiana@impa-act.org) and provide your name, title, company, contact and billing information.

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28. Publication of UK Equality and Human Rights Commission report on the cleaning industry - July

In July, the UK Equality and Human Rights Commission will publish its report on recruitment and employment practices in the cleaning industry, and the extent to which they promote and protect equality and human rights. The Commission is keen to explore how the rights of workers to protection from discrimination and their rights to be treated with dignity and respect are promoted in different sectors. It builds on the Commission’s earlier inquiry into the meat and poultry processing sector. This revealed widespread mistreatment and exploitation of migrant workers and agency staff. The Commission worked with supermarkets, government, regulators and unions to introduce improvements.

For more information visit: <http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/about-us/our-work/key-projects/cleaning>

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29. Ethical Trading Initiative launches working hours workshop - London, Jun to Sep

The Ethical Trading Initiative (ETI) has launched a new workshop to help companies implement the revised wording of the ETI Base Code working hours clause. The ETI Base Code is a well-respected code of labour practice that is used by companies and suppliers around the world. ETI recently revised and clarified the working hours clause to help companies and suppliers better understand and uphold laws and international standards on working hours. This new half-day workshop gives the background to this change, explains what it means for companies and provides a forum to discuss practical implementation within supply chains. The workshop is held at ETI’s central London office in Farringdon, with June to September dates available.

Click here for further information: <http://www.ethicaltrade.org/training/working-hours>

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30. Reminder: Essex Transitional Justice Network Summer School, to focus on business in post-conflict societies

Building on the strong expertise at University of Essex on transitional justice and corporate accountability, the [Essex Transitional Justice Network](#), together with the [Essex Business and Human Rights Project](#) (EBHR), will be running its 3rd Transitional Justice Summer School, 18-21 September. The theme of this year's Summer School will be "Settling Accounts: The Role of Businesses in Societies Emerging from Conflict and Authoritarian Rule".

The summer school will consider the role of businesses in societies emerging from conflict and authoritarian rule, including different issues of corporate accountability that might arise in these contexts and mechanisms to address them. Experts in both corporate accountability and transitional justice will discuss topics such as project lending; debt and financial complicity; and litigation and advocacy strategies in relation to transitional justice.

Further details of the ETJN Summer School are at: www.essex.ac.uk/tjn.

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31. Report on "Precarious Lives" and resources from Platform on Forced Labour and Asylum - UK

A recently developed [Platform on Forced Labour and Asylum](#) and on-going campaign aim to tackle forced labour among refugees and asylum seekers. Refugees and asylum seekers are susceptible to labour exploitation in the UK. In some cases this is severe labour exploitation which meets internationally-recognised definitions of forced labour. Because asylum seekers and refused asylum seekers do not have permission to work, labour exploitation of this group is a hidden problem. However, refugees with rights to reside, work or access welfare are also susceptible to labour exploitation and may not know their rights or how to exercise them.

More details are in the report of the first study to focus on forced labour among refugees and asylum seekers, "Precarious Lives", available here: www.precariouslives.org.uk. On the Platform website are a guide on tackling forced labour among refugees and asylum seekers, plus posters and postcards which are available for download. Going forward, the Platform invites all in the UK to display the Forced Labour Awareness campaign posters and postcards anywhere that refugees and asylum seekers, or other migrants or individuals at risk of labour exploitation will see them: <http://forcedlabourasylum.org.uk/resources/>

The *Guide on Tackling Forced Labour among Refugees and Asylum Seekers* is to assist people working with refugees and asylum seekers in the UK. The Guide will help identify forced labour, trafficking and labour exploitation; respond to labour exploitation; share information and find more detailed information and guidance.

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Español

32. Conversatorio: Derechos Humanos, libertad y desarrollo. Un enfoque más allá de las ideologías - Guatemala, 18 Jul

La comprensión y aplicación de los estándares internacionales en materia de derechos humanos es motivo de emprendimientos y acciones orientadas a contribuir al desarrollo humano de las sociedades. En el espacio socio-político de Guatemala, la noción de Derechos Humanos ha sido el marco utilizado para explicar las motivaciones de movimientos sociales o acciones judiciales y también para descifrar e interpretar sus resultados. Advocacy for Business and Human Rights organiza este foro con el fin de contribuir a erigir un desarrollo económico más humano en Guatemala y mostrar que Derechos Humanos tiene mucho que ver con la labor de académicos, empresarios, periodistas, médicos, maestros, abogados, jefes de familia, etc. y que por su universalidad no responde a ideologías de ninguna clase o tendencia. El foro se enfoca en jóvenes guatemaltecos que emprendieron un camino exitoso y de construcción de espacios de libertad y democracia en el ámbito de los Derechos Humanos. Durante el foro se darán a conocer los Principios Rectores sobre Empresas y Derechos Humanos de la ONU (Marco Ruggie) como un instrumento clave para el desarrollo económico sostenible y mejores relaciones de convivencia social y política.

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33. Taller “Empresa y derechos humanos: Una visión actual con enfoque empresarial” - Buenos Aires, junio

La temática de los Derechos Humanos y Empresa viene a plantear grandes y renovados desafíos para el sector empresario que hacen no sólo a la estrategia de la empresa sino también a su diaria gestión. En razón de ello, el CEADS (Consejo Empresario Argentino para el Desarrollo Sostenible), desde el área de Legal & Compliance, llevará a cabo la segunda edición del Taller de Capacitación sobre DDHH y Empresa, dirigido exclusivamente a empresas miembro, que se desarrollará en el mes de junio. Como en la edición anterior, el Taller será dictado junto con representantes de la sociedad civil. El objetivo de brindar a los participantes los conocimientos necesarios para que comprendan los elementos constitutivos de la visión actual de los derechos humanos respecto de las empresas, con la finalidad que puedan identificar y generar estrategias al interior de su organización respecto a situaciones y procesos sensibles a los derechos humanos. Continuando con las acciones de capacitación, en el segundo semestre se realizará la primera edición del Taller de Profundización en DDHH y Empresa dirigidos principalmente a los asistentes del primer taller con la finalidad de profundizar conocimientos y compartir experiencias prácticas.

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34. Globalización, Competitividad Y Garantía De Los Derechos Humanos - Madrid, 14 y 15 de julio

Desde que la ONU adoptó en 2011 los “Principios rectores sobre Empresa y Derechos Humanos”, se han requerido sucesivas acciones a los actores implicados para materializar los que se presentan como sus ejes conceptuales, expresión del consenso internacional sobre la materia: Proteger, Respetar y Remediar. Las organizaciones internacionales- en especial las instituciones comunitarias-, los gobiernos y parlamentos nacionales, y las empresas, en su cadena de valor en el mercado global, han de asumir sus respectivos compromisos para la garantía efectiva de los derechos humanos.

La Red de Cátedras de RSC del Santander y la Universidad Complutense de Madrid han puesto en marcha el Curso Globalización, Competitividad y Garantía de los Derechos Humanos, que se celebrará durante los días 14 y 15 de julio en Madrid. En las conferencias y mesas-coloquio previstas participarán altos representantes de organismos internacionales, instituciones europeas, y de gobiernos, que informarán de sus respectivos Planes y Guías. Asimismo, intervendrán instituciones públicas y privadas de referencia en nuestro país, que orientan y promueven buenas prácticas. A todo ello, ha de sumarse la presencia de empresas españolas que han diseñado o están diseñando estrategias de gestión responsable de su cadena de suministro; de miembros de ONGs, UNICEF y Amnistía Internacional, que ayudan a visualizar las buenas acciones; y de académicos, juristas o especialistas en organización de empresas, que ayudan a construir el que puede definirse como “Modelo español sobre Empresas y Derechos Humanos”.

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Français

35. Rapport de la société civile sur les investissements miniers en RDC

Les organisations de la société civile de la RDC œuvrant dans le secteur des ressources naturelles en général et dans le secteur des mines en particulier, ont initié une enquête indépendante pour mettre en lumière les conclusions du rapport provisoire d’audit de plusieurs sociétés, dont Tenke Fungurume Mining (TFM), diligenté en 2012. Le but de l’enquête est de comprendre pourquoi le pays ne bénéficie pas assez des retombées économiques de l’exploitation minière. Elles viennent de publier un rapport préliminaire qui a révélé plusieurs irrégularités, entre autres, la surévaluation par les entreprises de leurs investissements; la non disponibilité des documents pertinents qui devaient constituer la base des audits, le transfert par les compagnies de leurs revenus tirés de l’exploitation minière sur des comptes bancaires à l’étranger et le non rapatriement des 40% des recettes d’exportation tel que le prévoit le code minier. Face à cette situation, le rapport a formulé une série de recommandations. Les organisations de la société civile comptent également organiser dans les semaines à venir des rencontres avec les entreprises concernées et les autorités pour clarifier la situation et proposer des solutions idoines.

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Pour une réponse récente de TFM aux accusations qu'elle surévalue ses investissements et minore ses impôts, [cliquez ici](#).

36. Bulletin sur la responsabilité juridique des entreprises - futurs numéros disponibles en russe

En juin, le Centre de Ressources publiera son bulletin trimestriel ([Corporate Legal Accountability Quarterly Bulletin](#)) en russe, ainsi qu'en anglais, espagnol et français. Tous ceux qui s'intéressent aux questions relatives à la responsabilité juridique des entreprises reçoivent ce bulletin dans le but de les assister. Il met en relief les développements importants, les résumés d'actions en justice ajoutés à notre [Portail sur la Responsabilité Juridique des Entreprises](#), ceux qui ont été mis à jour, ainsi que d'autres informations. Le numéro de juin comprendra des nouveaux résumés du procès contre Abbott Laboratories au Brésil au sujet de l'accès aux médicaments, et des actions en justice contre les entreprises extractives à propos de leurs impacts sur l'environnement en Chine et au Myanmar. Il y aura aussi de nouveaux commentaires par Sergey Solynanik de Crude Accountability (Kazakhstan), Evgenia Chirikova du Mouvement de défense de la forêt de Khimki et de l'ONG « Défense écologique de la région de Moscou », et la Fédération Internationale des Ligues des Droits de l'Homme (FIDH).

Merci de nous contacter si vous souhaitez recevoir le bulletin, en précisant la langue dans laquelle vous souhaitez le recevoir.

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Русский

37. Ежеквартальный Бюллетень о Корпоративной правовой подотчетности, выпускаемый Ресурсным центром – последующие выпуски будут также доступны на русском языке

Июне Ресурсный центр выпустит свой Ежеквартальный Бюллетень о Корпоративной правовой подотчетности на русском языке, также как и на английском, французском и испанском языках. Данный бюллетень предназначен помочь всем, кто интересуется вопросами правовой подотчетности корпораций, а также освещает ключевые события, новые дела, представленные на нашем Портале о корпоративной правовой подотчетности, обновления существующих дел и другие новости. В июньском выпуске будут включены новые описания дел: иск против Abbott Laboratories относительно доступа к лекарственным средствам в Бразилии, а также экологические иски против добывающих компаний относительно воздействий в Китае и Мьянме. Выпуск также включает новые комментарии Сергея Соляника из Crude Accountability (Казakhstan), Евгении Чириковой из Движения в защиту Химкинского леса и «Экологической Обороны Московской области» (Россия), а также Международной федерации прав человека (FIDH). Пожалуйста, свяжитесь с нами, если вы хотите получать бюллетень, указав язык, на котором вы хотите его получать.

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