

HUMAN RIGHTS MILESTONES



Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights (OHCHR) serves as guardian of Principles 1 & 2

2000

2000

2000-2003

Human rights principles are addressed in the context of Global Compact policy dialogues on conflict, HIV/AIDS, sustainable development and supply chain. The workstream gains strength and focus in 2003.



Launch of "Embedding Human Rights in Business Practice" case study series, subsequent editions published in 2008 and 2009

2004

2003

- Collaboration with the Danish Institute for Human Rights
- Global Compact holds first meeting on "Human Rights Principles and their Practical Meaning"
- Business Leaders Initiative on Human Rights is established, and becomes key partner

2005

UN appoints Special Representative of the Secretary-General on business and human rights (SRSG)



2006

Establishes Human Rights Working Group to provide strategic input and define new areas of work. Chaired by Mary Robinson, former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

2007

- New human rights tools and resources launched with partners, including a human rights management framework
- First meeting of Human Rights Working Group

SRSG puts forward policy framework organized around the three foundational principles of "protect, respect, and remedy"

2008



Human Rights and Business Dilemmas Forum released, in addition to other new resources

2009

Launch of Global Business Initiative on Human Rights, supporting an exchange of business practices and challenges, in collaboration with Global Compact

60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights marked by year-long UNGC campaign to raise awareness of human rights by business globally



250 CEOs issue statement renewing commitment to respect and support human rights

2010

Collaboration with UNICEF and Save the Children initiated to develop voluntary principles for business on children



Women's Empowerment Principles launched with UNIFEM

2010