



United Nations Global Compact Human Rights Working Group

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Companies now have a spectrum of business and human rights tools, resources and guidance materials to choose from. However, many still struggle to move from learning to implementation. How can the HRWG better promote and encourage uptake of the spectrum of business and human rights tools and materials available to companies? How can the HRWG engage with UNGC Local Networks to encourage implementation? Who/what drives companies towards implementation (investors, reporting requirements, supply-chain, others?) and what role can the HRWG play?

HRWG will be asked to review the UNGC's two-pager on business and human rights tools and resources and suggest revisions. The revised version will then be recommended to UNGC participants.

17:30- **Agenda item 5 – Special Initiatives: Women's Empowerment Principles, Children's**
18:00 **Rights and Business Principles and the Global Business Initiative on Human Rights**

Members will be updated on three special initiatives that the Human Rights Working Group has been regularly briefed on: The Women's Empowerment Principles (WEPs), the Children's Rights and Business Principles and the Global Business Initiative on Human Rights (GBI).

HRWG members will discuss how the HRWG can provide greater input to these initiatives and what the role and objectives of the sub-working groups on the WEPs and Children's Rights and Business Principles should each should be.

18:00- **Close of Meeting and Review of Next Days Agenda**

18:15

*****Special Business & Human Rights Reception*****

Human Rights Working Group Members are invited to a special reception on business and human rights taking place at Palais des Nations on 28 September at 19:00, following the HRWG Meeting. The reception, hosted by ONUART Foundation in coordination with the Spanish Global Compact Local Network, will showcase examples of how Spanish companies are making concrete efforts to respect and support human rights.

Agenda

September 29th, 9:00-13:00

8:30-9:00 Tea & Coffee

HRWG are invited to arrive early for tea, coffee and a light breakfast

*** At the beginning of the second day of the HRWG meeting, the HRWG's Basecamp, an online platform to facilitate collaboration amongst members to advance the various workstreams of the HRWG will be introduced.

9:00-11:00 Agenda item 6 – Good Practices

One of the main focuses of the HRWG is to identify and share good business practices related to human rights. During this session, the working group will review the three workstreams that fall under this heading:

1. The development of case studies for the publication Embedding Human Rights in Business Practice
2. The development of Good Practice Notes
3. The Business and Human Rights Dilemmas Forum

In particular, the process for developing, moving forward and finalizing both business and human rights case studies and Good Practice Notes will be considered. HRWG Members may be asked to give input to one or more case study and/or Good Practice Note.

11:00-11:15 Tea & Coffee

11:15-12:45 Agenda item 7 – Looking Forward to Rio+20

In the lead up to Rio+20, business' contribution to sustainable development will be a key theme for the UN Global Compact. In this context, the HRWG will discuss the human rights dimension of the main themes of the conference: (a) a green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication; and (b) the institutional framework for sustainable development.

This discussion will help identify what contribution the HRWG should seek to make to Rio+20.

12:45-13:00 Close of Meeting and Next Steps