Violent conflict is the biggest obstacle to sustainable development, with the impact of violence on the global economy more than $14.1 trillion last year. Conflicts also drive 80% of all humanitarian needs and reduce GDP growth by two percentage points per year, on average.

Alongside the 2019 UN Business and Human Rights Forum, the Business 4 Peace event aims to address the role of responsible business in areas facing multi-dimensional risks and in areas of conflict. What are the common and divergent aspects of the business and human rights and the business for peace agendas? This event will bring together a range of stakeholders to think creatively and strategically about how the private sector, in particular Global Compact Local Networks, can positively contribute to the building of peaceful societies. The event will include interactive discussions to set a way forward for Business 4 Peace.

Taking place on November 27, 2019, at the World Intellectual Property Organization (34, chemin des Colombettes), the morning will be dedicated to partner sessions, with the official side event in the afternoon.

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**Business 4 Peace: Bridging the Gap with Human Rights Agenda (Draft)**

12:00 – 12:30: Light lunch offered to registered participants

**Opening**
Michelle Breslauer, UN Global Compact
John E. Katsos, American University of Sharjah (MC)

12:45 – 13:30 The role of business in enabling and sustaining peace
 Vesna Bojicic-Dzilevic, UN Business and Human Security Initiative, LSE
 Christine Pearson, Thunderbird School of Global Management
 Nataly Sarmiento, Fundación Ideas Para la Paz
 Isabella Bunn, University of Oxford and American Bar Association (moderator)

13:35 – 14:20 Business facing complex challenges
 Eliminating the Worst Forms of Child Labour, Global Compact Local Networks UK and DRC
 Simon Hills, Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work unit, International Labour Organisation
 Satrio Anindito, Business & Human Rights, Global Compact Network Indonesia (tbc)

14:20 – 14:40 Spotlight Talk I Connecting the Principles in Complex Environments: From the UNGPs to the 10 Principles
 Gerald Pachoud, Pluto & Associates

Coffee Break
14:55 – 16:55 **Interactive group discussion on the role of business in:**

1. **Measuring company contributions towards Sustainable Development Goal 16** (led by Barbara Dubach, Engageability and Johannes Schreuder, PeaceNexus)
2. **Supporting human rights defenders and the civic space** (led by Bennett Freeman, Author of Shared Space Under Pressure, and Daniela Camargo, Pacto Global Red Colombia)
3. **Operating in countries with weak governance** (led by Kylie Porter, Global Compact Network Australia and Suzanne Knijnenburg, White&Case)
4. **UNGC and a way forward for Business 4 Peace** (led by Michelle Breslauer, UN Global Compact, and Antonio Haufler, Global Compact Switzerland)

**Closing**

**Morning partner sessions**

9:00 - 10:00 **Engaging companies in manmade disaster**
Presentation of the Connecting Business initiative (CBI) and the Overseas Development Institute (ODI) guidance toolkit

With funding from the European Union Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid or ECHO, the Connecting Business initiative (CBI) and the Overseas Development Institute (ODI) have co-developed a resource for private sector networks operating in manmade disaster contexts. The guidance toolkit provides a framework and practical tips for private sector networks on translating manmade disaster contexts into an engagement strategy that fits the capabilities of network participants, efficiently channels private sector capabilities and supports governments and the humanitarian community.

This session will provide an introduction to private sector engagement in manmade disasters. Through short interventions, participants will understand the importance of engaging the private sector in such contexts and learn how the new resource can guide them in the process.

10:30 - 12:00 **Organizational Crisis Management 2.0: How to Match Your Preparation and Response to Today’s Crises**
Masterclass with Dr. Chris Pearson, Thunderbird School of Global Management

No organization is immune from crisis, regardless of its size, location or mission. Prevalent organizational trends, such as globalization, hypercompetition and techno-fusion, spread the reach of crises, accelerate their evolution, and intensify their impact. Unfortunately, crisis management has not kept up with contemporary changes. This session addresses new challenges to crisis management, along with specific organizational improvements to meet those threats.