



FIRST LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN REGIONAL FORUM
ON BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS
MEDELLÍN - COLOMBIA • 28-30 AUGUST 2013

Regional Forum on Business and Human Rights Agenda August 28-30, Hotel Dann Carlton, Medellín Colombia

The United Nations Working Group on Business and Human Rights, the United Nations Development Programme's (UNDP) Regional Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, and the Government of Colombia will co-host this first Regional Forum on Business and Human Rights for Latin America and the Caribbean. The forum will provide a multi-stakeholder regional platform for a constructive dialogue on the implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs) among representatives from global, regional and domestic businesses, industry associations, Governments, international and regional bodies, trade unions, civil society, national human rights institutions and other stakeholders. The Forum will focus on exchanging experiences and ideas, offering training opportunities and identifying emerging innovative practices designed to manage corporate impacts and enable equitable development with a human rights approach. Results will feed into the global Forum on Business and Human Rights in Geneva on 2-4 December.

Day 1 (Wednesday August 28th 2013): Plenary Sessions

07:30 - 08:30 am	Check-in for registered participants, coffee Please bring confirmation of registration and photo ID
08:30-09:30 am	Welcoming Remarks by the co-organizers Angelino Garzón, Vicepresident, Government of Colombia Heraldo Muñoz, Assistant Secretary General & Regional Director, UNDP Pavel Sulyandziga, Chair of the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights. Sergio Fajardo, Governor of Antioquia



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<p>09:30 – 11:00 am</p>	<p><u>Challenges and Opportunities for Latin America and the Caribbean</u> Opening Remarks on the State of Play of the Global Implementation of the UNGPs: Alexandra Guáqueta, UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights</p> <p>Multistakeholder panel followed by open, inter-active discussion with the audience</p> <p>Mr. Juan Carlos Becerra, Regional HR Director, Grupo Bimbo Mirna Cunningham, Member of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues Daniel Taillant, Executive Director, Center for Human Rights and Environment (CEDHA)</p> <p>Moderator: Diana Chavez, Director, UN Global Compact Regional Center for Latin America.</p> <p><i>What are the key issues for business and human rights in Latin America and the Caribbean? What are the main business impacts? How can business and human rights increase competitiveness in the global market and support sustainable development? How can a constructive multi-stakeholder dialogue on business and human rights be encouraged?</i></p>
<p>11:00 – 11:30 am</p>	<p>Break / Press conference</p>
<p>11:30 - 01:00 pm</p>	<p>Panel I Corporations and Implementation of the UN Guiding Principles</p> <p>Multistakeholder panel followed by open, inter-active discussion with the audience</p> <p>Ricardo Labó, Principal Advisor – Latin America, Global External Affairs, Rio Tinto Alberto Ramírez, Social Development and Labor Manager Femsa Coca Cola Daniel Taillant, Executive Director, Center for Human Rights and Environment (CEDHA) Mark Hodge, Executive Director, Global Business Initiative on Human Rights. Ana Mercedes Villegas. Director of Social Responsibility, EPM</p> <p>Moderator: Dante Pesce, CEO, VINCULAR Center for Social Responsibility and Sustainable Development</p> <p><i>How has the implementation of the UN Guiding Principles been key to your regional and global operations? What aspects of integration of the Guiding Principles into management systems of businesses that operate in LAC have been most challenging? What innovations on business and human rights have LAC management come up with to address local issues? How have companies interacted with local States and civil society to address impacts? What lessons can be shared from learning and/or accountability-based multi-stakeholder initiatives? How does this help performance in human rights?</i></p>
<p>01:00 - 02:30 pm</p>	<p>Lunch</p>





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02:30 - 03:45 pm

Panel II
States and Implementation of the UN Guiding Principles

Multistakeholder panel followed by open, inter-active discussion with the audience

Luis Gallegos Chiriboga, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative of Ecuador to the UN in Geneva

Daniel Schydrowsky, Superintendent, Peruvian Superintendency of Banks, Insurers and
Private Pension

Alma Viviana Perez, Director, Presidential Human Rights Program, Government of Colombia
Raimundo González, Head of the OECD Department, Chile

Jason Pielemeier, Special Advisor, Team Lead, Business and Human Rights, US Department
of State

Amol Mehra, Director, International Corporate Accountability Roundtable

Moderator: Alexandra Guáqueta, UN Working Group

How have aspects of the Guiding Principles been integrated into various Government policy areas in LAC? What are the key challenges facing Governments in the region in ensuring greater corporate respect for human rights? How can Government policy coherence be enhanced, and what are the options for introducing the Guiding Principles in the wider sustainability agenda involving Governments in the region? Are national action plans for implementation of the Guiding Principles a viable route to pursue, and what lessons may be learned from other regions?

03:45 – 04:15
pm

Break



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04:15 – 06:00
pm

Panel III
Patterns of Negative Corporate Impacts in the Region and Elements of Effective Remedy Outcomes

Multistakeholder panel followed by open, inter-active discussion with the audience

Juana Kweitel, Program Director, Conectas Direitos
Mercedes Morris, Director, Corporate Affairs and Stakeholder Relations, AES Panamá
Nidya Neer, Coordinator of Business Responsibility and Decent Work, Ministry of Labour
Argentina
Yoriko Yasukawa, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP RR in Costa Rica
Rose Marie Belle Antoine, Inter American Human Rights Commission
Adriana Rosenzvaig, Regional Secretary, UNI Americas

Moderator: Julia Mello Neiva, Brazil, Portugal &
Portuguese-speaking Africa Researcher & Representative, Business and Human Rights
Resource Centre

What are the patterns of business-related human rights impacts in the LAC region, and what are the main obstacles for victims seeking access to remedy for corporate human rights violations? What are the lessons learned by Governments in the region in addressing corporate involvement in human rights abuses? In addition to identifying obstacles to and opportunities for improving access to judicial remedy, what are the trends in use of non-judicial grievance mechanisms for impacts on the rights of affected stakeholders in the sphere of business operations in the region? What particular lessons and perspectives can be drawn from the LAC region in terms of identifying elements of effective remedy outcomes for business-related human rights impacts?





Day 2 (Thursday August 29th 2013): Plenary Sessions

08:00 – 08:30 am	Arrival
08:30 – 10.45 am	<p>Panel IV The UN Guiding Principles and Standards in Extractive Industries in Latin America and the Caribbean</p> <p>Multistakeholder panel followed by open, inter-active discussion with the audience</p> <p>Ana Paula Grether, Coordinator on Guidance and Practice of Social Responsibility, Petrobras Luis Vittor, Asesor de la Coordinadora Andina de Organizaciones Indígenas (CAOI) María Bernarda Zapata, Directora de Relaciones Institucionales y Responsabilidad Corporativa, Repsol José Rafal Unda, Secretary, Colombian Mining and Energy Committee on Security and Human Rights Victor Hart, Chairman of Trinidad and Tobago Steering Committee on Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative Shireen Said, Global Human Rights Advisor, UNDP</p> <p>Moderator: Claire White, Manager, Social and Economic Development, International Council of Mining and Metals</p> <p><i>What is the status of implementation of the UN Guiding Principles in extractive industries in the region? What is the interplay between the Guiding Principles and other relevant key standards for the extractives? What are the most challenging issues? What are the special challenges regarding indigenous peoples and extractive industries? What innovations in corporate practice, public policy and civil advocacy have emerged to address local issues? What are the main achievements? What lessons can be shared?</i></p>
10:45 – 11:15am	Break





<p>11:15 – 01:00 pm</p>	<p>Panel V Gender Equality in the implementation of the UN Guiding Principles in Latin America and the Caribbean</p> <p>Multistakeholder panel followed by open, inter-active discussion with the audience</p> <p>Rafael Pardo, Minister of Labour, Colombia Margaret Mussoi Luchetta Groff, Diretora Financeira Executiva e Diretora Técnica Executiva em exercício da Itaipu Binacional Lidia Heller, Founding member of LAWOMAN-NET Latinamerican Network of Women in Management, member of the Board of Vital Voices</p> <p>Moderator: Carmen de La Cruz, UNDP Regional Gender Practice Leader.</p> <p><i>What are the key gender issues for business and human rights in Latin America and the Caribbean? What regional innovations in corporate and public policy are addressing gender-based obstacles to formal work? How does it help performance in human rights? What aspects of gender mainstreaming and gender equality in business have been the most challenging? What are the main achievements?</i></p>
<p>01:00:45 – 02:30 pm</p>	<p>Lunch</p>
<p>02:30 – 04:00pm</p>	<p>Panel VI Agribusiness and the UN Guiding Principles: land, agriculture and environmental issues –</p> <p>Multistakeholder panel followed by open, inter-active discussion with the audience</p> <p>Yann Wyss, Human Rights Specialist, Nestlé, and Ricaro Echeverri, Regional Director, Corporate Responsibility, Nestlé Colombia Elsa Matilde Escobar, Executive Director, Fundación Natura de Colombia Camilo González Posso, Indepaz Instituto de Estudios para el Desarrollo y la Paz Ulises Miranda Rivas, President, Cooperativa Santo Tomás, and Daira Gómez, Executive Director, CEGESTI</p> <p>Moderator: Luis Fernando De Angulo, International Advisory Board Member, Institute for Human Rights and Business</p> <p><i>What are the key business and human right issues in agribusiness in Latin America and the Caribbean? How are the UN Guiding Principles being implemented? How do special issues related to sustainability (ie. Land rights, complex supply chains and climate change) affect the business and human rights agenda in agribusiness? What are the most challenging issues? What innovations in corporate practice, public policy and civil advocacy have emerged to address local issues? How can business and human rights link to sustainable development?</i></p>
<p>04:00 – 04:30 pm</p>	<p>Break</p>



04:30 – 06:00pm

Looking Ahead: Options to Shape Corporate Conduct in Latin America

Multistakeholder panel followed by open, inter-active discussion with the audience

Dr. Larry Devoe, General Manager of the Legal Services of the Defensoría del Pueblo of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

Ernst Ligteringen, Chief executive, Global Reporting Initiative (GRI)

Alberto Echavarría, Asociación Nacional de Industriales, Colombia

Camila Morsch, Executive Advisor to the President, Ethos Institute

Jaime Hermida, Deputy Director of the human rights office, Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and cooperation

Moderator: Shireen Said, Global Human Rights Advisor, UNDP

In your view, what are the main global and regional accountability trends (whether State, business or CSO-led) related to the implementation of business and human rights standards? How does your organization relate to these trends? How will these trends help affected communities? How will they shape corporate conduct? Are Latin American States and companies well prepared to follow these standards? What are global companies that follow the UN Guiding Principles asking of Latin American business partners? What can their home States do (e.g. Governments in Europe, North America and Asia)? How can implementation in the LAC region be incentivized? Which policy actions should the region focus on?

06:00 – 07:00 pm

Closing Session

Final remarks

Michael Addo, UN Working Group

Alma Viviana Perez, Director, Presidential Human Rights Program, Government of Colombia

Shireen Said, Global Human Rights Advisor, UNDP

Gabriel André Duque Mildenberg, Vice Minister of Commerce. Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism, Colombia





Day 3 (Friday, August 30th 2013): Side events, Concurrent Sessions

	Only in Spanish	English/Spanish interpretation	Only in Spanish	Only in Spanish
09:00 – 10:45 am	UNGPs multi-stakeholder training workshop: Pillars in practice (1/2) Hosted by DIHR and UNDP	Panel discussion: UN Guiding Principles implementation in the context of Indigenous Peoples Hosted by the UN Working Group	National experiences: strategies, policies and practices for country-level implementation of the UN Guiding Principles	Mini-training: Civil society guide on the UN Guiding Principles Hosted by SOMO/CEDHA
10:45 – 11:00 am		Break		
11:00 – 01:00 pm		Workshop: Reporting standards for UN Guiding Principles implementation Hosted by Shift	National experiences: strategies, policies and practices for country-level implementation of the UN Guiding Principles Hosted by UNDP and the Government of Colombia	Dialogue meeting on effective remedy Hosted by ACCESS facility, Fundación Cambio Democrático and Futuro Sostenible

