In 2011, the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General on Business and Human Rights presented the *Principles for Responsible Contracts* to the United Nations Human Rights Council. The Principles elaborate on the *UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights* and focuses on how to integrate the management of human rights risks into State-investor contract negotiations.

The Principles for Responsible Contracts were developed through a multi-stakeholder process and provides guidance to negotiators on how to *identify, avoid and mitigate human rights risks* arising from a project at the earliest stages of the life cycle of the project.

The Principles for Responsible Contracts are aimed specifically at *projects that present either large-scale or significant social, economic or environmental risks or opportunities, or involves the depletion of renewable or non-renewable nature resources.*

OHCHR has produced a *self-study* for anybody interested in better understanding how these 10 principles can be applied by different stakeholders to ensure that a project contributes positively to human rights and that negative impacts are mitigated and avoided.

The self-study can be accessed on:  

The self-study is also available on *USB sticks* which are available *in limited numbers* to participants in the African Regional Forum on Business and Human Rights.