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PROGRAMME

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Please note:

- The draft session timings and titles may change
- **18 April:** pre-Forum "**Business & Human Rights Capacity-Building Workshop**" (organised by [IOE](#), [GBI](#) & [Qatar Chamber of Commerce & Industry](#)): click [here](#) for more information, including on how to register!

Tuesday 19 April

<p>08:30 - 10:00</p>	 <p>Training session (by OHCHR)</p> <p>What are the “UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights” & how do you use them?</p>	 <p>Training session (in collaboration with external partner)</p> <p>How human rights reporting can help companies manage risks</p>	 <p>Training session (in collaboration with external partner)</p> <p>IFI grievance mechanisms as avenues for community engagement & access to remedy</p>	 <p>Training session (in collaboration with external partner)</p> <p>The rights of migrant workers and approaches to address forced labour and human trafficking</p>
<p>10:00 - 10:30</p>	<p>Break</p>			
<p>10:30 - 13:00</p>	 <p>Opening plenary</p> <p>Identifying the key business-related human rights challenges in Asia & determining how to speed and scale up implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business & Human Rights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opening remarks - Keynote speech - High-level panel 			
<p>13:00 - 14:30</p>	<p>Lunch</p>			
<p>14:30 - 16:00</p>	<p><i>Protecting and respecting the rights of migrant workers in countries of origin - Part 1</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruitment practices, supply chain monitoring and the role of home States 	<p><i>Protecting and respecting human rights in the context of land investments</i></p>	<p><i>Protecting and respecting human rights in the garment sector</i></p>	<p>Side event</p> <p><i>Righting the wrong: seeking criminal accountability for corporate human rights abuses in Asia</i></p>
<p>16:00 - 16:30</p>	<p>Break</p>			
<p>16:30 - 18:00</p>	<p><i>Protecting and respecting the rights of migrant workers in countries of destination - Part 2</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worker welfare and living conditions • The role and responsibilities of business and host States 	<p><i>A spotlight on the challenges facing human rights defenders across Asia in the context of business activities</i></p>	<p>Human rights due diligence: multi-stakeholder & sector-wide approaches</p>	<p>Side event</p> <p><i>Paving the way towards an international legally-binding instrument on business and human rights</i></p>

Wednesday 20 April

08:00 - 09:30	 Early birds sessions! Sub-regional trends and challenges (in collaboration with external partners)			
	<i>North East and Central Asia</i>	<i>South-East Asia</i>	<i>South Asia</i>	<i>Gulf Cooperation Council</i>
09:30 - 09:45	Break			
09:45 - 11:15	<i>Addressing Asia's NAP gap: why are there so few national action plans on business and human rights in Asia and how can more be developed?</i>	<i>Victims' experiences in accessing remedy in Asia for business-related human rights harms</i>	<i>Human rights due diligence and the human right to privacy</i>	<i>Mega sporting events in Asia & their impact on human rights - Part 1</i>
11:15 - 11:45	Break			
11:45 - 13:15	<i>The State duty to protect in the marketplace: protecting human rights across state-business activities, rules and relationships</i>	<i>Strengthening the role of NHRIs in Asia to provide access to remedy, especially in cross-border cases</i>	<i>A spotlight on Indigenous Peoples in Asia in the context of business activities</i>	<i>Mega sporting events in Asia & their impact on human rights - Part 2</i>
13:15 - 14:45	Lunch			
14:45 - 16:15	<i>Corporate reporting on human rights: why human rights reporting matters & what types of disclosure makes a difference</i>	<i>Access to judicial remedy: roles and responsibilities of interested States in cross-border cases</i>	<i>Side event The role of NHRIs in NAP processes</i>	<i>Side event Corporate Japan rises to the challenge</i>
16:15 - 16:45	Break			
16:45 - 18:00	 Closing Plenary Reporting back from parallel sessions with key recommendations to address salient business-related human rights issues in Asia - Closing remarks			