 

**Implementation at the Local Level:**

**Business and Human Rights Tools and Resources**

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### Overview

This session will explore how tools such as the [Women’s Empowerment Principles](http://weprinciples.org), [Children’s Rights and Business Principles](http://childrenandbusiness.org), and the [Business Reference Guide](https://www.unglobalcompact.org/Issues/human_rights/indigenous_peoples_rights.html) to the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples have helped business at the country-level operationalize the Guiding Principles. In particular, it will focus on how these tool provide a framework to assist business in respecting human rights, as well as identifying opportunities to support human rights. The session will also feature a presentation on how individuals and organizations can leverage the [Human Rights and Business Dilemmas Forum](http://hrbdf.org) to raise awareness of specific business and human rights issues.

### Format

Following the presentations there will be a short comments and Q&A session in which participants will have the opportunity to make comments about other business & human rights tools, as well as ask questions to the panellists.

**Moderator**

* Ms. Ursula Wynhoven, *General Counsel and Chief of Governance and Social Sustainability, United Nations Global Compact*

### Panellists

* Ms. Vanessa Zimmerman, *Chair of Human Rights Leadership Group, Global Compact Network Australia,* and *Group Advisor for Human Rights, Rio Tinto*
* Ms. Shahamin Zaman, *Representative, Global Compact Network Bangladesh, and CEO, CSR Centre*
* Mr. Valentin Zhovtun, *Member of Global Compact Network Russia, and Social Performance Advisor, Sakhalin Energy*
* Ms. Chloё Poynton, *Manager,* *Human Rights & Advisory Services, BSR*

**Commentators**

* Mr. Patrick Bindon, *Corporate Affairs Specialist, Barrick Australia – Pacific Limited*
* Ms. Sabina Timco, *European Region & Social Issues Coordinator, UNEP Finance Initiative*