



“Embedding human rights in the private sector’s contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals”

Plenary session I – Monday 14 November, 10:00-11:20am

***Room XX - Chamber of Human rights and Alliance of Civilizations
with live streaming***

About this plenary:



The 2015 adoption by the United Nations of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development gives the world an ambitious set of goals and targets to improve the lives of people, protect the planet and ensure more equal prosperity. With attention now focused on achieving the Global Goals, the question is how business entities should contribute in a meaningful way.



The plenary session will examine this important question. Speakers will discuss the relationship between the [UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights](#) and the [Global Goals](#) and identify how Government, business and civil society can ensure that the private sector puts “respect for human rights” at the heart of its contribution.

Moderator:

- Kate Gilmore, Deputy UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, OHCHR

Speakers:

- Sara Hossain, Honorary Director, Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust
- Jeremy Oppenheim, Programme Director of the Global Business and Sustainable Development Commission
- John Ruggie, former UN Special Representative on Business & Human Rights. Currently Berthold Beitz Professor, Human Rights and International Affairs, Harvard Kennedy School
- Christiana Tah, Counselor and former Attorney General / Minister of Justice in Liberia
- Mark Wilson, CEO of Aviva

Format - 80 mins:

1. Welcome to participants by the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights (as this is the first plenary of the whole Forum) - 7 mins
2. Keynote speech by Professor John Ruggie - 10 mins
3. Keynote speech by Mark Wilson, CEO of Aviva - 10 mins
4. Moderated panel discussion - 50 mins
5. Wrap up by the moderator - 3 mins

Given the different elements and number of speakers there will not be time for questions from the floor.