

Business and human rights – towards a decade of global implementation

OPEN CALL FOR INPUT

Introduction

On 7 July 2020, the [UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights](#) (UNWG) launched a new global project, *‘Business and human rights: towards a decade of global implementation.’* Also known as “UNGPs 10+ / Next Decade BHR,” the project is centred around the upcoming tenth anniversary of the [UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights \(UNGPs\)](#), the global authoritative framework on business and human rights that was unanimously endorsed by the UN Human Rights Council in June 2011. The project is taking stock of practice to date, identifying gaps and challenges, and developing a vision and roadmap for scaling up implementation of the UNGPs over the course of the next decade.

The project’s consultation process is being carried out in collaboration with OHCHR, UNDP, and others. The UNWG seeks to hear perspectives from a wide range of stakeholders from all regions, including government actors, international organizations, national human rights institutions, industry organizations, businesses, consumer associations, investors, trade unions, representatives of affected communities, indigenous peoples, human rights defenders, civil society organizations, professional associations and groups, academia, and others. Accordingly, **the UNWG is issuing this open call for input.**

How to contribute

All interested stakeholders are invited to:

- Respond via the [“Have your say!” written input form](#) to help inform the stocktaking exercise and the roadmap for the next decade. Deadline: 30 November 2020.
- Share brief summaries (2 pages) of relevant materials (e.g., reports, research, other relevant publications). Deadline: ongoing basis until end of February 2021.

*Please include links to further relevant background documentation and materials. Unless requested otherwise, submissions may be posted on the project website. **Membership-based organizations and networks are encouraged to carry out surveys among their own constituencies and to coordinate on inputs.***

Key guiding questions

Questions addressed to all stakeholders are:

- (1) Where has progress taken place in UNGPs implementation over the course of the last decade? What are the promising developments and practices (by governments, businesses, international organizations, civil society organizations, etc.) that can be built on?
- (2) Where do gaps and challenges remain? What has not worked to date?
- (3) What are key obstacles (both visible and hidden), drivers, and priorities that need to be addressed to achieve fuller realization of the UNGPs?
- (4) What systemic or structural challenges need to be tackled to realize sustainable development based on respect for human rights?
- (5) In concrete terms, what will be needed in order to achieve meaningful progress with regard to those obstacles and priority areas? What are actionable and measurable targets for key actors in terms of meeting the UNGPs' expectations over the coming years?

Links and further background

- Project web page: www.ohchr.org/UNGPsBizHRsnext10
- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/ungps10plus>
- Social media: #UNGPs10plus #nextdecadeBHR #bizhumanrights

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