

RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS FORUM

United Nations Conference Centre
Bangkok, Thailand

SIDE EVENTS, 11-14 June 2019

Tuesday, 11 June 2019

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12:30-16:30	<p>Businesses Accelerating Inclusive Green Economies – Leaving No One Behind</p> <p>At this session panellists will share best practices in business and investment for inclusive green economy pathways and solutions that are advancing implementation of SDG12 for Sustainable Consumption and Production, whilst ‘leaving no one behind’.</p> <p>The discussions will be organized around two main issues: (i) the enabling conditions where businesses are not only providing jobs and income, but enhancing human wellbeing, prosperity and social equity, within the countours of positive environmental impact; (ii) the enabling environments and incentives that are attracting investors to invest in businesses that accelerate inclusive green economies.</p>	UN Environment, Switchasia, ESCAP and OECD	Meeting Room G	<p>Open, prior registration needed: https://for.ms.gle/PCF97uTv6Ry9J2wA6</p>
14:00-17:00	<p>‘All In’ Business Roundtable on Inclusive Multilateralism, SDGs and Business</p> <p>The ‘All In’ Business Roundtable side event will consider how inclusive multilateralism can strengthen implementation of 2015 outcomes, including the SDGs, Addis Ababa Action Agenda , the UNFCCC and its Paris Agreement. Engaging business in multilateral institutions in their assessment, policy dialogue, partnership, action and measurement of progress is key to scaling up impact while delivering on sustainability goals.</p>	United States Council for International Business, in partnership with BusinessatOECD and the International Organization of Employers (IOE)	Public Foyer	<p>Open, prior registration needed: https://for.ms.gle/KaUrRJ945rLAYeA26.</p>
09:30-17:30	<p>UNDP Asia-Pacific Regional Community of Practice on Transparency, Accountability and Anti-Corruption</p>	UNDP	Pullman Bangkok King Power	By invitation

Wednesday, 12 June 2019

<p>07:30 – 08:30</p>	<p><u>Perspectives on Responsible Business: Emerging Challenges and Opportunities in Asia and Beyond</u></p> <p>At this pre-session breakfast event, participants from across various industries will learn about the evolving regulatory landscape as governments adopt and implement the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. At the same time, participants can exchange views, lessons learned and best practices in employing human rights due diligence in furtherance of sustainable development, women’s equality and empowerment, environmental sustainability, responsible sourcing, ethical recruitment, amongst other topics. This special session is dedicated to the private sector actors alone and is by invitation only. A closed environment will help business participants to better convey perspectives and incorporate views into the wider multi-stakeholder discussions that will be taking place at the RBHR Forum.</p>	<p><i>Responsible Business Alliance, UNDP, OECD</i></p>	<p><i>Public Foyer</i></p>	<p>Open, please register at: https://rba.swoogo.com/RLI_UNDP2019</p>
<p>12.45 – 13.45</p>	<p><u>Introducing Due Diligence and National Contact Points for Responsible Business Conduct</u></p> <p>This session will provide an introduction to the OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Business Conduct, which provides plain language explanations of due diligence expectations (including as related to human rights), as well as National Contact Points for RBC. NCPs form a network of 48 government bodies with the mandate to promote the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, and related due diligence guidance, and to handle cases of alleged violations of the Guidelines as a non-judicial grievance mechanism. 10 NCPs from all over the world will share concrete examples of their work and will be available to answer questions and interact with participants.</p>	<p><i>OECD</i></p>	<p><i>Conference Room 4</i></p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>12.45 – 13.45</p>	<p><u>Alliance 8.7 Global Research Report - Child Labour and Forced Labour in Global Supply Chains</u></p> <p>This lunch event will be an opportunity to learn about the ongoing efforts by the ILO, OECD, IOM, and UNICEF to prepare a report on child labour and forced labour in global supply chains and respond to the call issued by G20 Leaders in 2017 for the international organisations, in cooperation with the Alliance 8.7, to issue “a joint report containing proposals on how to accelerate action to eliminate the worst forms of child labour, forced labour and modern slavery in global supply chains including identifying high risk sectors, and how to support capacity building in the countries most affected.”</p>	<p><i>ILO, OECD, IOM, UNICEF</i></p>	<p><i>Meeting Room G</i></p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>12.45 – 13.45</p>	<p><u>OECD Pilot Project on Responsible Agricultural Supply Chains in Southeast Asia</u></p>	<p><i>OECD</i></p>	<p><i>Public Foyer</i></p>	<p>Open</p>

	<p>This meeting will be an opportunity for companies operating in Southeast Asia – in particular Myanmar, the Philippines, Thailand and Viet Nam – to meet peers across the agricultural value chain and learn about the upcoming Southeast Asia pilot project with agribusinesses. The OECD will explain the benefits and activities of this pilot and answer any questions from companies, sharing examples from the ongoing agricultural pilot project launched in 2018 together with the FAO.</p>			
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Thursday, 13 June 2019

<p>07:30 – 08:30</p>	<p>Business and Human Rights: Focus on Rights Holders</p> <p>The side-event aims to provide an opportunity for close interaction between the members of the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights and Civil Society Organisations (CSOs). This breakfast session will convene CSOs, National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) and the donor community to discuss key concerns and challenges regarding business-related human rights abuses in Asia, exchange good practices and discuss strategies and tools that CSOs can use to engage with governments and the private sector. This gathering intends to provide a better understanding of the various engagement opportunities with the UNWG and explore steps that CSOs could take to push for the implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The informal and safe space created through this session will encourage CSOs to convey their messages collectively and incorporate views into the wider multi-stakeholder discussions that will be taking place at the RBHR Forum.</p>	<p><i>UNDP</i></p>	<p><i>Public Foyer</i></p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>07:30 – 08:30</p>	<p>Responsible Business Conduct in the mining sector</p> <p>Transparent and accountable mining can contribute to sustainable development. This begins with corruption-free approvals – the very first link in the mining value chain. Responsible Business Conduct in the mining sector will help ensure resource rich countries and all citizens benefit from their natural resource wealth. The nexus between corruption and human rights is clear. Countries that are corruption prone too often have weak protection and respect for human rights. Due diligence in the mining approvals process can expose corruption risks in both mature mining jurisdictions and those developing their mining sector. This side event will introduce a global program led by Transparency International Australia to assess and address corruption risks in the mining approvals process. The program operates in 20 countries. Participants will hear first hand from Transparency International in Cambodia, Mongolia and Australia the risks they have identified, activities underway to address those risks, and the challenges and opportunities they have faced in engaging with their respective governments and the mining industry.</p>	<p><i>Transparency International</i></p>	<p><i>Conference Room 4</i></p>	<p>Open</p>

12.45 – 13.45	<p>Responsible business conduct in conflict-affected societies</p> <p>The objective of the event is to contribute to the current debate on how responsible business conduct can promote human rights and economic development in conflict-affected societies. It will investigate how the UNGPs and other regulatory frameworks contribute to framing the role and responsibility of the business community towards peace processes, human rights and conflict prevention. The discussions will build key challenges and learnings of two ongoing projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Alliance Manchester Business School research on Responsible business conduct for sustainable peace; • and the UN Working Group on BHR project on Business in conflict and post-conflict contexts. 	Alliance Manchester Business School	Conference Room 4	Open
12.45 – 13.45	<p>Impact of FDI on Decent Work and working conditions in Myanmar</p> <p>Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) has a positive impact on economic growth, but is that the case for social upgrading and decent work? What has been the impact of FDI on decent work in Myanmar? Relevant actors and policy makers from Myanmar will share their experiences, elaborate on best practices, and explore the opportunities and challenges of implementing responsible business practices in the country. Join us for an engaging discussion on the impacts of FDI on decent work in Myanmar.</p>	ILO	Meeting Room G	By invitation
12.45 – 13.45	<p>Charting a future for decent work in supply chains in Thailand: experiences from the automotive and food sectors</p> <p>The automotive and agricultural industries are key exporting sectors for the Thai economy, but what constitutes best practice in these sectors and what challenges they do face in implementing responsible business conduct in their supply chains? How can international principles and smart policies help? Join us to hear the perspectives of businesses, unions and the Thai Ministry of Labour, and have your say.</p>	ILO, Employers' Confederation of Thailand and the Sustainability and Entrepreneurship Center of Sasin School of Management	Public Foyer	Open, prior registration desired: http://bit.ly/RBILoSide
13.00 – 14.00	<p>Supporting international collaboration on RBC/CSR</p> <p>This session will be an opportunity to raise awareness and foster collaboration on RBC/CSR practices by businesses operating out of the EU and Japan. It will seek to share best practices and challenges businesses are facing in addressing supply chain risks and explore opportunities to support collaboration on shared risks and implementing globally recognized RBC frameworks and expectations.</p>	Japan Ministry for Economy Trade and Investment (METI), EU (DG GROW), OECD	Meeting Room F	Open

	<p>The key questions to be discussed in this side event are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are some of the most pressing supply chain risks your business, or businesses in your region (or sector) are currently facing? 2. What do you see as the shared supply chain risks across European and Japanese businesses, either within a specific sector or more broadly? 3. How are businesses across the two regions currently collaborating to address some of these risks and implementing internationally recognized standards on Responsible Business Conduct and supply chain due diligence? 4. How can platforms for collaboration be built or enhanced across the two regions? 			
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Friday, 14 June 2019				
09:00 – 12:30	<p>UNCTAD-ESCAP Seminar on Investment and Special Economic Zones – <i>World Investment Report 2019</i></p> <p>Special Economic Zones (SEZs) are widely used as a tool for investment attraction. Although the performance of many zones remains below expectations, the rate of establishment of new zones is accelerating as governments compete for internationally mobile industries.</p> <p>Policymakers face not only the traditional challenges to making SEZs succeed, which includes a strategic focus, sound governance models, and effective investment promotion tools, but also new challenges brought about by the sustainable development imperative, the new industrial revolution, and changing patterns of international production. To help inform policy makers in addressing these challenges, UNCTAD’s World Investment Report (WIR) 2019 explores the place of SEZs in today’s global investment landscape and provides guidance for policymakers on how to make SEZs work for sustainable development.</p> <p>The session will bring experts and policymakers to discuss global investment, investment policy trends, and SEZs as a key tool for attracting investment for development as reported in UNCTAD’s recently launched WIR2019. Discussion will also cover the evolution of SEZs, institutional mechanism supporting them, and policy lessons from SEZs globally.</p>	UNCTAD and ESCAP	Conference Room 4	<p>Open, prior registration required:</p> <p>https://www.unescap.org/events/unctad-escap-seminar-investments-and-special-economic-zones</p>

About this event

The Responsible Business and Human Rights Forum ([#RBHRForum](#)) is a multi-stakeholder event addressing an array of priority issues under the Responsible Business Conduct and Business and Human Rights agendas. The [#RBHRForum](#) will take place during the Bangkok Business and Human Rights Week, 10-14 June.

The [#RBHRForum](#) is co-organized by the Royal Thai Government, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), International Labour Organization (ILO), and with the participation of the Working Group on Business and Human Rights. The [#RBHRForum](#) includes [the OECD Global Forum on Responsible Business Conduct](#).

About the Bangkok Business and Human Rights Week 2019

Instituted in 2017, the Bangkok Business and Human Rights Week (BBHR Week) is an annual event where, for one week, multiple stakeholders unpack various elements of the Business and Human Rights agenda and Responsible Business Conduct. The aim is to elevate awareness and ensure effective implementation of the Business and Human Rights and Responsible Business Conduct agendas in Asia-Pacific and beyond. The BBHR Week is co-organised by the Royal Thai Government, the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR), the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), the International Labour Organisation (ILO), the Global Compact Network Thailand, and with the participation of the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights.



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