

**Concept note and agenda: Multistakeholder Informal consultation on Business and Human Rights**

**Aim:** Consult with stakeholders regarding the various tracks in the United Nations in Geneva on the implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights as well as the discussion on the possibility to elaborate a legally binding instrument. The main objective is to **deepen our engagement vis-à-vis all the relevant stakeholders in the field of Business and Human Rights**. The related objectives are

- (i) to hear the views and expectations from stakeholders regarding the EU policy at the internal level; action at the external level including through the network of EU Delegations and its position at the multilateral level
- (ii) to explore ways to reinforce the cooperation between the EU, CSOs and businesses at local level to boost the implementation of the UN Guiding Principles, in particular in countries with challenging human rights situations
- (iii) take stock of opportunities and challenges on Business and Human Rights at the global level

**Participants:** approx. 60 participants, including key CSOs active on BHR, HRDs, victims, companies leading the way on RBC/CSR, trade unions and NHRIs.

**Date:** 11/06

**Venue:** Brussels

## **Agenda**

### **9.00 – 09.30 Welcome and coffee**

### **09.30 – 10.00 Introduction – EU actions in the field of Business and Human Rights**

- EEAS representative
- Heidi Hautala, Vice-President of the European Parliament (tbc)

### **10.00 – 11.00 Panel discussion: achievements of the EU and potential for further action in the implementation of the UNGPs globally**

- COMMISSION representative
- Rachel Davis, Shift project (tbc)
- [REDACTED], CSR Europe (tbc)
- [REDACTED] UN Working Group on BHR (tbc)

### **11.00 – 11.15: coffee break**

### **11.15 – 13.00: Panel discussion: EU involvement in the various UN tracks: potential and challenges for common ground at the multilateral level**

- EEAS: progress in the implementation of the UN Guiding Principles and state of play of discussions for a legally binding instrument
- [REDACTED], FIDH
- [REDACTED], [REDACTED], International Organisation of Employers (tbc)
- Sharan Burrow, General Secretary International Trade Union Confederation (tbc)
- [REDACTED], [REDACTED], International Commission of Jurists (tbc)

### **13.00 – 14.00 Lunch**

### **14.00 – 15.30 Enhancing partnerships and multi-stakeholder dialogue**

- Multi-stakeholder cooperation and National Action Plans: [REDACTED], Danish Institute for Human Rights
- Multi-stakeholder cooperation in countries with challenging human rights situations: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], Nestle OR [REDACTED], DELL (tbc)
- [REDACTED], [REDACTED] Alternative ASEAN Network on Burma (tbc)
- [REDACTED], AICHR Thailand (tbc)
- Public-Private Alliance for Responsible Minerals Trade : [REDACTED] – Global Witness (tbc)

### **15.30 – 16.00 Coffee break**

### **16.00 – 17.30 Enhancing access to remedy**

- [REDACTED] - [REDACTED] European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)
- Challenges in access to remedy for victims : Gam Shimray, Asia Indigenous People Pact [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

- Scaling up efforts on human rights and access to remedy - Unilever OR (tbc)
- Working with Human Rights Defenders and enhancing access to remedy: [REDACTED],  
[REDACTED], Adidas Group (tbc)

**17.30 – 18.00 Wrap up and conclusions**