

**AGENDA: Expert Meeting on Climate Change, International Human Rights Law, and the Challenges for Business (London, 27 May)**

Time	Discussion topic	Introduction
14.00- 14.05	Welcome and introductions	Phil Bloomer (BHRRC) Chair
14:05- 14:10	Overview of the IBA Taskforce Report's recommendations on Corporate Responsibility, and developments since its publication in July 2014.	Conor Lineham (IBA Task Force)
14:10- 15:00	<b>Regulation, Litigation, &amp; Extraterritoriality:</b> This session will look at both what needs to be implemented by states to ensure national and extra-territorial corporate accountability, regulation, and incentives for climate and human rights.  “Each state should take steps to develop sufficient ‘judicial capacity to hear complaints and enforce remedies against all corporations <i>operating or based in their territory</i> ’. This ensures that local capacity is developed to deal with events which happen in the local jurisdiction (i.e. South African courts dealing with subsidiaries based in South Africa in relation to environmental and human rights breaches occurring in South Africa). But that responsibility must be accompanied by development of coherent and clear regulatory standards that make compliance possible.”	Conor Lineham (IBA Task Force) to introduce
15:30- 15:45	Break	
15:45- 16:45	<b>Company Policies, Reporting, &amp; Benchmarks:</b> This session will investigate how companies can build robust and effective policies and practice to avoid climate related human rights risks, both in terms of carbon mitigation efforts, and in terms of their approach to adapting their operation and supply chains to climate change.  “First, the corporation should adopt an explicit policy that stipulates measures designed to prevent or mitigate adverse climate change impacts linked to its operations. Such measures must include due diligence of corporate projects....Secondly, the corporation should implement a due-diligence process to identify, prevent, mitigate and account for its actual climate change impacts....Thirdly, the corporation should implement remediation processes that allow for open communication with stakeholders most affected by the corporation’s operations.”	Stephanie Maier (Aviva Investors) to introduce
16:45- 17:00	Conclusions	Phil Bloomer (BHRRC)