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## International

### **1. “Access to Judicial Remedy Project” – report due in September**

The [International Corporate Accountability Roundtable](#), [European Coalition for Corporate Justice](#), and the [Corporate Responsibility Coalition](#) have launched: “The Access to Judicial Remedy Project: Ensuring Redress for Victims’ of Corporate Related Human Rights Abuse”. The project will result in a report due to be launched in September.

As corporations have gained increasing power and rights in the global marketplace, they have also been immunised from responsibilities and accountability. Regressive developments in the United States, United Kingdom, and European Union countries will make it even more difficult for some of the most vulnerable populations in the world to access justice. In countries where courts are corrupt or biased, where other significant barriers to justice exist, or where corporations are closely aligned with governments, the best and often only available option for attaining remedy is for victims of corporate-related human rights abuses to seek redress in corporations’ home states.

This project seeks to build on existing work that exposes common barriers to judicial remedy for victims of human rights abuses. It will affirm that, as part of the State duty to protect human rights, States must ensure that victims have access to judicial remedy in their jurisdictions. The report will further identify feasible opportunities to ensure that such remedy is accessible in the United States, United Kingdom, and European Union.

For more information, visit <http://accountabilityroundtable.org/analysis-and-updates/launch-of-the-access-to-judicial-remedy-project/>

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## **2. Campaign: #Whatwillittake for the World Bank to uphold human rights?**

The mandate of the World Bank is to reduce poverty, but economic development only improves people's lives when it is accompanied by the guarantee of the full enjoyment of their human rights. The Bank's current safeguard policies, whose purpose is to ensure that the Bank "does no harm," do not sufficiently guarantee respect for human rights, resulting in some Bank-financed projects leaving the very people the Bank aims to support even worse off. Only a serious change in the Bank's safeguard policies would guarantee that the World Bank upholds human rights for future projects.

In October 2012, the World Bank launched a review of its safeguard policies. The review is expected to take two years, and the first public consultation period for the safeguard review ends on 21 April.

The [Center for International Environmental Law](#) (CIEL) has launched a campaign asking the Bank to undertake human rights due diligence, including:

- (1) A commitment not to finance activities likely to cause or contribute to human rights abuses;
- (2) Human rights impact assessments for all Bank-financed activities; and
- (3) Policies that are consistent with human rights standards.

The campaign has actions for people [inside the United States](#) and [outside the United States](#), open during the review period that ends 21 April. A blog post with further details [is here](#). Further announcements in this campaign will be forthcoming later in April.

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## **3. Follow-up for "Fatal Fashion" report by SOMO and Clean Clothes Campaign**

Following the publication of "Fatal Fashion" on 11 March, [Clean Clothes Campaign](#) and the [Centre for Research on Multinational Corporations \(SOMO\)](#) in the coming months will reach out to garment buyers, social audit firms and governments to ensure that garment factories are safe, and that victims receive fair compensation.

The report analyses two recent factory fires in the export-oriented garment industry in Bangladesh and Pakistan, in which more than 400 lives were lost. "Fatal fashion" is an urgent call upon governments, suppliers, brands, retailers, audit firms and certification bodies for a fundamental game-change to protect and respect workers' rights. The report applies the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights to the cases, and outlines what steps responsible actors – including brands and audit firms and governments at the producing and consuming end of the supply chain – should take to realise their internationally recognised duties and responsibilities to respect human rights.

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## **4. Forthcoming update of practical guide for NGOs on the OECD Guidelines**

[OECD Watch](#) is finalising an updated practical guide for NGOs on how to interpret the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and use the Guidelines' complaint mechanism. The guide is intended to inform NGOs about the most important changes to the OECD Guidelines after their 2011 update and provide NGOs with concrete guidance on how to research, draft, submit and follow-up an OECD Guidelines complaint. OECD Watch's new guide has been developed together with OECD Watch members and draws on the experiences and lessons learned from over 150 cases filed by NGOs over the past 12 years. The guide is tailored to the needs and considerations of NGOs in the Global South and North and illustrates with concrete examples how the OECD Guidelines can be applied to cases of corporate misconduct. OECD Watch will publish the guide "Calling for Corporate Accountability: A guide to the 2011 OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises" in English, French and Spanish end of May.

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## **5. International Review of the Red Cross: upcoming issue on “Business, Violence and Conflict”**

Business enterprises often have great influence in conflict or post-conflict situations – and they increasingly recognise their own influence. Business can be part of the problem, but also part of the solution in contexts of armed violence. Humanitarian actors, such as the [International Committee of the Red Cross \(ICRC\)](#), are becoming more aware of the necessity to grasp the complex interaction between business and local economies – not only for operational reasons, but also conceptually and strategically. The [International Review of the Red Cross](#) has invited several of the most insightful minds in this area of research to reflect on the current challenges and future opportunities of business, violence and the respect for humanitarian law and human rights for an upcoming issue due out in summer 2013.

Some of the themes in this edition include: the implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights; the legal obligation of business entities and the (potential) criminalisation of business conduct in times of conflict and violence; new ways to regulate activities of private military and security companies; the ICRC’s dialogue with business actors; and the communities’ own perspectives on business involvement in violent contexts.

In addition to the print version of this issue, articles will also be available online on Cambridge University Press's and *The Review's* websites.

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## **6. Season of events dedicated to business and human rights in the legal profession**

[Advocates for International Development \(A4ID\)](#) helped to start the debate about what the UN’s Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights meant for law firms with its [November 2011 discussion paper](#). The discussion paper drew on the experience of leading legal professionals to explore the unique challenges faced by law firms face in meeting their responsibility to respect human rights. A summary of the paper has recently been published on the Business & Human Rights Resource Centre website in Arabic, Chinese, French, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish.

In advance of the publication of its next, much-anticipated paper on the implementation of the Guiding Principles in the legal field – which will examine potential conflicts with codes of conduct and practical application of the responsibility to respect – A4ID will be holding a series of events on law firms and business and human rights. The season will culminate in the publication of A4ID’s report later in the year. Full details of events as they are announced can be found on [A4ID’s events page](#) or if you require any further information about this work contact the CEO Yasmin Batliwala at [Yasmin.Batliwala \(at\) a4id.org](mailto:Yasmin.Batliwala@a4id.org)

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## **7. Call for comment: Draft guide for business on indigenous peoples’ rights – open until 1 Jun**

The [UN Global Compact](#) has released for comment the exposure draft of the [Business Reference Guide on the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples \(UNDRIP\)](#), which illustrates how indigenous peoples’ rights may be impacted positively or negatively by business and provides practical suggestions for action.

All interested parties are invited to submit comments to [undrip \(at\) unglobalcompact.org](mailto:undrip@unglobalcompact.org). The exposure draft is open for public comment and consultation until 1 June. For more information on the project and on forthcoming webinars (on 9 April & 30 April in English, 17 April in Spanish), see here: [http://www.unglobalcompact.org/Issues/human\\_rights/indigenous\\_peoples\\_rights.html](http://www.unglobalcompact.org/Issues/human_rights/indigenous_peoples_rights.html)

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## **8. Corporate supporters help raise awareness of Intl. Day for Street Children – 12 Apr**

The [Consortium for Street Children](#) (CSC) is once again getting ready to celebrate the International Day for Street Children on 12 April. Now in its third year, the Day has grown in size and impact, thanks to the support of street children, NGOs, individuals, celebrities, politicians, schools and the private sector across the globe. The theme this year is *Home Street Home* – highlighting that for many children across the world, including in the UK, the street is their home.

The International Day for Street Children is supported by Aviva plc, HSBC and Tesco. Through our partnerships with the private sector we have seen the mutual benefits of raising awareness of the issues facing street children. All of our corporate partners play a significant role in supporting an enabling environment in which the rights of street children can be realised worldwide. If you would like to become a corporate supporter of International Day for Street Children in 2014, contact Louise Meincke, Advocacy Director, at [louise \(at\) streetchildren.org.uk](mailto:louise@streetchildren.org.uk).

CSC will be launching a petition to ask the United Nations to officially recognise the Day. We are encouraging people to show their support by signing our petition, holding celebratory events and spreading the word through social media using the hashtags #DemandADay and #HomeStreetHome (find us on twitter @streetchildren). To sign our petition and for more information about how to get involved go to [www.streetchildrenday.org](http://www.streetchildrenday.org).

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### **9. Resource Centre recruitment of Executive Director underway**

Christopher Avery, who founded Business & Human Rights Resource Centre in 2002, is retiring after eleven years at its helm. The Resource Centre is conducting a global recruitment for a new Executive Director, based in London. Interviews with finalist candidates will take place in mid-April. Chris will continue working as Director until his successor has been recruited and begins work, around mid-2013.

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### **10. Translations being prepared of key tools on UN Guiding Principles**

Business & Human Rights Resource Centre has commissioned translations of the following key documents, which provide guidance for implementation and use of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights by companies, governments, NGOs and others:

- [“Respecting Human Rights Through Global Supply Chains”](#), Shift, Jan 2013
- [“Human Rights Due Diligence: The Role of States”](#), Olivier De Schutter, Anita Ramasastry, Mark B. Taylor, Robert C. Thompson, commissioned by International Corporate Accountability Roundtable, European Coalition for Corporate Justice, Canadian Network on Corporate Accountability, Dec 2012 (translation of table of contents & executive summary)
- [“How to use the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights in company research and advocacy”](#), SOMO (Netherlands), CEDHA (Centre for Human Rights & Environment, Argentina), Civedep (India), Nov 2012 (authors are having this translated to Chinese & Spanish)

We are carrying out the translations in consultation with their authors. We expect to complete these translations and post them by end of June to our [UN Guiding Principles Portal](#), which already includes translations of a range of key documents. When our translations and those being done by the authors are completed, these materials will be available in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish, ensuring that stakeholders in all regions can access these important resources.

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## **Africa**

### **11. Promoting human rights due diligence during Kenya’s oil and gas exploration phase – Nairobi, 7 May**

The [Institute for Human Rights and Business](#) (IHRB) and the [Kenya National Commission on Human Rights](#) (KNCHR) are convening a roundtable: “Promoting Human Rights Due Diligence During Kenya’s Oil and Gas Exploration Phase: The Role of Juniors and Majors” on Tuesday, 7 May in Nairobi. This convening will bring together industry representatives and senior government officials to discuss the roles and responsibilities of junior exploration companies in Kenya’s emerging oil and gas sector in order to build its “social license to operate”.

IHRB is currently establishing the “Nairobi Process: A Pact for Responsible Investment” to embed human rights due diligence in oil and gas exploration in Kenya, by applying the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. This convening will begin a long-term process of exploring and addressing challenges faced by both juniors and major oil companies during this critical development phase of the emerging oil and gas sector in Kenya.

This meeting is by invitation only. For more information, please contact Kelly Davina Scott at [kelly.scott \(at\) ihrb.org](mailto:kelly.scott@ihrb.org).

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## **12. Zimbabwe: Actions on diamond & mining laws to address transparency, security & human rights**

Following a diamond mining conference and expert meetings, the [Center for Research and Development](#) (CRD) has produced a draft diamond bill with the aim of offering the Government of Zimbabwe alternative provisions for an ultimate Diamond Act that is very inclusive, containing information from all the parties in government, the business community and a broad spectrum of civil society, at the same time borrowing from existing best practices in the region. The major focus of the diamond bill is on the elimination of corruption, plugging revenue leakages, strengthening good corporate governance, and increasing policy control. Further to this, the draft bill seeks to ensure that diamond mining companies and hired private security firms act in a manner consistent with human rights.

Pending the availability of resources, later this year the CRD will further lobby the government to overhaul the existing Minerals and Mining Act to facilitate transparency, accountability and the incorporation of human rights in the mining sector. If properly legislated, the Zimbabwean mining sector can easily drive economic growth and become the mainstay of the country's economy.

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## **13. Workshop on reform of Mining Code in Dem. Rep. of Congo – Kinshasa, 8-9 Apr**

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In view of the ongoing reform of the Mining Code, and in advance of a workshop to harmonise the views of different stakeholders – civil society, government and companies – Congolese civil society is organising a national preparatory workshop from 8-9 April in Kinshasa. The participants, including POM (Plateforme des Organisations de la société civile intervenant dans le secteur Minier, or Platform of Civil Society Organizations Working on the Mining Sector) will be participating from different provinces of the country. POM is actively working on the revision of the Mining Code. It has notably published a document with proposed amendments, as well as an auxiliary document with proposals from civil society. Its priorities are, among others:

- for mining companies to grant 5% of their capital to local communities, for the creation of a Local Development Fund to be funded by 0.3% of the gross revenues of mining firms, and for the recognition of the rights of NGOs to defend local communities in court against violations of their rights by mining companies;
- transparency – full disclosure of tenders for mining concessions and for sales of assets by state-owned enterprises, the disclosure of companies' revenues (in accordance with the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative) and of the owners of companies, and the publication of environmental reports and audits.

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## **14. Learning day on UN Guiding Principles in Burkina Faso – June**

*[Unofficial translation by Business & Human Rights Resource Centre from French original]*

In the first week of June, Optimum Travail du Burkina (OTB) is organising a learning day in Ouagadougou on the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. This initiative is the first of its kind in Burkina Faso, since the adoption in June 2011 of resolution A/HRC/ 17/4 by the UN Human Rights Council, on the subject of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises. The main goal of the day is to bring the UN Global Compact, the "Protect, Respect and Remedy" Framework and the UN Guiding Principles to the attention of business leaders, civil society organizations and public institutions. Optimum Travail du Burkina is a research and training firm focussed on development and the promotion of human rights.

If you wish to contribute to this initiative, please contact the Coordinator: François de Salle Bado, OTB, [otbburkina \(at\) yahoo.fr](mailto:otbburkina@yahoo.fr); [frbado \(at\) yahoo.fr](mailto:frbado@yahoo.fr)

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### **15. Lamu port project in Kenya – call for comments on Environmental Impact Assessment**

[Save Lamu](#) would like to announce that on 19 March, the National Environmental Management Authority (NEMA) of Kenya called on members of the public to comment on the "Environmental and social impact assessment study report for construction of the first three berths of the proposed Lamu port and associated infrastructure" (EIA). Save Lamu urges human rights and environmental law practitioners and EIA experts around the world to read and comment on the EIA with respect to the proposed construction of the first three berths of the Lamu Port and transport corridor in Lamu District. Deleterious impacts on water quality, fisheries, mangroves, coral reefs, archaeological, historical and cultural sites, land ownership, induced risks (such as health and safety, influx of disease) are set out in the EIA. Construction has already commenced.

The environmental and social impact assessment [is located here](#) and comments can be directed to NEMA until 16 April. They should be sent to the Director General of NEMA at [dgnema \(at\) nema.go.ke](mailto:dgnema@nema.go.ke), and copied to Edward Menza, NEMA-Lamu at [menzae \(at\) yahoo.com](mailto:menzae@yahoo.com), and the Chair of the Public Complaints Committee at [pcc.environment \(at\) gmail.com](mailto:pcc.environment@gmail.com).

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### **16. Upcoming regional briefing on business & human rights in Francophone Africa**

In the coming months, Business & Human Rights Resource Centre will publish its first briefing on business & human rights in Francophone Africa. The briefing will highlight reports from a range of sources about how businesses have impacted human rights, positively and negatively, in this region over recent years, and will be published in English and in French. Our previous regional briefings, on Anglophone Africa and South Asia, are available [here](#).

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### **London Mining Network event: Stories of resistance – London, 15 Apr**

See item 30 below, in the Europe/Central Asia section. We include reference to this event here in the Africa section because the event relates to impacts in South Africa.

## **Americas**

### **17. Argentina: New guide and creation of Working Group on "Business and Human Rights"**

The Argentinean Global Compact Network is pleased to announce the upcoming release of the guide "[Promote, Respect and Remedy: Everybody Wins](#)" and the creation of a new Working Group on "Business and Human Rights".

The guide aims to develop and explain the concepts promoted by the United Nations Guiding Principles and provide recommendations for their implementation. The Working Group seeks to help businesses in the Local Network to learn and implement the UN Framework and [Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights](#) by using the Guide. The group is composed of companies and has its own [Terms of Reference](#).

Concepts such as human rights due diligence, human rights impact assessment, remedies, scenarios of responsibility in human rights abuses by direct cause or by contribution through goods and services will be discussed in the Working Group. Appropriate tools to promote implementation of the recommendations contained in the "Promote, Respect and Remedy: Everybody Wins" guide will be also developed by the Working Group.

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### **18. UN Working Group to visit USA 22 Apr-1 May: Civil society convening on 23 Apr**

The UN Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises will be [conducting a country mission to the US](#) from 22 April to 1 May.

On 23 April the International Corporate Accountability Roundtable will be convening a broad set of civil society stakeholders to present to the Working Group on key areas of business and human rights in the US and on the civil society perspective of the US implementation of the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The convening will take place from 9am-12.30pm at Georgetown University Law Center.

Further information on how to participate and to send submissions (deadline 12 April) [is here](#).

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### **19. Proposed forum: Human rights in the business world – Mexico, Jun**

In the face of rapid expansion of transnational economic activity and subsequent emergence of global governance gaps, a series of multilateral initiatives has been developed to guarantee that business becomes a source for human rights protection rather than abuse. Considering it urgent to promote this debate in Mexico, to integrate respect for human rights into business activities and make sure that the government respects its obligations on these matters, this is a call for donors and experts to participate and support the forum “Human Rights in the business world”, planned to take place in Mexico City in June 2013.

This forum will involve representatives of public human rights institutions, civil society organizations, academia, key specialists in this topics as well as members of national and transnational corporations. It will promote a debate amongst these actors and human rights ombudsman’s offices in order to maximize synergies, and to identify actions and strategies to guarantee human rights are respected in the business realm. The forum will take place in the facilities of the Human Rights Commission of Mexico City, located at Av. Universidad 1149, Col. Florida, Delegacion Alvaro Obregon, C.P. 01030, Distrito Federal.

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### **20. Global workshop for young advocates on human rights & extractive industries – Colombia, August**

[The Center for Law, Justice and Society \(Dejusticia\)](#) recently launched a Global Human Rights Leadership project which seeks to ensure that the new generation of global South human rights advocates has a strong voice in international discussions, by addressing the need for high-quality research and helping young advocates to strengthen their research skills to address pressing problems in their respective countries. The goal of this workshop is to train these young professionals to effectively design, conduct and present action-oriented research, and effectively communicate their findings. The theme of Dejusticia’s inaugural Global Action-Research Workshop in 2013 will be “Human Rights and Extractive Industries: State, Corporations and Communities in the Global South”. Dejusticia invites young professionals from the global South who are engaged in human rights advocacy related to the extractive industries to apply. Twelve to fifteen applicants will be selected for the inaugural Workshop. It will take place during the second week of August, in the foothills of Colombia’s Sierra Nevada on the Caribbean coast, a perfect location for both intensive academic and pragmatic learning about the impacts of mining and resource extraction on human rights. The workshop will be taught by leading international experts on the topics. For further information, visit: [www.dejusticia.org](http://www.dejusticia.org)

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### **21. New project promotes govt. procurement that seeks to ensure business respect for human rights**

The International Corporate Accountability Roundtable (ICAR) has launched “The Government Procurement Project – Promoting Procurement Policies that Ensure Business Respect for Human Rights”. The project will result in a report due to be launched in August.

Governments at the federal and state level are large purchasers of goods and services and can therefore exert a tremendous amount of leverage on corporate actors to comply with requirements to compete for these lucrative contracts. Even outside of the market power of governments, there is a growing recognition of their duty to ensure protection for human rights, as was recognised in the UN Guiding Principles.

There have been a number of positive steps by the federal government here in the United States, as well as at the state level, to alter procurement policies and practices in ways that promote respect for human rights by corporations.



This project seeks to build off of this momentum through clarifying and building consensus around how the US Government can engage in the State duty to protect human rights by building on procurement requirements that mandate businesses conduct human rights due diligence, or prohibiting contracts to businesses that have been found to have violated human rights.

For more information, visit <http://accountabilityroundtable.org/campaigns/procurement/>

→ *Contributed by Amol Mehra, Director, Intl. Corporate Accountability Roundtable, amol (at) accountabilityroundtable.org*

## **22. Julia Mello Neiva starts work as Resource Centre's Brazil Researcher & Representative**

[Julia Mello Neiva](#) began her role as the Resource Centre's first Brazil, Portugal & Portuguese-speaking Africa Researcher & Representative on 1 April. She will draw attention to the human rights impacts (positive and negative) of companies in those regions; highlight under-reported cases and concerns raised by civil society; seek company responses to alleged abuses; undertake research missions; and build contacts with NGOs, companies, investors, journalists and government representatives.

The Centre's Deputy Director Mauricio Lazala will visit Brazil mid-year to undertake a research mission with Julia, which will also serve the purpose of introducing NGOs, companies and others in Brazil to ways in which they may find the Resource Centre useful in their work.

→ *Contributed by Mauricio Lazala, Deputy Director, Business & Human Rights Resource Centre, lazala (at) business-humanrights.org*

## **23. US launch of John Ruggie's book *Just Business* – New York, 2 May**

Shift, Business & Human Rights Resource Centre, and the Center for Human Rights and Global Justice at NYU School of Law are co-hosting the launch of John Ruggie's new book *Just Business: Multinational Corporations and Human Rights*. The launch will take place at 6pm on Thursday May 2 at 245 Sullivan Street, Furman Hall, Room 216, NYU School of Law, New York City.

Professor John Ruggie was UN Special Representative on business & human rights from 2005-11 and is author of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The launch will feature a panel discussion with John Ruggie and other commentators moderated by Professor Philip Alston. The panel will conclude with a Q&A session with the audience, to be followed by a reception and book signing.

To reserve a seat please contact Daniel Vince-Archer, [vince-archer \(at\) business-humanrights.org](mailto:vince-archer@business-humanrights.org). Please note that space is limited.

*Just Business* is published by W. W. Norton & Company. Copies will be on sale at the 2 May launch event. US customers can purchase a copy online [here](#). Customers in the UK, Europe, Africa & Middle East can do so [here](#) – enter the code WN234 for a 30% discount.

→ *Contributed by Annabel Short, Programme Director, Business & Human Rights Resource Centre, short (at) business-humanrights.org*

## **London Mining Network event: Stories of resistance – London, 15 Apr**

See item 30 below, in the Europe/Central Asia section. We include reference to this event here in the Americas section because the event relates to impacts in Colombia and USA.

### **Asia/Pacific**

## **24. New project on UN Guiding Principles and corporate practice in China**

This recently launched project is led by Global Business Initiative and [Beijing Rong-zhi Institute of Corporate Social Responsibility](#), and supported by Track II, Peking University, and the Global Compact Network China. It aims to produce knowledge in relation to human rights in a business context. It will focus on business practices and engaging business leaders, using case studies as the focal point. The project will also include a roundtable called "Human Rights and Risk Management" for practitioners on 16-17 April, and a learning seminar for all companies involved this summer in Beijing.

The lead project partner Rong-zhi is engaging with a select number of Chinese corporations interested in participating in this project, which involves: developing your case study with support of Chinese and international experts; and participating in the roundtable and learning seminar. There is no fee to participate. To express interest in joining the project please email [lilq \(at\) rzcsri.org](mailto:lilq@rzcsri.org) no later than 1 May.

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## **25. Conference for business executives on “Rights, Risks and Responsibilities” – Beijing, 16 Apr**

On 16 April, the [UN Global Compact Office](#), the Global Compact Network China, [Tsinghua University School of Economics and Management](#), the [Principles for Responsible Investment](#) Secretariat and the [Global Business Initiative on Human Rights](#), and COSCO (corporate partner) will co-convene a conference titled “Sustainable Business and Investment in the Global Context: Rights, Risks and Responsibilities”, aimed at exploring sustainable business and investment in the global context. The focus will be on global operations with particular attention to investing and doing business in high-risk contexts and to how companies should implement respect for human rights. The event will bring together business leaders and investors to share good practices and experiences. Participation is by invitation only for this business-to-business conversation.

For further information please visit <http://www.global-business-initiative.org/work/china/> or email [katryn.wright \(at\) global-business-initiative.org](mailto:katryn.wright@global-business-initiative.org)

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## **26. Regional human rights conference, launch of ASEAN report, consultations – Jakarta, April**

### Regional conference & report launch

The [Human Rights Resource Centre for ASEAN](#) is to launch the first study within the ASEAN region to discuss overall business and human rights with reference to the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The study is also intended to complement another study on CSR and Human Rights being conducted by the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights.

The study will be launched at a regional human rights conference on 9 April in Jakarta. Confirmed speakers include the Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives of Indonesia, H.E. Priyo Budi Santoso, together with the Norwegian, Swiss and US ambassadors to Indonesia and Mr. James Kallman, Director of Mazars Indonesia and Global Head of Mazars Human Rights Audit and Advisory Practice.

### Public Consultations on Business and Human Rights scheduled for mid-April in Jakarta

The Human Rights Resource Centre for ASEAN, together with the ASEAN Foundation, Mazars and Shift will hold various public consultation meetings with a wide array of stakeholders. These will include representatives from the Indonesian government and parliament, NGOs, ASEAN government representatives from the ASEAN Secretariat, including the ASEAN Inter Parliamentary Assembly Secretariat in Jakarta. It is hoped that this will provide valuable feedback for the [Mazars/Shift project](#) to develop standards for auditing companies in line with the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.

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## **27. Civil society briefings in ASEAN on extractive industries, corporate accountability, other issues**

The [South East Asian Committee for Advocacy](#) (SEACA) is pleased to announce the start of the 8th Round of Country Sensitization Workshops on ASEAN among civil society organizations in the region. Since 2006, SEACA has been in the forefront of advancing advocacy by and for Southeast Asian peoples by organising country sensitisation workshops that push for pro-poor ASEAN policies. Working in partnership with national and other regional non-governmental organizations, SEACA has organised these workshops in the ten member-countries of ASEAN.

Complementing the civil society workshops on ASEAN are the Thematic Issue Briefings, a four-part series of briefings on various emerging issues in ASEAN that we are also organising in Brunei and in Burma/Myanmar this year. It includes Briefings on Trade and Investments, on Extractive Industries and Corporate Accountability in

ASEAN, on Peace and Conflict in South East Asia, and on Human Rights in ASEAN. First on the list is the Thematic Briefing for Brunei Civil Society: Extractive Industries and Corporate Accountability in ASEAN. SEACA is organising it in partnership with the Brunei Council on Social Welfare (MKM).

Date: 28 April. Venue: To be announced soon.

For more information please contact Joey Dimaandal at [jdimaandal \(at\) seaca.net](mailto:jdimaandal@seaca.net) or [info \(at\) seaca.net](mailto:info@seaca.net).

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### **28. Advocacy project on rights of people with leprosy in Indonesia will engage private sector**

[Yayasan Transformasi Lepra Indonesia](#) (YTLI) is a small foundation located in Indonesia, working in the field of social and economic human rights, specifically through activities related to advocacy and livelihood of people affected by leprosy. Our vision is: Transformed Lives of People Affected by Leprosy in Indonesia (poverty and stigma reduction, improved health and empowerment).

YTLI is happy to announce that on 1 April it launched its new Advocacy Project, “From Dignity to Advocacy”, for a period of three years (2013-2016) in three provinces: East Java, East Nusa Tenggara and Sulawesi. The project is funded by TLM Canada.

YTLI has begun advocating to the business sector with the aim to attract the CSR divisions of companies to being involved in advocacy and social work on leprosy. For example, we have started to work with Coca-Cola Company on a very small scale. The team leader of YTLI is aggressively marketing the foundation to several business sectors including advertising agencies within the country.

For more information please contact Blanche P. Harun-Zalukhu at [blanche \(at\) transformasilepra.org](mailto:blanche@transformasilepra.org)

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### **29. Consultation on proposed CSR index for India – New Delhi, 12 Jun**

The [Business & Community Foundation](#) is holding a consultation with key stakeholders – non-profit organizations, business associations, human rights networks, etc. – to evolve a CSR index (CSRI) for India that is inclusive, on 12 June with India International Centre in New Delhi. The Companies Bill is awaiting the final stamp of approval from the Rajya Sabha (Upper House of Parliament) to become an Act, having been passed by the Lok Sabha in December 2012. Given deepening divides and rising inequalities it is important for CSR not to be a camouflage for irresponsible business practices or an apology for crony capitalism. *How* profits accrue is as important as the present debate over how much is given away. Ill-gotten wealth that has been abusive of human rights, of the planet and the laws of the land cannot ethically serve larger public or societal good. Being a responsible corporate entity is the first threshold for those who aspire to discharge their corporate social responsibility. It is time for a CSRI framework that finds solutions based on equity and inclusion to be developed for a country of over a billion people. Because “Nothing can succeed in a social environment that fails”.

→ *Contributed by Amita Joseph, Director, Business & Community Foundation, [ajoseph \(at\) bcfindia.org](mailto:ajoseph@bcfindia.org)*

### **30. Resource Centre mission to Cambodia – 22-25 Apr**

Three Resource Centre representatives will conduct a research mission in Cambodia from 22-25 April: Southeast Asia Researcher & Representative [Bobbie Sta. Maria](#), Senior Researcher Joanne Bauer, and Researcher Marta Kasztelan (who is currently based in Cambodia).

They will meet with local civil society organizations and business representatives. Focus areas include land grabs, labour abuses, child labour, persecution of human rights defenders, the needs of local NGOs related to engagement with companies and international stakeholders, and also positive initiatives that companies are taking in the country.

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### **Follow-up for “Fatal Fashion” report by SOMO and Clean Clothes Campaign**

See item 3 above, in the International section. We include reference to this event here in the Asia/Pacific section because the report and call to action were spurred by factory fires in Bangladesh and Pakistan.

### **London Mining Network event: Stories of resistance – London, 15 Apr**

See item 30 below, in the Europe/Central Asia section. We include reference to this event here in the Asia/Pacific section because the event relates to impacts in Mongolia.

## **Europe/Central Asia**

### **31. London Mining Network event: Stories of resistance – London, 15 Apr**

Across the globe, communities are creatively confronting the devastating impacts of London-based mining companies. On Monday 15 April, come to hear testimony from visitors from Colombia, Mongolia, South Africa and the USA, in London for the annual general meetings of Anglo American and Rio Tinto. Come and learn what we in London can do to stand in solidarity with these struggles from around the world. [Details available here.](#)

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### **32. Upcoming regional briefing on business & human rights in Eastern Europe & Central Asia**

Later this month Business & Human Rights Resource Centre will publish its first briefing on business and human rights in Eastern Europe & Central Asia. The briefing will highlight reports from a range of sources about how businesses have impacted human rights, positively and negatively, in this region over the past four years. It mentions over 60 companies with operations in the region. Our previous regional briefings, on Anglophone Africa and South Asia, are available [here](#).

→ Contributed by Ella Skybenko, Eastern Europe & Central Asia Researcher & Representative, Business & Human Rights Resource Centre, [skybenko \(at\) business-humanrights.org](mailto:skybenko@business-humanrights.org)

## **Middle East/North Africa**

### **33. “Made in Israel”: Forthcoming report on agricultural exports from Occupied Territories**

Israeli control over Palestinian water and land has turned the settlements into profitable corporations, while preventing the development of independent Palestinian agriculture. Much of the agricultural produce exported from Israel is grown in the Occupied Palestinian Territories of the West Bank and Gaza, as well as in the occupied Syrian territory of the Golan Heights. Yet all the fruit and vegetables grown in Israel and in the Occupied Territories are labelled as products of Israel. This labelling contravenes EU legislation, which requires a distinction between produce of Israel and that of the settlements.

Who Profits will soon publish an updated report that will include information about 30 companies that export settlement products and companies that are located in settlements. Apart from the Israeli settlements in the Occupied Territories, Who Profits' updated report will include information about the Israeli companies exporting Palestinian goods from the occupied West Bank and Gaza. Agricultural produce can only be exported from the Occupied Territories through Israeli companies under the Oslo Accords, which regularised economic relations between Israel and the Palestinian Authority.

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### **34. Palestinian civil society to launch two new campaigns**

The UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, as well as recent reports by the UN Special Rapporteur on human rights in the Palestinian territories ([Report of 19 Sep 2012](#)) and the International Fact Finding Mission on the Israeli settlements ([Report of 7 Feb 2013](#)), have resulted in increased awareness of the legal responsibility of business enterprises and non-State actors involved in activities that help maintain the illegal Israeli settlements and perpetuate human rights abuses in the Occupied Palestinian Territories including East Jerusalem (OPT). Seeking to translate heightened awareness into tangible results, Palestinian civil society organizations and international partners will implement two campaigns in April:

“[Farming Injustice](#)”: This campaign is based on a collective call and [briefing paper](#). Sixteen organizations and unions representing Palestinian farmers will lobby EU institutions and supermarkets in Europe to go beyond mere labelling of agricultural products from the illegal Israeli settlements, and to stop all trade with Israeli agricultural

companies that exploit Palestinian land and water resources in the OPT and undermine the right of Palestinians to their land and to food sovereignty.

“End Administrative Detention”: This [global advocacy campaign](#) aims to end prolonged detention without trial, torture and inhumane treatment of Palestinian children and adults in Israeli detention centres, and the involvement of foreign security companies, in particular G4S, in related violations of international humanitarian law and human rights abuses.

→ *Contributed by Ingrid Jaradat Gassner, Civic Coalition for Palestinian Rights in Jerusalem, info (at) civiccoalition-jerusalem.org*

### **35. Outreach for study by Al-Haq on access to water in Occupied Palestinian Territories**

Al-Haq is pleased to announce the publication of its study “Water For One People Only: Apartheid and Discriminatory Access to Water in the OPT”. The study examines how Israel, since 1967, has concentrated considerable military and political efforts to exercise sovereign powers over the Palestinian share of the region’s water resources. These have included the seizure of lands for their water resources and the establishment of settlements, as well as the integration of the OPT’s water system into the Israeli system. The transfer of control and ownership of Palestinian water infrastructure in the West Bank to Mekorot, of which the State of Israel owns 50 per cent, is another example of Israel’s illegal exercise of sovereign rights over Palestinian water resources. The Oslo Accords merely formalised a discriminatory water management regime that was largely already in place. Israel continues to discriminate in its allocation of Palestinian water resources to the benefit of Jewish-Israeli citizens and systematically denies Palestinians as a group access to water. Among others, these illegal practices amount to Israel’s violation of the prohibition of apartheid.

In the coming months Al-Haq will be meeting with different stakeholders to present this study and its work on natural resources in the OPT with the aim of organising a conference on this topic later this year.

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### **36. Resource Centre mission to United Arab Emirates – 21-24 Apr**

The Resource Centre’s Middle East Researcher Rania Fazah and Programme Director Annabel Short will be conducting a mission to United Arab Emirates (visiting Dubai and Abu Dhabi) from 21-24 April. The purpose of the mission is to meet face-to-face with relevant individuals with a view to strengthening the Centre’s coverage of the UAE. Priority areas for the mission are women in the workplace, business and children, migrant workers’ rights and positive initiatives by companies.

→ *Contributed by Annabel Short, Programme Director, Business & Human Rights Resource Centre, short (at) business-humanrights.org*

## **Español**

### **37. Guía “Promover, Respetar y Remediar: Todos Ganamos” y creación del Grupo de Trabajo “Empresas y Derechos Humanos” en Argentina**

La Red Argentina del Pacto Global de Naciones Unidas se complace en anunciar el lanzamiento próximo de la [Guía “Promover, Respetar y Remediar: Todos Ganamos”](#) y la creación del nuevo grupo de trabajo sobre “Empresas y Derechos Humanos”.

La Guía tiene como objetivo desarrollar explicativamente los conceptos promovidos por los Principios Rectores de Naciones Unidas y brindar recomendaciones para su implementación. El Grupo de trabajo tiene como objetivo ayudar a las empresas de la red local a conocer e implementar el Marco de Naciones Unidas y sus [Principios Rectores de Empresas y Derechos Humanos](#). Para ello utilizará la Guía. El Grupo estará compuesto por empresas y tiene sus propios [Términos de Referencia](#).

Se debatirán conceptos como debida diligencia, evaluación de impacto en derechos humanos, remediación, escenarios de responsabilidad de causa, o de contribución o de directa vinculación con abusos de derechos humanos a través de bienes y servicios, y se trabajarán las herramientas más importantes para poner en funcionamiento las recomendaciones contenidas en la Guía “Promover, Respetar y Remediar: Todos Ganamos”.

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### **38. Taller global de investigación-acción para defensores jóvenes de derechos humanos – Colombia, agosto**

El recién inaugurado Proyecto de Justicia Global de Liderazgo en Derechos Humanos del [Centro de Estudios de Derecho, Justicia y Sociedad - Dejusticia](#), que busca asegurar que una nueva generación de defensores de derechos humanos del sur global tenga una participación fuerte en discusiones globales, toma en cuenta que haya investigación de calidad y la necesidad de que defensores y defensoras jóvenes puedan mejorar su capacidad de investigación para resolver problemas inmediatos en sus respectivos países. El objetivo del Taller es capacitar a jóvenes profesionales en diseñar, implementar y presentar una investigación orientada a la acción y poder comunicar sus resultados de forma eficaz. La temática del Primer taller Global Investigación-Acción del 2013 será *Derechos Humanos e Industrias Extractivas: Estados, Empresas y Comunidades del Sur Global*. Dejusticia invita a postular a jóvenes profesionales del Sur Global que estén involucrados en la defensa de los derechos humanos relacionada con industrias extractivas. Serán seleccionados de doce a quince participantes en el Primer Taller, que se llevará a cabo durante la segunda semana de agosto de 2013, al pie de la Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta, en la costa Caribe colombiana, un lugar adecuado para un aprendizaje intensivo, tanto teórico como práctico sobre el impacto de la minería y la extracción de recursos sobre los derechos humanos. El taller será dictado por expertos internacionales en los temas. Para mayor información, visite: [www.dejusticia.org](http://www.dejusticia.org)

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### **39. Propuesta de Foro: “Los derechos humanos en ámbito empresarial” – México, junio**

Frente a la rápida expansión de la actividad económica transnacional y la consecuente aparición de fallos en la gobernanza global, se han ido desarrollando, de modo simultáneo, una serie de iniciativas multilaterales con el objetivo de cerrar estas brechas para, en última instancia, asegurar que los negocios sean una fuente de protección – y no de trasgresión – de los derechos humanos. Considerando que es urgente impulsar este debate en México para integrar el respeto por los derechos humanos en las actividades de las empresas y asegurar el cumplimiento del Estado con sus obligaciones en la materia, se hace una convocatoria a donantes y expertos para que participen del Foro “*Los derechos humanos en ámbito empresarial*” en la Ciudad de México durante el mes de junio del 2013.

Este foro reunirá representantes de organismos públicos de derechos humanos, organizaciones de la sociedad civil, académicas y académicos, especialistas en la materia, así como integrantes de empresas nacionales y transnacionales, con el objetivo de impulsar un debate entre actores claves de estos sectores y de defensorías de derechos humanos con el fin de maximizar sinergias e identificar acciones y estrategias para garantizar el respeto de los derechos humanos el ámbito empresarial. El foro se llevará a cabo de las instalaciones de la Comisión de Derechos Humanos del Distrito Federal ubicadas en Av. Universidad 1449, Col. Florida, Delegación Álvaro Obregón, C.P. 01030, Distrito Federal.

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### **40. En preparación: Herramientas claves sobre los Principios Rectores de la ONU**

El Centro de Información sobre Empresas y Derechos Humanos (CIEDH) ha encargado la traducción de los siguientes documentos clave, que proporcionan orientaciones para la implementación y empleo de los Principios Rectores de la ONU sobre empresas y derechos humanos por parte de las empresas, los gobiernos, las ONG y otros actores relevantes:

- [“Respeto de los derechos humanos a través de las cadenas mundiales de valor”](#), Shift, enero del 2013
- [“Diligencia debida en derechos humanos: El papel de los estados”](#), Olivier De Schutter, Anita Ramasastry, Mark B. Taylor, Robert C. Thompson, encargado por la Mesa Internacional para la Rendición de Cuentas Empresarial (*International Corporate Accountability Roundtable*), la Coalición Europea para la Justicia Empresarial (*European Coalition for Corporate Justice*), y la Red Canadiense sobre Responsabilidad Empresarial (*Canadian Network on Corporate Accountability*), diciembre del 2012 (traducción de la tabla de contenido y del resumen ejecutivo)
- [“Cómo usar los Principios Rectores de la ONU sobre empresas y derechos humanos en la investigación empresarial y en la incidencia”](#) SOMO (Holanda), CEDHA (Centro de Derechos Humanos y Ambiente, Argentina), Cividep (India), noviembre del 2012 (los autores están en el momento traduciendo este documento al español y al chino)

Estamos haciendo las traducciones en consulta con sus autores y autoras. Esperamos completarlas y colgarlas a finales de junio en la sección en español de nuestro [portal sobre los Principios Rectores de la ONU](#), que contiene actualmente traducciones de una gama de documentos claves. Cuando nuestras traducciones y las que los autores/as están terminando estén listas, las mismas estarán disponibles en árabe, chino, inglés, francés, portugués, ruso y español, para asegurar que diversos actores en todas las regiones del mundo puedan acceder a estos importantes recursos.

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## Français

### **41. Atelier sur la réforme du Code minier en Rép. dém. du Congo – Kinshasa du 8 au 9 avril**

Dans le cadre de la réforme du Code minier en cours et en prélude à un atelier d'harmonisation des vues des différentes parties prenantes – la société civile, l'Etat et les entreprises – la société civile congolaise organise du 8 au 9 avril un atelier national préparatoire à Kinshasa. Les participants dont la POM (Plateforme des Organisations de la société civile intervenant dans le secteur Minier) viendront des différentes provinces du pays. La POM est activement impliquée dans le processus de révision du Code minier. Elle a notamment publié un document contenant des propositions d'amendements et un document supplétif aux propositions formulées par la société civile. Ses priorités sont, entre autres :

- la cession de 5 % des parts du capital par les entreprises minières aux communautés locales, l'institution d'un Fonds de développement local alimenté par 0.3 % des revenus bruts des ventes des entreprises minières et la reconnaissance du droit de la société civile de défendre en justice les communautés locales contre la violation de leurs droits par les entreprises minières ;
- la transparence – les appels d'offres obligatoires pour l'attribution des titres miniers et les ventes des actifs des entreprises publiques, la divulgation des revenus (selon l'Initiative pour la Transparence dans les Industries Extractives – ITIE) et des propriétaires des entreprises, la publication des rapports et audits environnementaux.

→ *Contribution d'Ibond Rupas A'nzam, Directeur du Service d'Appui au Développement Régional Intégré et Coordonnateur de la POM, [ibondrps \(at\) yahoo.fr](mailto:ibondrps(at)yahoo.fr)*

### **42. Journée d'information sur les Principes directeurs des Nations Unies au Burkina Faso – juin**

Dans la 1<sup>ère</sup> semaine du mois de juin, Optimum Travail du Burkina (OTB) organise à Ouagadougou au Burkina Faso, une journée d'information sur les Principes directeurs des Nations Unies relatifs aux entreprises et aux droits de l'homme. Cette initiative est la première du genre au Burkina Faso, depuis l'adoption le 16 juin 2011 de la Résolution A/HRC/ 17/4 du Conseil des droits de l'homme sur les droits de l'homme et les entreprises transnationales et autres. L'objectif principal de cette journée est de porter à la connaissance des chefs d'entreprises, des organisations de la société civile et des pouvoirs publics, le Pacte Mondial, le Cadre de référence « Protéger, Respecter et Réparer » et les Principes directeurs des Nations Unies relatifs aux entreprises et aux droits de l'homme. Optimum Travail du Burkina est un bureau d'études, de recherche et de formation pour le développement et la promotion des droits de l'homme.

Pour tous ceux et celles qui désirent contribuer à la réalisation de cette initiative, merci de contacter le Coordinateur : François de Salle Bado, OTB, [otbburkina \(at\) yahoo.fr](mailto:otbburkina(at)yahoo.fr) ; [frbado \(at\) yahoo.fr](mailto:frbado(at)yahoo.fr)

→ *Contribution de François de Salle Bado, OTB*

### **43. Prochain briefing régional sur les entreprises & les droits de l'homme en Afrique francophone**

Dans les mois à venir, le Centre de Ressources sur les Entreprises & les Droits de l'Homme publiera son premier briefing sur les entreprises & les droits de l'homme en Afrique francophone. Le briefing mettra l'accent sur des rapports d'origine variée traitant de la façon dont les entreprises ont affecté les droits de l'homme dans cette région au cours de ces dernières années, que ce soit de façon positive ou négative. Cette publication sera disponible en français et en anglais. Vous pouvez consulter nos briefings régionaux précédents à propos de l'Afrique anglophone et l'Asie du Sud, [ici](#).

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#### **44. Traductions de documents clés sur les Principes directeurs de l'ONU en cours de préparation**

Le Centre de Ressources sur les Entreprises & les Droits de l'Homme a délégué la traduction des documents clés suivants, qui fournissent des conseils pour la mise en œuvre et l'utilisation des Principes directeurs de l'ONU relatifs aux entreprises et aux droits de l'homme par les entreprises, les Etats, les ONG, et les autres :

- « Respecter les droits de l'homme dans la chaîne d'approvisionnement » (["Respecting Human Rights Through Global Supply Chains"](#)), Shift, janvier 2013
- « Diligence raisonnable en matière de droits de l'homme : Le rôle des Etats » (["Human Rights Due Diligence: The Role of States"](#)), Olivier De Schutter, Anita Ramasastry, Mark B. Taylor, Robert C. Thompson, commandé par International Corporate Accountability Roundtable, la Coalition Européenne pour la Responsabilité Sociale et Environnementale des Entreprises, le Réseau canadien sur la reddition de comptes des entreprises, décembre 2012 (traduction de la table des matières & du résumé exécutif)
- « Comment utiliser les Principes directeurs de l'ONU relatifs aux entreprises et aux droits de l'homme dans la recherche sur les entreprises et le plaidoyer » (["How to use the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights in company research and advocacy"](#)), SOMO (Pays-Bas), CEDHA (Centre for Human Rights & Environment, Argentine), Cividep (Inde), novembre 2012 (les auteurs le font traduire en chinois & en espagnol)

Les traductions sont faites en consultation avec les auteurs. Nous espérons les terminer et les publier fin juin sur notre [Portail sur les Principes directeurs de l'ONU](#), qui comprend déjà des traductions d'une variété de documents clés. Lorsque nos traductions et celles faites par les auteurs eux-mêmes seront terminées, ces ressources seront disponibles en anglais, arabe, chinois, espagnol, français, portugais et russe, assurant ainsi l'accès des parties prenantes de toutes les régions à ces ressources importantes.

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#### **العربية**

#### **45. ترجمة عدد من الوثائق الأساسية حول المبادئ التوجيهية بشأن الأعمال التجارية وحقوق الإنسان**

قام مركز "مركز موارد الأعمال التجارية وحقوق الإنسان" بتكليف ترجمات للوثائق الرئيسية التالية، والتي توفر إرشادات لتنفيذ واستخدام المبادئ التوجيهية للأمم المتحدة بشأن الأعمال التجارية وحقوق الإنسان من قبل الشركات والحكومات والمنظمات غير الحكومية وغيرها:

- ["احترام حقوق الإنسان من خلال سلاسل التوريد العالمية"](#)، منظمة Shift، يناير 2013
- ["حقوق الإنسان والعناية الواجبة: دور الدول"](#)، أوليفيه دو شاتر، أنيتا راماساتري، مارك تابلور، روبرت طومسون، بتكليف من الطاولة المستديرة حول المساءلة الدولية للشركات، والتحالف الأوروبي الدولي من أجل اعدالة الشركات، والشبكة الكندية لمسألة الشركات ديسمبر عام 2012 (ترجمة جدول المحتويات والملخص التنفيذي)
- ["كيفية استخدام المبادئ التوجيهية للأمم المتحدة بشأن الأعمال التجارية وحقوق الإنسان في أبحاث الشركات والمناصرة"](#)، سومو (هولندا)، CEDHA (مركز حقوق الإنسان والبيئة، الأرجنتين)، Cividep (الهند)، نوفمبر 2012 (يقوم المؤلفون بترجمة الكتاب إلى الصينية والإسبانية)

وتتم الترجمات بالتشاور مع المؤلفين. ونحن نتوقع إتمام هذه الترجمات ونشرها على [بوابة مبادئ التوجيهية للأمم المتحدة](#) بنهاية يونيو – حزيران، وتضم البوابة عدد من الترجمات لمجموعة من الوثائق الرئيسية. عندما يتم الانتهاء من الترجمات لدينا وتلك التي يجري القيام به من قبل المؤلفين، ستكون المواد متاحة باللغات العربية والصينية والإنكليزية والفرنسية والبرتغالية والروسية والإسبانية، ما يضمن أن أصحاب المصلحة في جميع المناطق يمكن الوصول إلى هذه الموارد الهامة.

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#### **中文**

#### **46. “企业高管大会 - 全球背景下的可持续商业和投资：权利、风险与责任” - 4月15日起的一周**

从 2013 年 4 月 15 日起的一周内，全球契约中国网络、清华大学经济管理学院、联合国全球契约办公室 (GCO)、负责任投资原则秘书处和全球企业人权计划 将联合举办一场大会，探讨在全球背景下的可持续商业和投资。会议将聚焦于全球运营，并特别探讨在高风险环境下的投资和经营，以及企业应当如何尊重人权。此次盛会上，商界领袖和投资者将齐聚一堂，共同分享优良做法和经验。与会者将凭邀请函参加这场企业间对话。



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(Chinese-language version of entry re conference for business executives on “Rights, Risks and Responsibilities” in Beijing)

#### **47. 联合国指导原则关键工具的翻译工作**

企业与人权资源中心委托翻译以下为企业、政府、非政府组织等提供有关实现和应用联合国工商业与人权指导原则的重要文件的工作：

- [“在全球供应链中尊重人权”](#), Shift, 2013年1月
- [“人权尽责：国家的角色”](#), Olivier De Schutter, Anita Ramasastry, Mark B. Taylor, Robert C. Thompson, 由国际企业责任圆桌会议、欧洲企业公义联盟、加拿大企业责任网络委托, 2012年12月 (目录和摘要翻译)
- [“如何将联合国工商业与人权指导原则应用于企业研究与倡导”](#), 跨国公司研究中心(SOMO) (荷兰), 人权与环境中心(CEDHA) (阿根廷), Cividep (印度), 2012年11月 (由作者翻译成中文及西班牙语)

我们正在与作者协商开展翻译工作。我们期待完成这些翻译后, 在六月底将其发布在我们的[联合国指导原则门户网站](#)。该门户网站已经载有一系列重要文件的翻译。当我们和作者的翻译工作完成后, 这些材料将提供中文、英语、阿拉伯语、法语、葡萄牙语, 俄语和西班牙语版本, 确保在所有地区的利益攸关者都可以看到这些重要的材料。

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### **Português**

#### **48. Traduções de instrumentos sobre Princípios Orientadores da ONU estão sendo preparadas**

O Centro de Informação sobre Empresas e Direitos Humanos (*Business & Human Rights Resource Centre*) encomendou a tradução de documentos importantes que fornecem orientação para a implementação e utilização dos Princípios Orientadores da ONU sobre Empresas e Direitos Humanos para empresas, governos, ONGs e outros:

- "Respeito aos Direitos Humanos pelas cadeias de fornecedores globais" ([“Respecting Human Rights Through Global Supply Chains”](#)), Shift, janeiro de 2013
- "Auditoria e monitoramento de direitos humanos: o papel dos Estados" ([“Human Rights Due Diligence: The Role of States”](#)), Olivier De Schutter, Anita Ramasastry, Mark B. Taylor, Robert C. Thompson, encomendada pela International Corporate Accountability Roundtable, European Coalition for Corporate Justice, Canadian Network on Corporate Accountability, dezembro de 2012 (tradução do índice e sumário executivo)
- "Como usar os Princípios Orientadores de Empresas e Direitos Humanos em pesquisa e advocacy empresariais" ([“How to use the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights in company research and advocacy”](#)), SOMO (Países Baixos), CEDHA (Centro de Direitos Humanos e Meio Ambiente, Argentina), Cividep (Índia), novembro de 2012 (este documento está sendo traduzido para o chinês e espanhol pelos autores)

Estamos traduzindo em consultas com os autores. Esperamos concluir essas traduções e disponibilizá-las até o final de junho em nosso [Portal dos Princípios orientadores da ONU](#), que já tem traduções de vários documentos importantes. Quando nossas traduções e também as que estão sendo feitas pelos autores estiverem prontas, estes materiais estarão disponíveis em árabe, chinês, inglês, francês, português, russo e espanhol, garantindo que as partes interessadas em todas as regiões possam acessar esses importantes recursos.

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Русский**49. Перевод основных инструментов по Руководящим принципам ООН**

Ресурсный центр по вопросам бизнеса и прав человека занимается переводом следующих основных документов, которые являются руководством по внедрению и использованию Руководящих принципов предпринимательской деятельности в аспекте прав человека ООН компаниями, правительствами, НПО и другими:

- [«Соблюдая права человека через глобальные цепи поставок»](#), Shift, январь 2013
- [«Должная забота о правах человека: Роль государств»](#), Olivier De Schutter, Anita Ramasastry, Mark B. Taylor, Robert C. Thompson, по заказу International Corporate Accountability Roundtable, European Coalition for Corporate Justice, Canadian Network on Corporate Accountability, декабрь 2012 (перевод содержания и резюме)
- [«Как использовать Руководящие принципы предпринимательской деятельности в аспекте прав человека ООН в исследованиях компаний и адвокации»](#) SOMO (Нидерланды), CEDHA (Centre for Human Rights & Environment, Аргентина), Civider (Индия), ноябрь 2012 (авторы переводят этот материал на китайский и испанский языки)

Мы занимаемся переводом материалов, консультируясь с авторами. Мы планируем завершить эти переводы и опубликовать их до конца июня на нашем [портале о руководящих принципах ООН](#), который уже включает переводы целого ряда основных документов. Когда наши переводы и материалы, производимые авторами, будут завершены, эти материалы будут доступны на арабском, китайском, английском, французском, португальском, русском и испанском языках с тем, чтобы заинтересованные стороны во всех регионах имели доступ к этим важным ресурсам.

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