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**A practical bulletin on what is ahead in the field of business & human rights**  
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## International

### 1. Conference on the “Protect, Respect, Remedy” framework – Johannesburg, Jan 2012

The mandate of Professor John Ruggie, the Special Representative of the Secretary General on Business and Human Rights (SRSG), has been the focal point of United Nations activity around business and human rights over the past six years. On 16 June 2011, the UN Human Rights Council endorsed the Guiding Principles (GPs) for the implementation of the “protect, respect and remedy” framework. This is, therefore, an appropriate time to review the progress made by the SRSG and identify the flaws/challenges in the framework as well as the GPs.

The [South African Institute for Advanced Constitutional, Public, Human Rights and International Law](#) (SAIFAC, a Centre of the University of Johannesburg) and the [School of Law of City University of Hong Kong](#) will organise an international conference in Johannesburg that will provide an opportunity for an in-depth critical analysis of the SRSG’s mandate, proposed framework and the GPs. The conference will also provide a platform to consider the future direction of the business and human rights debate at both international and domestic levels. Several leading scholars, practitioners and civil society representatives from around the world are expected to present papers at this conference. We welcome anyone who is interested in business and human rights issues and would like to keep abreast of the latest regulatory developments in this area.

Details of the conference are as follows:

- The “Protect, Respect and Remedy” Framework: Charting a Future or Taking the Wrong Turn for Business and Human Rights?
- 23-24 January 2012, 9 AM-5 PM (both days)
- Venue: Constitution Hill, Johannesburg (under auspices of SAIFAC and the Univ. of Johannesburg)
- Please RSVP to Dolores Joseph at [doloresj \(at\) uj.ac.za](mailto:doloresj@uj.ac.za)

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## **2. UNICEF, Save the Children, UN Global Compact to Launch Children's Rights and Business Principles**

Following a three-month global consultation period, [UNICEF](#), [Save the Children](#) and the [UN Global Compact](#) are currently finalising the Children's Rights and Business Principles (CRBP), the first comprehensive set of guidelines for companies on the range of actions they can take to respect and support children's rights.

The Children's Rights and Business Principles will be launched in London in November 2011. High-level experts on business and human rights along with CEOs of global companies that support the Principles are expected to participate in the event.

The consultations involved more than 600 business leaders, civil society and government representatives, as well as children in a series of in-person meetings and online discussions. Several thousand additional people were reached in an effort to build broader public awareness of the Principles, which will set standards for child-friendly businesses everywhere.

The CRBP will present business, civil society, trade unions, government, national human rights institutions (NHRIs), academia, children, adolescents and other stakeholders with an unprecedented opportunity to join forces to enable the business community to become a more positive force for children.

More information: <http://www.business-humanrights.org/ChildrenPortal/CRBPI>

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## **3. Launch of SHIFT - a new non-profit centre supporting implementation of the UN Guiding Principles**

In the next few weeks, SHIFT – a new, independent, non-profit centre for business and human rights practice – will formally launch its work. SHIFT will provide the expert knowledge and guidance for businesses and governments to put the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights into practice. Based on lessons from this work, SHIFT will develop public guidance materials to support improved practices for the respect and protection of human rights globally.

The SHIFT team was centrally involved in shaping and writing the Guiding Principles. Professor John Ruggie, the former Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Business and Human Rights and author of the UN Guiding Principles, will chair its Board. Look out for more about the formal launch of SHIFT on the Business & Human Rights Resource Centre's website.

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## **4. Moving From Policy to Practice: Implementing the UN Protect, Respect and Remedy Framework**

The [Institute for Human Rights and Business \(IHRB\)](#) is organising a breakfast discussion on 23 September in New York City hosted by Barclays Capital to discuss how governments, business and other actors can implement the new UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.

Featured guest speakers will include:

- President Mary Robinson, Chair of IHRB's International Advisory Board
- Professor John Ruggie, Harvard University (incoming Chair of IHRB's International Advisory Board, 2012)
- Dan Baer, Deputy US Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor
- Matthew Bishop, US Business Editor and New York Bureau Chief of *The Economist*
- Silvia Garrigo, Manager of Global Issues and Policy, Chevron

Please express your interest in attending by emailing Kelly Davina Scott at [Kelly.scott \(at\) ihrb.org](mailto:Kelly.scott@ihrb.org) by 14 September 2011. Seating is limited; places will be confirmed by 16 September, together with the final agenda.

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## **5. Forthcoming industry-specific principles on execution drug manufacture**

Reprieve is developing industry-specific corporate social responsibility principles regarding execution drug manufacture. We are calling for stakeholder participation in the development of new regulations which will prevent drugs manufactured by pharmaceutical companies from being used to kill prisoners in the US and elsewhere.

In the past year, executioners across the USA have been scrambling to import various drugs from Europe and Asia following a shortage of key drugs used in the lethal injection process. Multinational suppliers such as Abbott, Hospira and Lundbeck have expressed concern at their products being used to kill rather than cure, but claimed they were unable to limit supply to legitimate users of the drugs only. (Development with Lundbeck described below.)

This is not the case. The pharmaceutical industry has the means to enable companies to control the distribution of their products. Corporate social responsibility dictates that a company must not knowingly be complicit in human rights abuses; it's time the principle be integrated into pharmaceutical industry standards regarding execution drug manufacture.

Earlier this year, Reprieve set the precedent with Danish pharmaceutical manufacturer Lundbeck. After months of negotiations, the company agreed to overhaul their distribution system to prevent the use of one of their drugs in executions. Pharmaceutical manufacturers must be held accountable for their products and, like Lundbeck, take whatever steps necessary to avoid complicity in capital punishment. Stakeholders who wish to contribute to the developments in this important area should contact Maya Foa at Reprieve ([maya.foa \(at\) reprieve.org.uk](mailto:maya.foa@reprieve.org.uk)) or sign up for updates by mailing [info \(at\) reprieve.org.uk](mailto:info@reprieve.org.uk).

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## **6. Grant programme for lawsuits against corporations harming the environment & human rights**

Natural resource development projects undertaken by domestic and multinational corporations often harm the environment and violate the human rights of indigenous and other communities in developing countries.

The [Environmental Defender Law Center \(EDLC\)](#) has created a recoverable grant program to advance out-of-pocket expenses to lawyers and NGOs bringing cases in the national courts of the developing country where the harm occurs, or in the national courts of the country where the parent company (if any) is domiciled. Grants will not be available for legal fees, except in cases where the legal system is conducted in English and could not be brought without such funding; or where the case is of exceptional importance with regional or global implications, and could not be brought without such funding.

If a grant is made, EDLC will be available to help identify additional legal and expert resources. In the event of a recovery, the grant will be repaid. Please contact [lewis \(at\) edlc.org](mailto:lewis@edlc.org) for additional information. Applications are considered continuously.

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## **7. ECPAT Intl. & Body Shop event for STOP Sex Trafficking campaign – Geneva, 29 Sep**

The global “[STOP Sex Trafficking of Children & Young People](#)” campaign has been the result of a successful partnership between the [ECPAT network](#) and The Body Shop. Since its launch in 2009, it became the biggest campaign in The Body Shop’s history. With participation in over 2500 stores, 65 markets and 48 countries, it engaged young people, states, private sector and NGOs in advocacy to produce long term changes to protect children and adolescents from sex trafficking.

On 29 September 2011, ECPAT and The Body Shop will present more than 6.8 million campaign petitions to the President of the UN Human Rights Council and the Chair of the Committee on the Rights of the Child. We are urging them to endorse the campaign and to commit to take international action to stop sex trafficking of children and adolescents. Also, we are asking them to hold days of discussion on the specific issue of child trafficking.

In addition, there will be a temporary photo exhibition at the UN Headquarters highlighting the achievements of the global campaign from 8-30 September 2011.

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### **8. Intl. Conference on Environmental Diplomacy & Security – Vermont, USA, 21-23 Oct**

The new [Institute for Environmental Diplomacy and Security](#) (IEDS) is pleased to announce that its inaugural conference will be held 21-23 October, at the University of Vermont in Burlington, Vermont. The conference is entitled “Environmental Diplomacy and Security in International Relations.”

Environmental issues are often framed as a source of conflict in terms of resource scarcity. Yet they tend to be relegated as “low politics,” in the larger scheme of international relations. This conference aims to consider ways in which environmental issues can be raised to “high politics of war and peace” to ensure ecological, economic and social sustainability. The conference will be structured around five symposia:

- Polar Diplomacy: Energy, the Environment, and International Security
- Social Ecology of Borders: Environmental Regionalism and Globalisation
- Beyond African Exceptionalism?: Ecological Approaches to Improving the African Union
- Bridging Eurasia: Energy Infrastructure, Conservation, and Culture
- Chemical Diplomacy: Negotiating Treaties Around Hazardous Pollutants

Registration is now open at <http://www.regonline.com/ICEDS>; please visit [www.uvm.edu/ieds](http://www.uvm.edu/ieds) or email [rpincus1 \(at\) uvm.edu](mailto:rpincus1@uvm.edu) for further information.

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### **9. Forthcoming briefing on Corporate Legal Accountability**

By the end of 2011, Business & Human Rights Resource Centre will produce its first annual briefing on Corporate Legal Accountability. The briefing will provide an overview of key corporate legal accountability developments over the past year. It will draw from our [Corporate Legal Accountability Portal](#), which profiles human rights lawsuits against companies in all regions. This briefing will be launched via our Weekly Update; if you have not yet signed up for our free Weekly Updates and would like to do so, [the sign-up page is here](#).

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### **10. Forthcoming portal on “Business & Freedom of Association”**

In 2012 Business & Human Rights Resource Centre will launch a portal on “Business & Freedom of Association”. It will highlight reports about alleged abuses and positive steps by companies in relation to:

- The internationally-recognised rights to form & join trade unions; to collective bargaining; to strike
- Anti-union violence, intimidation & retaliation

Research and outreach for this project started earlier this year.

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### **11. Mary Robinson Speaker Series: Keynote speech by Ma Jun – New York, 7 Nov**

Business & Human Rights Resource Centre is delighted to announce that the keynote speaker at its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual event in the Mary Robinson Speaker Series on business & human rights will be prominent Beijing-based environmental advocate Ma Jun. Mary Robinson will introduce Ma Jun at the event. His talk will focus on business, the environment and human rights in China. Additional speakers will include [Mayling Chan](#), the Resource Centre's East Asia Researcher, who will talk briefly about issues she is seeing in the course of her work in China, Singapore and Taiwan.

Ma Jun is the author of *China's Water Crisis*. He is Director of the [Institute of Public and Environmental Affairs](#) (IPE), the Chinese NGO that developed the “China Water Pollution Map”, a database showing which companies have polluted which water supplies in China, affecting human health. In 2006, Time magazine named him one of the world's 100 most influential people, [with a profile](#) written by the actor Ed Norton. The Resource Centre has worked with Ma Jun and IPE by [seeking responses](#) on various occasions from multinational IT firms to reports by



a coalition of IPE and other Chinese environmental NGOs regarding alleged dumping of toxic heavy metals into China's water bodies by their suppliers.

The event will be on Monday 7 November in New York City in the evening. Details of the venue, time and other speakers will follow shortly. Please check the Resource Centre's website and Weekly Update for information, and email [short \(at\) business-humanrights.org](mailto:short@business-humanrights.org) if you would like to ensure that you are on the invitation list.

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## **Africa**

### **12. Two new projects on extractive industries in Southern Africa (Southern Africa Resource Watch)**

- i. [Southern Africa Resource Watch](#) (SARW), a project of the Open Society Initiative of Southern Africa (OSISA), has just launched a three-year research project on "Promoting Social, Environmental and Land Accountability in Extractive Industries in Southern Africa". The project seeks to identify biodiversity areas, protected areas and land which have been taken over or are under threat from big extractive companies. The expansion of the extractive industries in previously protected areas is also accompanied by the eviction of communities. Communities' livelihoods which are directly linked to the use of the biodiversity and land are compromised, reinforcing the poverty conditions in which they live, and creating tension and conflicts. The project has three components: research, advocacy and capacity-building. Where biodiversity areas have been compromised, it will advocate for closure of extractive activities. Where projects that may compromise biodiversity areas are under consideration, it will lobby governments to exercise restraint. In order for such message to be taken seriously, research will be undertaken to provide an economic, social and environmental justification. The project will also build capacity of civil society and communities to participate in this discourse.
- ii. At the end of September 2011, SARW will launch its project on "Building prosperous communities living side by side with prosperous mining companies." This is a training project for communities living adjacent to mines. Four communities have been identified for a three-year training project: Fungurume in the Dem. Rep. of Congo (where the American company Freeport-McMoRan is extracting copper and cobalt), Moanda in the Dem. Rep. of Congo (where the French company Perenco is extracting oil), Luanshya in Zambia in the copper belt (where the Chinese company Luanshya Copper Mine is extracting copper) and Tete in Mozambique (where Vale of Brazil and Rio Tinto of Australia are extracting coal). This project intends to work with local communities to build their self-mobilisation and capacity to engage with mining companies and governments.

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### **13. Two forthcoming reports on extractives in Southern Africa (Southern Africa Resource Watch)**

- i. In October 2011, SARW will publish an electronic version of the second edition of its report, "South African Mining Companies: Corporate Governance and Social Responsibilities." The first report received a lot of attention from companies, civil society, trade unions and governments in the region. The report focuses on four companies: Ruashi Mine (DRC), Metorex, Zimplats (Zimbabwe), Mimoza (Zimbabwe) and Chibuluma Mine (Zambia). The new edition will be accessible on [www.sarwatch.org](http://www.sarwatch.org).
- ii. Also in October, SARW will publish its research report on "China, Southern Africa and the Extractive Industries". The research covers six countries – Angola, Dem. Rep. of Congo, Mozambique, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe. It takes a closer look at how Chinese extractive firms are behaving in the region and their impact on socio-economic development of the region and its citizens.

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### **14. Forthcoming SOMO report on Buchanan Renewables in Liberia**

In October 2011, SOMO will launch a report on Buchanan Renewables and its activities in Liberia. The report will focus on the effects of the company's activities on smallholder rubber farmers and the local charcoal market, as well as the company's tax planning and corporate structure.

For more information, visit: [www.somo.nl](http://www.somo.nl) or email [info \(at\) somo.nl](mailto:info@somo.nl).

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## **15. Forthcoming activities by Essex Business and Human Rights Project on Nigeria, Liberia, Sierra Leone**

*Nigeria:* The [Essex Business and Human Rights Project](#) (EBHR) is completing an analysis of the potential liabilities of members of the Shell Group arising from the company's activities in the Niger Delta. The report will focus on the potential liabilities of the parent company which may complement the liability of its Nigerian subsidiary as well as that of other companies within the Group. There is likely to be intensified litigation from damaged local populations as a result of the Nigerian subsidiary's recent admission of responsibility for damage to the Bodo Community. This, together with the ongoing litigation in the Netherlands in another case, raises important questions for future litigants. The report will be published on the EBHR website in October 2011.

*Liberia:* The EBHR has provided Global Witness with an analysis of Liberia's petroleum law as well as of its draft model investment contract for the oil industry. Global Witness is preparing a comprehensive report on Liberia's oil sector due for publication in September 2011.

*Sierra Leone:* Members of the EBHR from the Essex Business School are examining the financial aspects of an investment in sugar cane for use in the EU as a biofuel by Addax, a Swiss-based company.

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## **16. Panel on Equatorial Guinea, including use of oil revenues – Washington DC, 14-16 Sep**

[EG Justice](#) is organising a panel at the conference "Africa and people of African Descent: Issues and Actions to (Re)-Envision the Future," which takes place 14-16 September 2011 at Howard University, Washington, D.C. The panel will analyse the Government of Equatorial Guinea's development strategy. Panelists will discuss the ways in which this strategy is institutionalised, perpetuated, and rationalised, as well as analyse the strategy's weaknesses, as suggested by the experiences of other resource-rich developing countries and the neopatrimonial political structure in which it is rooted. Equatorial Guinea has benefited from significant oil revenues for the last 15 years. Available statistics on citizens' well-being and income inequality portray a country in which most Equatoguineans have benefitted little from the country's natural resource riches. The government, meanwhile, has embarked on an aggressive public relations campaign to improve its image, and points to rapid infrastructural improvements as evidence of its commitment to use oil revenues to transform the country. The panelists will dissect the government's development plan and offer their insights on its effectiveness.

Panelists include John Heilbrunn (Associate Professor at Colorado School of Mines), Hannah Appel (Post-doctorate fellow at Columbia University), Justo Bolekia Boleká (Equatoguinean scholar and writer), and Joseph Kraus, Ph.D. (Program & Development Director at EG Justice).

To learn more about the conference, visit <https://sites.google.com/site/africandpeopleafricandescent/>

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## **17. Forum on CSR in Africa – Douala, Cameroon, 8-10 Nov**

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The [Institut Afrique RSE](#) (African Institute for CSR), in partnership with [GICAM](#) (Groupement Interpatronal du Cameroun – Employers' Association of Cameroon), is organising an international forum in Douala for corporate social responsibility (CSR) pioneers in Africa, 8-10 November. The main purpose of the forum is to bring together pioneers of CSR in Africa, policymakers, companies and high-level experts from leading global organizations (GRI, UN Global Compact, International Labour Organization, etc.) to launch an "African CSR". Given the lack of infrastructure, environmental problems, the difficulty of reaching the Millennium Development Goals, etc., the success of an African CSR strategy is only conceivable with public-private partnerships. During the forum, we will lead a discussion on how to implement CSR in the subsidiaries of multinational companies as well as in small and medium-sized African enterprises. The forum will also devote time to the development of governmental policy on CSR, in partnership with all stakeholders. The forum will close with the adoption of the Douala Manifesto on CSR in Africa.

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### **18. Forthcoming regional briefing on business & human rights in Francophone Africa**

By the end of 2011, Business & Human Rights Resource Centre will produce a briefing paper on “Francophone Africa: A round-up of recent developments”. This briefing will be launched via our Weekly Update; if you have not yet signed up for our free Weekly Updates and would like to do so, [the sign-up page is here](#).

Our past regional briefings, on South Asia and Anglophone Africa, [are available here](#). Our regional briefings highlight emerging issues, allegations of abuses, company responses, positive steps by business, and legal/regulatory developments.

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## **Americas**

### **19. Legal action seeks revocation of environmental license for hydroelectric project El Quimbo, Colombia**

*[unofficial translation by Business & Human Rights Resource Centre from Spanish original]*

On 30 September, Asoquimbo (the Association of people affected by the construction of the hydroelectric project El Quimbo), advised and accompanied by the [Latin American Institute for an Alternative Society and Law](#) (ILSA), will submit a legal action before the Administrative Court calling for the revocation of the environmental license that gave a green light to the construction of this project. The project has abused and continues to abuse the right to a healthy environment, to participation, to food, to work, to access to land and decent housing, amongst others. A demonstration is being organised for the same day in the Huila region to support this legal action.

In 2009 the Ministry of Environment, Housing and Territorial Development issued an environmental license for the construction of this hydroelectric dam funded by Emgesa – a subsidiary of Endesa – located in El Quimbo, Colombia. However its apparent advantages are in question due to negative environmental, economic, social and cultural impacts. The project also foresees the flooding of a riverside forest, the removal of part of the forestry reserve of the Colombian Amazon, and impacts on the Magdalena River. The works so far have forcibly displaced peasants, sand dealers, fishermen and those from other sectors for whom the location provided their vital, social and community environment and their source of livelihood.

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For Emgesa's perspective on the dam, see [its website](#).

### **20. Intensive workshop on "Extractives and transitions to post-extractives" – Ecuador**

*[unofficial translation by Business & Human Rights Resource Centre from Spanish original]*

Organised by [UTPL](#) (Universidad Técnica Particular de Loja- Ecuador), [CLAES](#) (The Latin American Centre for Social Ecology, Uruguay) and [CAAP](#) (The Andean Centre for Popular Action, Ecuador), this course will take place from 29 September to 1 October 2011, in Loja, Ecuador. This is an intensive workshop on sustainable development, with a particular focus on the extractive industry in South America and alternatives for a post-extractive economy, in the context of transitions towards development alternatives. Participants will be selected after a process of assessment based on their applications. This course is part of a series of workshops and courses that CLAES co-organises and that in 2011 include activities in Argentina, Bolivia, Peru and Colombia, amongst other countries.

The course is aimed at leaders or those who play key roles in civil society organizations; members of social movements, particularly local or regional leaders. This course is not aimed at university students, or individuals from consultancy companies. Information on the requirements for applying and other information on the course are available at: <http://www.extractivismo.com/cursoloja2011>

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### **21. Training course for California Transparency in Supply Chains Act**



The new California Transparency in Supply Chains Act will go into effect on 1 January 2012. It will require every retail seller and manufacturer doing business in California and having annual worldwide revenues over \$100 million to report on its efforts to eradicate slavery and human trafficking from its direct supply chain. The University of Delaware and [The Cahn Group](#), a corporate responsibility consultancy, have partnered to provide an educational tool for supply chain managers to help them comply with the Act.

Among the required public disclosures are the steps retailers and manufacturers are taking to provide to their supply chain managers and staff “training on human trafficking and slavery, particularly with respect to mitigating risks within the supply chains of products.”

The University of Delaware and The Cahn Group’s brief, online course provides foundational knowledge and skills using scenarios modified from actual business cases. Sourcing managers and corporate responsibility professionals who take the online course will gain experience about human trafficking and slavery in supply chains, both for their own corporate social responsibility goals, and to comply with the California law. To learn more about the course and view the text of the new law, see <http://www.udel.edu/srsb/slavery/index.html>.

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## Asia/Pacific

### **22. Asia Pacific Natl. Human Rights Institutions conference on business & human rights – 11-13 Oct**

The Asia Pacific National Human Rights Institutions Regional Conference and Workshop on Business and Human Rights will be held 11-13 October 2011 in Seoul, South Korea.

More than 180 representatives from National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), international organisations, business associations, government and NGOs are expected to attend a closed conference and workshop which focuses on the growing role and impact, both positive and negative, that business has on the human rights of individuals and communities.

The conference builds on discussions that took place during the [10th Biennial Conference of the International Coordinating Committee of National Human Rights Institutions](#) in October 2010 and will consider existing international standards, including the role of NHRIs in the implementation of the UN’s ‘[Protect, Respect and Remedy](#)’ framework and [Guiding Principles](#). It will also be an opportunity for NHRIs to discuss training needs, share examples of good practice, and consider additional strategies to bolster capacity to engage and advise the corporate sector on human rights issues.

The conference and workshop will be co-hosted by the [National Human Rights Commission of Korea](#) and the [Asia Pacific Forum of National Human Rights Institutions](#).

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### **23. Global Compact Network India and CARE India event on “Business and Women’s Rights” – 30 Nov**

The Global Compact Network India is planning to organise an event jointly with CARE India on “business and women’s rights”. The purpose of the event is to share and learn best practices on issues related to the promotion, protection and respect for women’s rights in the corporate environment. The target audience will be corporates from across the country, and some development organizations will be invited in to share their best practices.

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### **24. Bangladesh: Forthcoming report and short film on the lives of garment workers outside factory gates**

Working conditions for garment workers have improved, but what hardship meets garment workers once they step out of the factory? The textile industry in Bangladesh has generated millions of jobs, a lot of skills and national growth but has it lifted its employees from poverty? Swedwatch has tried to find the answer during a 4-month-long field research project in the industrial clusters around Dhaka. The result will be a report and a short film that will be released in the beginning of 2012. This will be the outcome of a three-year long multi-stakeholder project involving buyers, suppliers, NGOs, aid agencies, local authorities, entrepreneurs and government representatives.

The aim is to raise awareness among the actors so that they find joint ways to improve the women's living conditions outside the factory walls and help them achieve their rights.

Swedwatch's research has made an impact on individual corporations and whole sectors since the start of 2003. The organization has published almost 50 reports with the goal of minimising the negative social and environmental footprints of corporations. This is the first project of its kind and is funded by the Business for Development Program at Sida, the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency.

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### **25. ASEAN Roundtable: Implementing corporate respect for human rights – Kuala Lumpur, 10 Nov.**

This one-day roundtable will be an exchange among senior business leaders in the ASEAN region on business and human rights. The session will bring together experiences of global businesses and relevant experts to explore the relevance, challenges and ways forward for human rights and business in the region. The event is held by the Global Business Initiative on Human Rights in co-operation with the ASEAN Foundation, Business Council for Sustainable Development in Malaysia and the UN Global Compact. Confirmed speakers include business leaders from Sime Darby, Petronas, GE, SN Aboitz Power, HP, Coca-Cola, Millenia Hotel Private Ltd, and Total. Discussions will be informed by inputs from a range of experts including from the United Nations.

For further information, contact [bhr.event \(at\) global-business-initiative.org](mailto:bhr.event@global-business-initiative.org) or visit [www.global-business-initiative.org](http://www.global-business-initiative.org).

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## **Europe/Central Asia**

### **26. “Putting the Corporate Responsibility to Respect Human Rights into Practice” – UK, 15-16 Sep.**

This training programme by [TwentyFifty](http://TwentyFifty.co.uk) has been built upon and integrates the work of the UN Special Representative on business and human rights, Professor John Ruggie. As Ruggie's mandate has come to an end, the key question for companies going forward is how to ensure their commitments to human rights are operationally implemented and demonstrably “Ruggie-proof”. In response the programme “Putting the Corporate Responsibility to Respect Human Rights into Practice” aims to help further develop the skills and knowledge needed to truly take the lead on the corporate responsibility to respect human rights and to fully embed the principles and practices within organizations.

The programme is designed for senior managers, board-level influencers and decision-makers – senior and non-executive directors, CSR committees and company secretaries who operate at a strategic level.

Training involves two days of workshops and presentations as well as the opportunity to identify a business project that the training can help to accelerate. The programme also involves a pre-workshop phone call to discuss your particular learning needs and a post-workshop review. Programme fee is £950 plus VAT inclusive of accommodation and refreshments.

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### **27. Forthcoming regional briefing on business & human rights in Eastern Europe & Central Asia**

By the end of 2011, Business & Human Rights Resource Centre will produce a briefing on Business & Human Rights in Eastern Europe & Central Asia: A round-up of recent developments. Our past regional briefings, on South Asia and Anglophone Africa, [are available here](#). Our regional briefings highlight emerging issues, allegations of abuses, company responses, positive steps by business, and legal/regulatory developments.

This briefing will be launched via our Weekly Update; if you have not yet signed up for our free Weekly Updates and would like to do so, [the sign-up page is here](#).

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### **28. Seminar: “Corporate Liability for Human Rights Violations and Intl. Law” – Copenhagen 28-30 Oct**

Middlesex University law department will deliver a 3-day seminar on “Corporate Liability for Human Rights Violations and International Law” in the offices of Amnesty International in Copenhagen (Denmark) on 28-30 October 2011. For more information on this event and on the pioneering MA Human Rights and Business taught 2 days a month in London (UK) please visit <http://www.mdx.ac.uk/humanrights> (“Special Events” tab) or contact Dr Nadia Bernaz (+44 (0)20 8411 4957 / [n.bernaz \(at\) mdx.ac.uk](mailto:n.bernaz@mdx.ac.uk)).

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## Español

### **29. Acción legal buscará nulidad de licencia ambiental de proyecto hidroeléctrico El Quimbo, Colombia**

El 30 de septiembre del 2011, Asoquimbo (Asociación de afectados por la construcción del Proyecto Hidroeléctrico El Quimbo), con la asesoría y el acompañamiento del Instituto Latinoamericano para una Sociedad y un Derecho Alternativos – ILSA –, presentará una acción judicial ante el Contencioso Administrativo, para solicitar la nulidad de la licencia ambiental que dio vía libre a la construcción de este proyecto que ha vulnerado y continúa vulnerando el derecho al medio ambiente, a la participación, a la alimentación, al trabajo, a la tierra y a la vivienda digna, entre otros. Para esa misma fecha se está convocando una movilización en la región del Huila, en respaldo a la interposición de la acción jurídica que busca la declaratoria de nulidad de la licencia que autorizó la construcción de la Hidroeléctrica.

Desde 2009, el Ministerio de Ambiente Vivienda y Desarrollo Territorial otorgó la licencia ambiental para la Hidroeléctrica financiada por Emgesa - filial de Endesa-; ubicada en “El Quimbo”. Pero sus aparentes ventajas son cuestionables por los impactos ambientales, económicos, sociales y culturales. El proyecto prevé además la inundación del bosque ripario, la sustracción de parte de la reserva forestal de la Amazonía Colombiana y la afectación del río Magdalena. El avance de las obras ha generado el desplazamiento forzado de campesinos, areneros, pescadores, y otros sectores que tenían allí su entorno vital, social y comunitario, y derivaban de ésta su sustento diario.

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*Para la perspectiva de la empresa Emgesa véase [su sitio web](#).*

### **30. Programa de subvenciones para demandas contra corporaciones**

Los proyectos de desarrollo basados en la explotación de los recursos naturales llevados a cabo por empresas nacionales y multinacionales frecuentemente dañan al medio ambiente y violan los derechos humanos de pueblos indígenas y otras comunidades en los países en vías de desarrollo.

El Centro Legal de Defensores del Medio Ambiente (EDLC) ha creado un programa de subvenciones recuperables para anticipar, a abogados y ONGs, los gastos y costas legales relacionados con demandas que estén llevando ante las cortes nacionales de los países en vías de desarrollo en los cuales ocurre el daño, o ante las cortes nacionales de los países donde la empresa matriz tiene su domicilio, si es el caso. Las subvenciones no podrán ser destinadas al pago de honorarios de abogados, con excepción de los casos en los que el sistema jurídico del país utilice el idioma inglés y las demandas no pudieran ser presentadas sin los recursos de la subvención; o bien en los casos de demandas de excepcional importancia y con repercusión regional o mundial que no pudieran ser presentadas sin los recursos de la subvención.

Al ser otorgada una subvención, el EDLC estará disponible para apoyar en la búsqueda de apoyo adicional, jurídico y de expertos. En caso de que la demanda resulte exitosa y se reciba un pago a título de indemnización, la subvención deberá ser devuelta. Contactar a [lewis \(at\) edlc.org](mailto:lewis@edlc.org) para más información. Las solicitudes son consideradas continuamente.

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### **31. Curso Taller Intensivo: "Extractivismo y Transiciones al Post-Extractivismo" (Ecuador)**

Del jueves 29 de setiembre al sábado 1 de octubre de 2011 en Loja, Ecuador, es un Curso taller intensivo sobre desarrollo sustentable, con especial referencia al extractivismo en América del Sur, y las alternativas post extractivistas, bajo el marco de las transiciones hacia las alternativas al desarrollo. El Curso es organizado por la UTPL (Universidad Técnica Particular de Loja, Ecuador), CLAES (Centro Latino

Americano de Ecología Social, Uruguay) y el CAAP (Centro Andino de Acción Popular, Ecuador). Los participantes serán seleccionados luego de pasar un proceso de evaluación basado en sus postulaciones: la fecha límite para inscribirse es el 19 de setiembre. Este curso es parte de talleres y cursos que CLAES co-organiza y que en 2011 incluye actividades además en Argentina, Bolivia, Perú y Colombia, entre otros países.

El curso está dirigido a directivos o en quienes desempeñan funciones claves en distintas organizaciones ciudadanas; integrantes de movimientos sociales, particularmente líderes locales o regionales. Este curso no está dirigido a estudiantes universitarios, o integrantes de empresas consultoras. Las instrucciones sobre la información que debe acompañar su pedido de inscripción, y otros datos sobre el curso, están disponibles en: <http://www.extractivismo.com/cursoloja2011>.

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### **32. Centro de Información sobre Empresas y Derechos Humanos: Boletines informativos y portales**

#### Tres boletines informativos próximos

A finales de 2011, el Centro de Información sobre Empresas y Derechos Humanos producirá tres nuevos boletines regionales, que estarán disponibles al público en nuestro sitio Web e incluidos en nuestra Actualización Semanal:

- **África Francófona: Mirada a los desarrollos recientes** (contactar a: Aliou Diouf, [diouf \(at\) business-humanrights.org](mailto:diouf@business-humanrights.org))
- **Europa Oriental y Asia Central: Mirada a los desarrollos recientes** (contactar a: Ella Skybenko [skybenko \(at\) business-humanrights.org](mailto:skybenko@business-humanrights.org))

Nuestros boletines regionales pasados, sobre Asia del Sur y África Anglófona, [están aquí disponibles](#) (en inglés). Nuestros boletines regionales destacan los temas emergentes, las denuncias de abusos en la región, las respuestas de las empresas, los pasos positivos dados por las compañías y los cambios a nivel legal o regulatorio.

- **Responsabilidad Legal Corporativa: Seminario Anual** (contactar a: Sif Thorgeirsson [thorgeirsson \(at\) business-humanrights.org](mailto:thorgeirsson@business-humanrights.org)).

Este boletín proporcionará una revisión de los últimos acontecimientos en responsabilidad legal corporativa en el último año. Se basa en nuestro [Portal de Responsabilidad Legal Corporativa](#), que perfila las demandas de derechos humanos en contra de empresas en todas las regiones del mundo.

#### Próximo Portal

En 2012, el Centro de Información lanzará un portal sobre “Empresas y Derecho a la Libertad de Asociación Sindical”, que resaltarán los informes sobre pasos positivos y supuestas quejas de abusos por parte de las empresas en relación con:

- Los derechos internacionalmente reconocidos de formar y adherirse a sindicatos; a la negociación colectiva y a la huelga;
- Violencia antisindical, intimidación y retaliaciones contra trabajadores y trabajadoras.

La investigación y divulgación de este proyecto ya se inició (contactar a: Danielle McMullan, [mcmullan \(at\) business-humanrights.org](mailto:mcmullan@business-humanrights.org)).

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### **Français**

### **33. Forum sur la RSE en Afrique – Douala, Cameroun, du 8 au 10 novembre**

L'[Institut Afrique RSE](#) en partenariat avec le [GICAM](#) (Groupement Interpatronal du Cameroun) organise à Douala (Cameroun) du 8 au 10 novembre 2011, le forum international des pionniers de la Responsabilité Sociétale des Entreprises en Afrique. Le principal enjeu du forum est de réunir les pionniers de la RSE en Afrique, les décideurs politiques, les entreprises et les experts de haut niveau et les organismes de référence (GRI, Global

Compact, Organisation Internationale du Travail, etc.) au niveau mondial pour initier une « RSE à l'africaine ». Face au manque d'infrastructures, aux problèmes environnementaux, à la difficulté d'atteindre les Objectifs du Millénaire pour le Développement, etc., la réussite d'une stratégie africaine de RSE n'est envisageable que dans le cadre d'un Partenariat Public Privé (PPP). Pendant la rencontre, une réflexion sera également menée sur les modalités de mise en œuvre opérationnelle de la RSE dans les filiales des sociétés transnationales ainsi que son déploiement dans le cas particulier des PME/PMI africaines. Les modalités d'élaboration des politiques publiques de RSE en partenariat avec toutes les parties prenantes occuperont une place importante au cours de la rencontre. Le forum débouchera sur l'adoption du Manifeste de Douala sur la RSE en Afrique.

Pour plus de détails sur cet événement, merci de contacter :

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### **34. Centre de Ressources sur les Entreprises & Droits de l'Homme : trois briefings & un nouveau portail**

#### Parution prochaine de trois briefings

D'ici la fin de l'année, le Centre de Ressources sur les Entreprises & les Droits de l'Homme publiera trois nouveaux briefings. Ils seront tous disponibles sur notre site Web et seront également inclus dans notre Actualité hebdomadaire.

- « **Entreprises & droits de l'homme en Afrique francophone – Un survol de développements récents** » (pour plus de détails, veuillez contacter Aliou Diouf, basé au Sénégal, [diouf \(at\) business-humanrights.org](mailto:diouf@business-humanrights.org))
- « **Eastern Europe & Central Asia : A round-up of recent developments** » (Europe de l'est & Asie centrale : Un survol de développements récents) (en anglais ; pour plus de détails, veuillez contacter Ella Skybenko, basée en Ukraine, [skybenko \(at\) business-humanrights.org](mailto:skybenko@business-humanrights.org))

Nos briefings régionaux précédents, sur l'Asie du Sud et l'Afrique anglophone, [sont disponibles ici](#). Ces briefings mettent l'accent sur des questions émergentes, des accusations relatives à des abus des droits de l'homme dans la région et les réponses des entreprises face à de telles accusations. Ils contiennent également des initiatives positives venant des entreprises et des développements juridiques et législatifs récents.

- « **Corporate Legal Accountability: Annual briefing** » (« **Responsabilité juridique des entreprises : Briefing annuel** ») (en anglais ; pour plus de détails, veuillez contacter: Sif Thorgeirsson, [thorgeirsson \(at\) business-humanrights.org](mailto:thorgeirsson@business-humanrights.org), ou pour des informations en français, Gregory Regaignon, [regaignon \(at\) business-humanrights.org](mailto:regaignon@business-humanrights.org)).

Ce briefing survolera les développements importants dans le domaine de la responsabilité juridique des entreprises de l'année. Il tirera des informations de notre [portail au sujet de la responsabilité juridique des entreprises](#) où sont dressés les profils des procédures judiciaires relatives aux droits de l'homme menées à travers toutes les régions du monde.

#### Parution prochaine d'un portail

- Le Centre de Ressources lancera en 2012 un portail sur « Entreprises & liberté d'association » qui contiendra des accusations contre des entreprises portant sur des abus ; et aussi des rapports sur leurs initiatives positives, relatives aux :
  - Droit reconnu au niveau international de constituer et d'adhérer aux syndicats, de mener des négociations collectives et de faire la grève;
  - Violences et représailles contre les syndicats.

La recherche et la sensibilisation pour ce projet ont commencé vers le début de cette année ; (pour plus de détails, veuillez contacter : Danielle McMullan, [mcmullan \(at\) business-humanrights.org](mailto:mcmullan@business-humanrights.org), ou pour des informations en français, Gregory Regaignon, [regaignon \(at\) business-humanrights.org](mailto:regaignon@business-humanrights.org))

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