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## International

### 1. Special issue of *International Journal of Human Rights* on corporate power

[The International Journal of Human Rights](#) and the [Human Rights Consortium, University of London](#), are reviewing submissions for their "Corporate Power & Human Rights" special issue. The special issue will particularly publish research that challenges the status quo in business and human rights discourse, and that seeks to identify new opportunities through the application of different academic disciplines and theoretical concepts.

The Human Rights Consortium's Corporate Power and Human Rights Project aims to promote and facilitate the development of creative approaches to dissolving the tension between human rights and business activity. The project will act as a platform from which academics, activists, businesspeople and policymakers can engage their peers to robustly challenge the feasibility of their ideas in order to develop meaningful alternatives to existing approaches. It will also explore the broad structural impacts of corporate power on the global economy.

The Corporate Power and Human Rights Project hosts lectures, seminars, workshops and other events to facilitate research and creative thinking to develop solutions to these cutting-edge human rights challenges. Visit <http://www.sas.ac.uk/hrc/projects/corporate-power> for more details.

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## **2. Launch of two Global CSR publications - Dec 2013**

“Constructive Campaigning – applying the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights to civil society campaigning”: Early December, [International Commission of Jurists](#), Danish Section, and [Repeive](#) will launch a new guide: “Constructive Campaigning – applying the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights to civil society campaigning” at the second annual UN Forum on Business and Human Rights. It guides civil society organizations in addressing adverse impacts on human rights related to business. It aims to facilitate constructive dialogue between NGOs and businesses – and proposes an alternative to previous “naming and shaming” campaign practices.

[Global CSR](#) has developed the guide pro bono for ICJ, Danish Section, and Repeive with support for illustrations and printing from the Dreyer Foundation. The new guide builds on earlier guides to the UNGPs by SOMO and elaborates how to use the UNGPs as a vehicle to enable sustainable change and a positive outcome for everyone involved. The UNGPs have the potential to increase the impact of NGOs and improve business-NGO relationships.

At 9am on 2 December, Sune Skadegaard Thorsen, CEO, Global CSR will present the guide at the UN Forum side event “Platform for tools and innovation”.

“Human Rights Explained – for business”: Global CSR is pleased to announce the launch of the forthcoming publication “Human Rights Explained – for business”. The booklet will be launched at both an international and a Danish event in December 2013.

The booklet systematically enables business and CSR practitioners to recognise all human rights when they seek to implement the corporate responsibility to respect human rights. By providing concrete examples of business impacts on all human rights, the booklet illustrates how all human rights are relevant in a business context. As a handbook, the booklet is indispensable for employees and corporate stakeholders to ensure that they can recognise and avoid adverse impacts. As a work tool for professionals seeking to identify adverse impacts on human rights, the booklet can help ensure a comprehensive approach.

The booklet will be launched at the second annual UN Forum on Business and Human Rights in Geneva by Global CSR. The booklet will be available for purchase.

On International Human Rights Day, 10 December, Global CSR will host a launch event in Copenhagen where CSR professionals are invited to learn more about human rights in the business context. Here, the booklet will be offered for sale at an advantageous price.

For further information on the “Human Rights Explained” launches, please contact CSR Adviser Sine Gyruup by phone at +45 2629 2664, or at [sg \(at\) global-csr.com](mailto:sg@global-csr.com)

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## **3. Events and collaborations organised by the Essex Business and Human Rights Project**

a. On 27 November, Peter Frankental (Economic Relations Programme Director, Amnesty International) will give a talk, to be held at the University of Essex between 1pm and 3pm. If you would like more information, please contact [eacouss \(at\) essex.ac.uk](mailto:eacouss@essex.ac.uk).

b. [Essex Business and Human Rights Project \(EBHR\)](#) has been asked by Global Witness to assess the qualities of the proposed Minerals Law of Afghanistan. The aim of the project is helping the government of Afghanistan draft a new bill that takes in due consideration the human and environmental rights of local populations.

c. A report by EBHR, commissioned by Amnesty International Netherlands, on the adequacy of the internal legal framework for mining in Senegal to ensure human rights, social and environmental protection in light of international standards in the mining industry, is in its final stages.

d. EBHR is working on a report regarding the Phulbari Coal Project in Bangladesh which focuses on whether the company’s plans for developing the mine respect the rights of affected communities; meet the self-regulatory standards the company has committed to; and include measures to foster trust with local communities.

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#### **4. Study on legal aspects of broader responsibility of financial actors - forthcoming Jan 2014**

[Affectio Mutandi](#) is launching, with the team of Ivan Tchotourian (University of Laval, Quebec), a study on the legal aspects of the broader responsibility of financial actors.

As the SRI (socially responsible investment) industry is gradually improving its analytical tools, its actors are being challenged on their responsibility in cases of social or environmental damage. They are required to demonstrate their due diligence in order to reduce the risks from ESG (environmental, social and governance) considerations. However, demonstrating this is difficult due to the lack of stable benchmarks or legal standards.

On 27 May 2013, the OECD Norwegian National Contact Point provided valuable input by finding that NBIM (the public bank that manages assets of the Norwegian sovereign oil fund) had not implemented appropriate measures to prevent or minimise human rights violations in the context of its investments in POSCO operations in India. This decision supports the work of the OECD Investment Committee by highlighting the lack of reliable benchmarks. It illustrates the current state of affairs from the national level to the UNPRI (United Nations Principles for Responsible Investment).

It is in this context that [Affectio Mutandi](#) is launching its study on the responsibility of financial actors. The study analyses their professional duties that are firmly in place in the legal world (due diligence, information, advice and warning), in terms of SRI issues. The study aims to demonstrate the materiality of the legal risks and to identify criteria in order to increase the reliability of practices. The first results of the study will be published in January 2014.

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#### **5. Community dispossession case law database - compilation underway, case contributions sought**

[Namati](#), in partnership with the University of California, Hastings College of the Law, is creating a new database of national and regional case law challenging the dispossession of communities from their lands and natural resources, whether through actual displacement, environmental degradation or regulatory takings.

The database will make relevant case law searchable and widely available to advocates. It will be accompanied by case analysis, including trends in the legal arguments which have proved successful and unsuccessful, as well as the impacts of the judgments and the parties' compliance with injunctions or settlements.

Namati seeks assistance from the legal community in populating the database with useful case law. Please send any relevant materials, including case names, links to rulings, scanned copies of documents, or legal briefs, to [landcaseprecedent \(at\) namati.org](mailto:landcaseprecedent@namati.org).

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#### **6. Telecommunications Industry Dialogue events & reports re privacy, freedom of expression**

The [Telecommunications Industry Dialogue \(ID\)](#) is expanding its engagement with stakeholders at events such as the 2013 Internet Governance Forum, where ID representatives participated in two panels and met with members of civil society, governments, and international organizations. ID participants will also take part in discussions with these groups at the forthcoming Global Network Initiative-ID Joint Learning Forum in Brussels, Belgium, which will explore issues raised by communications surveillance.

The ID welcomes the chance to engage in dialogue around the areas of business and human rights and to receive feedback on its Guiding Principles. Modelled on the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the ID Principles address the issues of privacy and freedom of expression as they relate to the telecommunications sector, specifically exploring the interaction and boundaries between a government's duty to protect human rights and the corporate responsibility of telecommunications companies to respect human rights. Interested stakeholders can reach ID through its new website, [www.telecomindustrydialogue.org](http://www.telecomindustrydialogue.org), or follow us: [@IndustryDialog](#).

Over the next year, Industry Dialogue companies will begin to report on how they are implementing the ID Principles into their operations, share best practices regarding implementation, and examine options for implementing relevant grievance mechanisms, as outlined in Principle 31 of the UN Guiding Principles.

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### **7. Forthcoming event & publication on governance of protected areas**

As industrial uses of natural resources become ever more widespread globally, attention to protected areas is growing. Governance models include : A. sole control of government agencies; B. shared governance by different rightsholders and stakeholders; C. voluntary conservation by private owners; D. voluntary conservation by indigenous peoples and local communities through collective governance. The 2014 World Parks Congress (WPC, Sydney, Australia, November 2014) will dedicate an entire stream of events to "[Enhancing the diversity and quality of governance of protected areas](#)". The 2014 World Parks Congress (WPC, Sydney, Australia, November 2014) will dedicate an entire stream of events to "[Enhancing the diversity and quality of governance of protected areas](#)".

In preparation for this, the [International Union for Conservation of Nature \(IUCN\)](#), the [ICCA Consortium](#), the [German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development](#) and the [Convention on Biological Diversity \(CBD\) Secretariat](#) have just launched a new volume of the IUCN Best Practice in Protected Areas Series that reflects the growing importance of governance issues in conservation. The volume – entitled "[Governance of Protected Areas: From understanding to action](#)" – is dedicated to enhancing the governance capacities of professionals, and of rights holders and stakeholders in general.

The volume also offers practical guidance for those willing to embark on the process of assessing, evaluating and improving governance for their systems of protected areas or for individual sites. A number of countries, including the Philippines, Ecuador and Senegal, are about to engage in the national processes outlined by that guidance ahead of the Sydney WPC and are expected to report their results at the Congress. The publication is particularly timely in light of the CBD Parties' agreement to pursue the [2020 Aichi Biodiversity Targets](#).

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### **8. Forthcoming annual briefing on corporate legal accountability for human rights**

[Business & Human Rights Resource Centre](#) will shortly publish its second Corporate Legal Accountability Annual Briefing. The briefing will highlight global issues such as barriers to effective judicial remedies, as well as a wide range of human rights lawsuits against companies. Please contact Sif Thorgeirsson at [thorgeirsson \(at\) business-humanrights.org](mailto:thorgeirsson@business-humanrights.org) if you wish to receive this briefing. The first annual briefing is available [here](#).

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## **Africa**

### **9. African Regional Civil Society Convening on Human Rights & Business - Accra, 25-27 Nov**

Beginning 25 November in Accra, Ghana, [Global Rights](#) will host a [three-day convening](#) with civil society organizations (CSOs) from across sub-Saharan Africa to address human rights concerns around business activity. The African Regional Civil Society Convening, the first of its kind, will bring together CSOs who have experience working in a range of challenging environments. The participating CSOs have engaged with their governments and with national and multinational companies in industries that include extractives, infrastructure, agribusiness and telecommunications.

Our partners will have a unique opportunity to share their experiences and learn practical strategies to influence governments and companies to adopt practices that respect and protect communities' rights. They will learn more about the complex system of recourse mechanisms – both judicial and non-judicial – for business-related human rights abuses. During the convening, they will build relationships and understanding to foster collaboration and greater support for each other's work, and lay the groundwork for an African regional civil society coalition on corporate accountability. We welcome participants from civil society and other relevant stakeholders – please contact us for more information.



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### **10. Training on accountability and governance in extractive sector - Tanzania, Nov-Dec**

Between 18 November and the end of December, Oil, Natural Gas & Environmental Alliance (ONGEA) and [MS Training Centre for Development Cooperation \(MS-TCDC\)](#) will jointly conduct five training sessions on accountability and governance in the extractive industry with a total of about 100 civil society organizations in Tanzania. These sessions have been designed to equip CSOs with technical capacity and will be held in Dar es Salaam, Arusha and Mwanza. MS-TCDC, which has training centres in Arusha and Dar es Salaam, will lead the training sessions.

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### **11. Conference: “Tax Justice – A Human Rights Issue?” - Johannesburg, 21 Nov; Geneva, 3 Dec**

This event, at Constitutional Court Auditorium, Johannesburg, is timed to discuss the findings of the [International Bar Association Human Rights Institute Task Force on Tax, Illicit Financial Flows and Poverty](#) and the launch of several tax justice initiatives in sub-Saharan Africa. The key themes of the conference are the extent to which corporate tax dodging is seen as a human rights issue, and the impact of tax abuse on people in sub-Saharan Africa. The conference is free to attend, with an invited audience of policymakers, lawyers, accountants, corporations, NGOs and other experts.

The conference has been organised by [Lawyers for Better Business](#) and [SAIFAC](#) (South African Institute for Advanced Constitutional, Public, Human Rights and International Law, a centre of the University of Johannesburg), with the support of Tax Justice Network, Konrad Adenauer Foundation, International Bar Association Human Rights Institute, Law Society of South Africa, Oxfam, Christian Aid and ActionAid.

Conference programme and related resources can be found at <http://www.l4bb.org/conference/index.php>

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### **12. 5<sup>th</sup> CSR in Senegal Forum - Thiès & Dakar, 18-22 Nov**

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[RSE Sénégal](#) (CSR Senegal) is organising the 5<sup>th</sup> CSR in Senegal Forum, in partnership with the Canadian Embassy in Senegal, the Local Development Agency of Senegal, l'Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Agriculture (National Graduate Institute for Agriculture) and the Netherlands Embassy in Senegal, and with the sponsorship of the Ministry for Land Settlement and Municipal Planning. The theme will be “Social Responsibility in the Territories: Contributions by responsible companies to local economic development & employment in the value chains of the agricultural and renewable energy sectors”. Activities and themes will include:

- CSR Forum day in Thiès, 19 November: quality of dialogue between companies and local communities, development of entrepreneurship in the agricultural sector, and professional training
- symposium on “green mining” in Dakar, 20 November: technological developments, environmental impacts, development of rural entrepreneurship, governance of the mining sector, and dialogue with communities
- workshop on the contribution of companies to the issue of solid waste management in Dakar, 22 November: waste issues in Senegal, companies’ CSR policies for waste, technical solutions for management of plastic, paper and electronic waste

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### **Events and collaborations organised by Essex Business and Human Rights Project - report re Senegal**

See item 3 above, in the International section. We include reference to this item here in the Africa section because it includes a report on Senegalese mining law.

## Americas

### **13. Young Costa Ricans to address business sector on Children's Rights and Business Principles**

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

In Costa Rica, organizations that promote the Children's Rights and Business Principles have committed to guarantee the involvement of adolescents in building strategies to adhere to the Principles within the Costa Rican business sector. [Paniamor Foundation](#), as the main leader in this commitment, will be conducting a consultation this November with adolescent people coming from business families, to receive their opinions and suggestions on this initiative. This exercise will help develop the debate on corporate social responsibility favouring children and adolescents at the mid-term. The process will include an intergenerational dialogue during the Second Business Gathering where these people will introduce the main outcomes of the consultation, as well as a petition to adhere to the Principles, to representatives of the Costa Rican business sector. Since the launching of the Children's Rights and Business Principles nationally, the business sector has shown its goodwill towards the initiative, and its leadership at the international level to validate tools to implement the Principles in their business operations.

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### **14. Seminar on impact of FIFA World Cup and Olympics on Brazilian cities - Rio de Janeiro, 10-12 Dec**

*[Unofficial translation by Business & Human Rights Resource Centre from Portuguese-language original]*

The FIFA World Cup in 2014 and the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro have been the subject of many controversies in Brazil. [Observatório das Metrôpoles](#) will present partial results of its research in Brazil on the impacts on cities of these major events at a seminar from 10 to 12 December.

From the moment that Brazil was announced as the host of the FIFA World Cup and Rio de Janeiro was chosen to host the 2016 Olympics, the mainstream media, politicians and several analysts have highlighted the opportunities of increasing investment in the twelve cities chosen to receive those events. Such discussions have focused particularly on the possibility of addressing problems such as urban mobility and the recovery of degraded areas for housing, business and tourism. However, the beginning of the preparatory construction work for the 2014 World Cup and 2016 Olympics has raised several issues relating to the impacts of urban interventions in those cities, including the impacts of companies involved in the construction work.

In order to assess the impacts of these events, Observatório das Metrôpoles, with the support of FINEP-Financiadora de Estudos e Projetos, has been working on a national survey on "Metropolisation and Mega-events: the impact of the World Cup and the Olympics on Brazilian metropolises". The goal of this seminar is to discuss the partial results of this research in Brazil and establish a dialogue with international studies on the theme.

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### **15. Human rights in CSR Workshop - Lima, 15 Nov**

This workshop, organized by [Peru 2021](#), seeks to introduce business professionals to the general theme of human rights, ranging from its relationship with CSR to the specifics of the Peruvian context. The role of business in human rights issues according to international and national legislation, and a series of voluntary standards, will also be examined. At the end of the full-day workshop, participants will have gained insight into the most serious human rights issues in Peru, as well as how different businesses currently address these issues. They will also understand different models to incorporate human rights from an integral CSR perspective, ranging from evaluations, internal policies and due diligence mechanisms to capacity-building and reporting. (The workshop will be held in Spanish.)

More information: <http://peru2021.org/principal/categoria/taller-los-derechos-humanos-en-el-contexto-de-la-responsabilidad-social-empresarial-lima/620/c-620>

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### **16. Advice for fired electronics workers and new report on electronics industry in Mexico**

*[Unofficial translation by Business & Human Rights Resource Centre from Spanish-language original]*

In October 2013, Jabil, an electronics company, announced that it will stop producing for the BlackBerry brand in the facilities it has in Guadalajara. This decision led to a series of programmed cuts in workers' contracts that will conclude at the beginning of 2014. It is thought that 3500 workers will have become jobless by the final closure of the project. During November, [Centre for Labour Reflection and Action \(CEREAL\)](http://www.cerealgdl.org/index.php/en/reports/about-working-conditions-in-the-electronics-industry-in-mexico/83-informe-cereal-2010-2012) will monitor the cases of those workers that may feel their rights have been abused during this process. This will include legal advice to workers and interviews with Jabil representatives to guarantee that their rights are respected. The outcomes of this process will be available in CEREAL's 2014 annual report. The 2013 report is here:

<http://www.cerealgdl.org/index.php/en/reports/about-working-conditions-in-the-electronics-industry-in-mexico/83-informe-cereal-2010-2012>

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### **17. Court to decide future of community affected by steel & mining companies in Açailândia, Brazil**

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

Piquiá de Baixo is a neighbourhood in Açailândia, an agroindustrial city in northeastern Brazil. People in the neighbourhood have suffered negative impacts of mining and steel companies operating in their area. With the support of residents' associations and human rights NGOs, among others, the community has demanded that Brazilian authorities and the companies resettle the community in a new neighbourhood. By the end of 2013, the judge will issue a verdict on expropriation of land for the resettlement. In this same period, the financing project that will partially support the construction of the new neighborhood is expected to be approved.

Finally, 350 families from the Piquiá de Baixo neighbourhood will escape extremely serious pollution caused by industrial facilities – a mining company and five steel companies that operate in the “backyard” of houses in the village. Since the arrival of these companies, children, the elderly, youth and adults have suffered from asthma, fever, allergies, headaches, skin diseases and even lung cancer (watch [this video](#)). High rates of contamination, and its health impacts, have been proven by technical reports.

The new challenge: to build the new neighborhood following the criteria defined by the community, ensuring adequate housing, health and dignity to more than a thousand people. The community needs support from the international community (sign [this campaign](#)) and resources to facilitate technical support for the Residents' Association, so they can participate effectively in construction of the new settlement .

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### **“The Rana Plaza Disaster in Bangladesh: Taking Stock Half a Year On” - New York, 20 Nov**

See item 23 below, in the Asia/Pacific section. We include reference to this event here in the Americas section because it takes place in New York.

## **Asia/Pacific**

### **18. Taiwan Association for Human Rights issue on business & human rights - due out Dec 2013**

[Taiwan Association for Human Rights](#) will publish a special issue of its newsletter focusing on business & human rights, in December. It will introduce the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and the OECD Guidelines in Chinese, and discuss the limitations of CSR. It will also cover some relevant cases, including the labour issues of Foxconn (a Taiwanese company in China); safety issues in a planned project for wind turbines by InfraVest and Enercon; legacy pollution and workers' health issues at RCA (a defunct US company that previously operated in Taiwan); and the problem of land-grabbing in Cambodia by Koh Kong Co. (a company partially owned by Taiwanese investors).

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### **19. Consultation on National Action Plans for ASEAN states - Jakarta, 28-29 Nov**

The [Asian Business & Rule of Law initiative \(ABRL\)](#) at Singapore Management University's (SMU) School of Law has completed a study on responsible investment practices in Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar & Vietnam, with a particular emphasis on land and the extractive sector. On the basis of this and other research in the region, ABRL is also involved in examining potential National Action Plans (NAPs) that should be adopted by ASEAN states to provide guidance to transnational companies, operating both at home and extraterritorially, to integrate human rights into their operations. In this regard, ABRL will be partnering with the ASEAN CSR Network to hold a consultation at the 1<sup>st</sup> Forum for Responsible Business Conduct in ASEAN on 28 and 29 November in Jakarta. Partnering as well with the Singapore Compact, SMU ABRL is in discussions to work closely with the Centre for Applied Legal Studies at the University of Witwatersrand, South Africa, and their partners to have an Asia-Africa comparative perspective on NAPs. Research Associate Vani Sathisan and Associate Fellow Delphia Lim will be representing ABRL at the annual UN Forum on Business and Human Rights in Geneva.

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### **20. Forthcoming book: "Business and Human Rights Law in Southeast Asia" - due 2014**

In 2014, Routledge will publish the following book edited by SMU Assistant Professor of Law Mahdev Mohan and independent consultant, Cynthia Morel: *Business and Human Rights Law in Southeast Asia*. This book will be informed by discussions held at the Summer Institute 2012, co-organised by SMU, and the Singapore Multi-Stakeholder Forum on Business & Human Rights held on 28-29 May 2013. It will feature topics centring around emerging trends and approaches in ASEAN to human rights due diligence and the role of the state in ensuring the compliance of companies to human rights in the region. This may be the first book of its kind underscoring a rights-based approach for businesses in ASEAN.

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### **21. New research: "Conflict or Consent? The oil palm sector at a crossroads"**

The Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) will hold its 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting on 11-14 November. To coincide with this meeting, [Forest Peoples Programme](#) and its Indonesian partners Sawit Watch and TUK Indonesia have released a new research publication entitled *Conflict or Consent? The oil palm sector at a crossroads*, which questions the effectiveness of RSPO standards.

The RSPO certifies operations that respect the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities living on the land and that conserve lands and forests with high conservation value.

But RSPO-certified companies have not always held to their commitments, especially with respect to the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities. The depth of these commitments is explored in *Conflict or consent?*, which provides detailed analyses of the performances of 16 palm oil operations, many run by RSPO member companies, in locations across Asia and Africa. The studies reveal that some of the largest palm oil companies are disregarding RSPO standards and are violating the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities worldwide.

*Conflict or consent? The oil palm sector at a crossroads* is available in English and Bahasa Indonesia on the Forest Peoples Programme website: [www.forestpeoples.org](http://www.forestpeoples.org)

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### **22. IVA Awards for Outstanding Reporting on Indigenous Peoples' Issues and Rights 2013**

Nominations are open for the Indigenous Voices in Asia (IVA) Award, for outstanding reporting on indigenous peoples' issues and rights, organised by [Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact \(AIPP\)](#). The deadline for entries is 25 November; the winner will be announced on 10 December.

Seventy percent of the estimated 370 million indigenous peoples in the world live in Asia. Indigenous peoples in this region continue to suffer from social injustice and discrimination by actors including states and companies, and lack of recognition of their status, citizenship, and economic, social and cultural rights by states and companies.

With limited representation and participation in democratic processes, indigenous peoples have minimal voice on policies and decisions affecting their lives. As a result, they have been deprived of their collective rights and entitlements including cultural rights, rights to land, territory and natural resources and basic social services, such as health and education.

With this backdrop, AIPP, with funding support from the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) is organising the IVA Awards to acknowledge the media professionals who devoted their time, talent, and efforts to cover the real situations and issues of indigenous peoples in print, radio, television and documentary film, and online. The aim of the IVA awards is to encourage thorough reporting on indigenous peoples' issues by media professionals. For more information, visit the IVA website: <http://iva.aippnet.org/call-for-awards-nomination-iva-awards-for-outstanding-reporting-on-indigenous-peoples-issues-and-rights-2013-2/>

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### **23. “The Rana Plaza Disaster in Bangladesh: Taking Stock Half a Year On” - New York, 20 Nov**

On 20 November, [Business & Human Rights Resource Centre](#) will hold the fourth event in the Mary Robinson Speaker Series on Business & Human Rights. The event will be on “The Rana Plaza Disaster in Bangladesh – Taking Stock Half a Year On”. A keynote speech by Kalpona Akter, Executive Director of the Bangladesh Center for Worker Solidarity, will be followed by a panel discussion with participants from Business for Social Responsibility, Boston Common Asset Management and other organizations, moderated by Steven Greenhouse of the *New York Times*, and an audience Q&A. We expect a lively audience with representatives of NGOs, unions, business, governments and investment firms. The event will be held at the Ford Foundation headquarters in New York.

Further details including how to reserve a place [are available here](#). The event will also be live-streamed online – look for details on the Resource Centre’s homepage.

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### **24. Recruitment of researcher on business & human rights for Japan, Korea & Pacific region**

Business & Human Rights Resource Centre is planning to recruit a researcher on Japan, Korea and the Pacific region, to be based in Japan or South Korea. We expect to launch the recruitment in late 2013 or early 2014. Please watch the Resource Centre’s homepage and [job postings section](#) for further details.

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### **Events and collaborations organised by Essex Business and Human Rights Project - reports re Afghanistan, Bangladesh**

See item 3 above, in the International section. We include reference to this item here in the Asia/Pacific section because it includes reports on Afghanistan mining law and the Phulbari Coal Project in Bangladesh.

## **Europe/Central Asia**

### **25. Campaign against unfair trading practices in European retail supply chains**

Three of the four biggest supermarket chains in the world have their headquarters in the European Union. Their dominance is especially pervasive in the grocery sector where a handful of these powerful retailers stand between millions of EU consumers and suppliers around the world keen to access this significant market. [This is why “reining in the retailers” at a European level has become the aim of new campaign with member organizations across the EU, from the UK to Hungary.](#)

The people who supply and grow the food that ends up on European supermarket shelves have little choice but to agree to terms and conditions dictated by supermarkets and compete to keep costs low. These pressures are then regularly passed on to people further down the supply chain, including farmers who have no guarantees about payments they will receive and workers often forced to work long hours, for low pay in terrible conditions. In just a few weeks, the European Commission will announce its plan for how the EU should tackle these unfair

trading practices. [Campaigners across the continent are using this opportunity to call for credible, enforced regulation of these retailers.](#)

To find out more about joining the campaign, please contact Jayde Bradley at Traidcraft: jaydeb (at) traidcraft.co.uk

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## **26. Conference on responsible business practice in conflict-affected areas - Stockholm, 18-19 Nov**

[Diakonia](#), the [School of Global Studies](#) and the [School of Business, Economics and Law](#) at Gothenburg University, and the [Church of Sweden](#) are implementing a joint project to develop concepts and promote methods and tools to support and encourage the corporate sector to both avoid reinforcing negative impacts on conflict and strengthen positive impacts. The target group includes the Swedish corporate sector, other national and international corporations, government agencies as well as development actors and researchers with experience and expertise on business and human rights.

A conference is to be held in Stockholm on 18-19 November to share lessons learned on challenges and opportunities for corporations and investors engaging in conflict-affected areas. The conference will be divided into three main blocks: *international framework* (such as the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights), *tools* for the private sector to analyse and adapt their operations to improve impact in host states, and *company perspectives* on recent experience from the field.

Please send an e-mail to [conferencenov2013 \(at\) diakonia.se](mailto:conferencenov2013@diakonia.se) for any inquiries, including about attending the conference. We will do our best to respond to any queries. Information about the conference will be posted on the project web site [www.cdda.se](http://www.cdda.se)

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## **27. EJOLT annual meeting on environmental conflicts - Rome, 9-15 Nov**

[EJOLT](#) (Environmental Justice Organizations, Liabilities and Trade) project has chosen Italy, an emblematic country for environmental conflicts, as the location of its next annual meeting. EJOLT and [CDCA](#) (Documentation Centre on Environmental Conflicts) are organising activities on environmental justice from 9-15 November, with a focus on environmental contamination, including by the private sector, and the human right to health.

First is a two-day “toxic tour” that will visit two areas known for their levels of contamination and severe impacts on health. On the delegation’s first day, it will meet the communities near the biggest urban waste dumpsite of Malagrotta and the Sacco Valley, critical areas of the Roman suburbs that are under study by the Italian Superior Health Institute to demonstrate the relationship between environmental contamination and health. Next, the tour will visit the “Fires land” in the Naples area that is infamous for waste-related contamination; there is now mobilisation there against the construction of a new incinerator to burn “ecoballs”.

Hosted by the Urban Center in the Garbatella neighbourhood, project partners will then have the opportunity to exchange and enhance their knowledge and competencies through four days of internal workshops on fundamental tools to support the work of environmental justice organizations. The EJOLT workshop will end with the public event “Stop Biocide: Environmental justice in the world”, followed by the international conference “A geography of environmental injustices: knowledge, experience and tools for local communities”.

The full programme of the workshop and events are available here: <http://cdca.it/spip.php?article2391&lang=en>

→ *Contributed by EJOLT and CDCA. For further information, please contact info (at) cdca.it*

## **28. Side session on tax abuse & human rights - Geneva, 3 Dec**

While preparing our [November conference in Johannesburg](#) (see item 3 above), [Lawyers for Better Business](#) has been contacted by people in Europe, Asia and Latin America who are keen to hold similar events in their regions. We are organising a side session titled “Tax abuse: a human rights issue” to be held at 1:30pm on 3 December. The session will raise some issues discussed at the Johannesburg conference, and explore how our experience could be transferred to other parts of the world.

We anticipate that this side session will be of interest to policymakers, lawyers, accountants, corporations, NGOs, trade unions and other experts. Business & Human Rights Resource Centre will be chairing the session.

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### **29. Two events connected to Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs CSR Day - Stockholm, 8 Nov**

**NIR** (Näringslivets Internationella Råd – International Council of Swedish Industry) is organising two events connected to the CSR day hosted by the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 8 November.

**Management in Complex Environments (9am-1pm):** How can companies deliver sustainable growth while supporting the fragile community in which they operate? What leadership does it take to build a business in a place like Iraq? How can headquarters support managers in some of the world's most complex environments? Discuss challenges like these with a panel of real life experts and hear what 100 country managers have to say about this in NIR's recent publication, *Management in Complex Environments – Questions for Leaders*.

Panelists: Jens Schlyter (Manager Corporate Responsibility, Scania), Johan Gembäck (Country Manager Iraq, Scania), Brian Ganson (editor) and Jonas Borglin (CEO, NIR). To register, please click [here](#).

**Seminar on Private Sector-based Peace Building, with a particular focus on Colombia (1:00pm-3:00pm):** After more than five decades of internal armed conflict Colombia is now approaching a negotiated settlement. The key business organization ANDI has been an important promoter in engaging the private sector to support a sustainable peace process for the benefit of society and business. Together with ANDI, NIR has been actively involved in this process through a long-term project aimed at promoting private sector support for peace-building. Electrolux and Scania have contributed to the project through vocational training programmes; cases that are considered best practice by the Colombian government. To register, please send an e-mail to [yes \(at\) nir.se](mailto:yes@nir.se).

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### **30. Forthcoming human rights workshops by Global CSR - Copenhagen, 15-16 Jan; London, 22-23 Jan**

**"Human Rights Explained" workshop - Copenhagen:** On 15-16 January, [Global CSR](#) hosts an intensive two-day workshop focused on in-depth capacity-building of professionals, equipping them to apply a rights-based approach that is fully aligned with the expectations of the UN Guiding Principles to their business activities.

Throughout the workshop, participants will explore the content of each human right from the International Bill of Human Rights and thereby develop capacity to work with human rights in a business context tailored to their respective functions. In effect, the participants will be empowered to identify the potential and actual adverse impacts that their businesses may cause, contribute to or be linked to throughout its operations.

The workshop will be facilitated with a mix of presentations, discussions and group work, and can also be conducted on company premises for 6-10 employees. For further information please visit: <http://global-csr.com/courses/human-rights-explained/>

**CSR Compliance Lab - understand the UN Guiding Principles and assess CSR and human rights efforts against the new CSR compliance framework - London, 22-23 January 2014:** Over an intensive two-day workshop, participants will get an overview of current CSR compliance expectations and obtain in-depth knowledge of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs) and their implications for participants' companies. The workshop will assist them in turning abstract guidelines and frameworks into operational processes and actions, thereby ensuring a solid basis for CSR work.

CSR Compliance Lab provides practical tools and guidance to assess a company's alignment with the UNGPs – Gaps and Opportunities. The workshop will be held by Global CSR in London, 22-23 January 2014. For further information please visit: <http://global-csr.com/courses/csr-compliance-lab-uk/>

To register for either of these workshops, contact Sidsel Lundtang at [sl \(at\) global-csr.com](mailto:sl@global-csr.com). For further information, contact Global CSR at +45 4499 5506 or visit our website <http://www.global-csr.com>.

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### **31. Launch of “Business and Human Rights: The Italian Case” - Rome, 13 Nov**

On Wednesday 13 November, the [Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna](#) and the Italian Ministry of Economic Development will publish a report entitled “Business and Human Rights: The Italian Case – Gap analysis of the regulatory framework and safeguard policies”. [The launch event](#), organised and led by Damiano de Felice, will take place in the Italian Chamber of Deputies (Palazzo Montecitorio, Rome) at 10am.

The report was produced by Claudia Cinelli, Damiano de Felice and Chiara Macchi, under the scientific supervision of Prof. Andrea de Guttry. The study was commissioned by the Italian OECD National Contact Point (established within the Ministry of Economic Development).

The launch of the report aims to stimulate an informed debate on the role of the Italian state in promoting full respect for human rights by both Italian companies (wherever they operate) and foreign companies operating in Italy. The event will feature comments by, among others, Lapo Pistelli, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs; Claudio De Vincenti, Under-Secretary for Economic Development; Sergio Santoro, President of the Authority for the Supervision of Public Contracts; Alessandro Castellano, CEO of SACE; Raffaele Baldassarre, Member of the European Parliament; and Francesco Palermo, Senator, Member of the Senate Human Rights Commission.

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### **32. Trust Women Conference - London, 3-4 Dec**

The [Trust Women Conference](#), to be held in London this 3-4 December, is geared to action – action to advance women's rights.

The conference is unique in that it brings together the most authoritative figures from the women's rights arena, business leaders, NGOs, and some of the world's most influential law firms, to forge strategic partnerships between non-profit organizations and social enterprises and the vital corporate and legal services they need.

Our agenda looks at:

- Modern-day slavery in the supply chain
- First-hand accounts from human trafficking survivors
- Prosecuting violence against women: a comparison of the US, UK, India and South Africa
- What went wrong: unintended consequences of healthcare policies
- The impact of the Arab Spring on women's rights
- Fighting modern-day slavery.

Please visit [www.trustwomenconf.com](http://www.trustwomenconf.com) or follow [@TrustWomenConf](https://twitter.com/TrustWomenConf) on Twitter for more information. Partnership opportunities are available. The conference is accredited for Continuing Professional Development for legal professionals, and discounts are available on remaining tickets.

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### **33. Training on normative change of CSR and new issues - Paris, 28 Nov**

The standards of corporate social responsibility that companies are expected to adhere to are changing. These normative changes are linked to societal and reputational issues, risk factors that actors must prepare for and deal with. [Affectio Mutandi](#)'s training on 28 November offers a perspective and analysis of these normative changes and new legal, societal and reputational CSR issues.

While a significant debate about the Rana Plaza factory disaster in Bangladesh is going on in France, the National Assembly is preparing a law about the duty of care of parent enterprises and companies that are placing the orders, which introduces the concept of “co-responsibility” between subsidiaries and parent companies. At the same time, the OECD is working to define broader environmental, social and governance responsibility for financial actors (ESG due diligence); the EU is getting ready to adopt a directive setting up extra-financial reporting as a principle; and India has recently decided to require companies to devote 0.5% of their income to CSR activities.



These normative changes strengthen stakeholders' expectations and are at the core of societal and reputational issues for companies. Dialogue with stakeholders and control of the CSR regulatory environment are becoming increasingly important, requiring different strategic considerations.

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### **Events and collaborations organised by Essex Business and Human Rights Project - event in Essex, UK**

See item 3 above, in the International section. We include reference to this item here in the Europe section because it includes an event in Essex, UK.

## **Middle East/North Africa**

### **34. Tax Justice Network Israel launch and financial secrecy roundtable - Ramat Gan, 20-21 Nov**

On 20 November, the College of Law and Business (CLB) in Ramat Gan, Israel, will launch TJN Israel (TJN-IL) – a new national chapter of [Tax Justice Network \(TJN\)](#). The launch will take place in an evening event at which John Christensen, the chief director of TJN, is going to give a keynote speech. Alongside Mr. Christensen, Moshe Asher, the head of the Israeli Tax Authority (ITA), has been invited to talk about the ITA's recent actions against tax avoidance and the black economy in Israel.

In addition, on 21 November, TJN-IL will have a roundtable on the launch of the Financial Secrecy Index (FSI), which includes 82 jurisdictions this year. Created by TJN and launched once in two years, the FSI is a tool for understanding global financial secrecy, corruption and illicit financial flows. The roundtable will be led by Markus Meinzer, a senior analyst at TJN and the project manager of FSI, who will come from Germany to explain the methodology as well as the ranking results of the FSI.

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### **35. "Stop G4S" campaign on G4S operations in Israel & Palestine - Nov 2013 onward**

From November onward, Palestinian civil society organizations, with support from trade unions, advocacy groups and communities abroad, will directly engage G4S shareholders, encourage local councils in Europe and elsewhere to terminate contracts with the company, and call on investment funds, in particular in Arab countries, to divest, until the company withdraws from all illegal business activity in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem (OPT).

[Based on findings from field research, some of which have been confirmed by G4S](#), shareholders, local councils and investment funds will be presented evidence of the company's on-going business involvement in abuses of Palestinian children and adults in Israeli detention centres, and in illegal Israeli settlements, checkpoints and the Wall in the OPT, in particular in and around occupied East Jerusalem. Shareholders and investors will be briefed about the risks and legal responsibilities, including criminal responsibility, resulting for the company from its involvement in these serious violations of international humanitarian law and human rights abuses; and about the [second report of the UN Special Rapporteur on human rights in the OPT](#) on this matter, tabled in October for deliberation by the UN General Assembly.

Launched by the Palestinian Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) National Committee in spring ([see April issue of "On the Horizon"](#)), this campaign has already achieved [tangible results](#), including a decision by the European Parliament not to renew its contract with G4S and termination of contracts with G4S by Oslo University, a Norwegian trade union, a Danish bank and several NGOs in Norway and the Netherlands.

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*Business & Human Rights Resource Centre* has recently sought responses from G4S to allegations of involvement in abuses in the Occupied Palestinian Territories. [G4S referred us to this statement](#).

### **36. Upcoming regional briefing on business & human rights in the Middle East and North Africa**

In December, [Business & Human Rights Resource Centre](#) will publish its first briefing on business and human rights in the Middle East & North Africa. The briefing will highlight reports from a range of sources about how businesses have impacted human rights, positively and negatively, in this region. It mentions over 30 companies

with operations in the region. Our previous regional briefings, on Anglophone Africa, Eastern Europe & Central Asia, Latin America & Caribbean, and South Asia are available [here](#).

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## Español

### **37. Personas adolescentes hablan al sector empresarial costarricense sobre los Derechos del Menor y Principios de Empresa**

En Costa Rica las organizaciones propulsoras de los Derechos del Menor y Principios de Empresa se han comprometido a garantizar la participación de adolescentes en la construcción de estrategias para la adhesión de dichos principios en el sector empresarial costarricense. [Fundación Paniamor](#), como principal abanderada de este compromiso, estará implementando en noviembre, una consulta con personas adolescentes provenientes de familias empresariales, con el objetivo de recabar sus opiniones y sugerencias alrededor de esta iniciativa. Este ejercicio permitirá fomentar la reflexión sobre la responsabilidad social empresarial a favor de la niñez y la adolescencia a mediano plazo. El proceso incluirá un espacio de diálogo intergeneracional durante el Segundo Encuentro Empresarial donde estas personas presentarán los principales resultados de la consulta, así como una petitoria de adhesión a los principios, ante representantes del sector empresarial costarricense. Desde el lanzamiento a nivel nacional de los Derechos del Menor y Principios de Empresas, el sector empresarial ha mostrado su voluntad hacia la iniciativa y su liderazgo a nivel internacional en la validación de las herramientas para la implementación de los principios en sus actividades productivas y comerciales.

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### **38. Taller de Derechos Humanos en el Contexto de la RSE - Lima, 15 noviembre**

Este taller de [Perú 2021](#) tiene como objetivo introducir al empresario a la temática general de derechos humanos, desde su relación con la RSE hasta aquella con el contexto peruano. El rol de las empresas en cuestiones de derechos humanos, de acuerdo a lo establecido por la normativa nacional e internacional, al igual que por estándares voluntarios, también será examinado.

Al final del Taller de día completo, los participantes habrán ganado conocimiento sobre las cuestiones más serias de derechos humanos en el Perú, al igual que el cómo diferentes empresas actualmente gestionan el tema. Además, podrán entender la importancia y los diferentes modelos de integración de los derechos humanos desde una perspectiva integral de la RSE, desde las evaluaciones, políticas internas y debida diligencia hasta la formación y reportaje.

Más información e inscripciones: <http://peru2021.org/principal/categoria/taller-los-derechos-humanos-en-el-contexto-de-la-responsabilidad-social-empresarial-lima/620/c-620>

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### **39. Centro de Reflexión y Acción Laboral (CEREAL) asesorará trabajadores despedidos y publicará informe sobre industria electrónica en México**

Desde el mes de octubre la empresa de electrónicos, Jabil anunció que dejará de producir para la marca BlackBerry en la planta que tiene en Guadalajara. Esto dio paso a una serie de despidos escalonados que concluirán a principios del siguiente año. Se estima que al cierre total del proyecto 3500 trabajadores se quedarán sin empleo. Durante el mes de noviembre, el [Centro de Reflexión y Acción Laboral \(CEREAL\)](#) dará seguimiento a los casos de los trabajadores que han sentido vulnerados sus derechos laborales durante este proceso. Esto incluirá acompañamiento legal a los trabajadores y entrevistas con representantes de Jabil para asegurar que sus derechos serán respetados. Los resultados de este seguimiento estarán disponibles en el informe anual del 2014. Pueden acceder al informe de este año a través de la siguiente liga <http://www.cerealgdl.org/index.php/en/reports/about-working-conditions-in-the-electronics-industry-in-mexico/83-informe-cereal-2010-2012>

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## Français

### **40. Repères sur la responsabilité élargie des acteurs financiers - publiés en janvier 2014**

[Affectio Mutandi](#) lance avec l'équipe d'Ivan Tchotourian (Université de Laval au Québec) une étude sur les contours juridiques de la responsabilité élargie des acteurs financiers

Si le secteur de l'ISR (Investissement Socialement Responsable) affine peu à peu ses outils d'analyse, ses acteurs sont challengés sur leur responsabilité en cas de dommage social ou environnemental. Ils sont tenus de démontrer la vigilance dont ils ont fait preuve pour prévenir les risques élargis aux considérations ESG (Environnement, Social et Gouvernance). Or, cette preuve est délicate, faute de repères stabilisés.

Le 27 mai 2013, le Point de Contact National OCDE norvégien a apporté d'intéressants éléments en considérant que la NBIM (banque publique en charge de la gestion des actifs du fond pétrolier norvégien) n'avait pas mis en oeuvre les mesures appropriées pour prévenir ou atténuer les atteintes aux droits de l'homme, dans le cadre de son investissement dans POSCO en Inde.

Cette décision alimente les travaux du Comité d'Investissement de l'OCDE qui ne peut que constater le manque de repères. Elle illustre l'état de l'art actuel de l'échelon national aux PRI (UN Principles For Responsible Investment).

C'est dans ce contexte qu'Affectio Mutandi, avec l'équipe d'Ivan Tchotourian, lance son étude qui analyse les obligations professionnelles des acteurs financiers bien installées dans l'univers juridique (le devoir de vigilance, d'information, de conseil et d'alerte), à l'aune des enjeux de l'ISR. L'étude entend démontrer la matérialité des risques juridiques et identifier les critères pour fiabiliser les pratiques.

Les premiers travaux seront publiés en janvier 2014.

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### **41. Initiatives du Telecommunications Industry Dialogue sur la liberté d'expression et la vie privé**

L'« [Industry Dialogue](#) » (ID) pour le secteur des télécommunications traduit son engagement à l'égard des parties prenantes dans le cadre d'événements tels que le Forum 2013 pour la Gouvernance Internet, au cours duquel des représentants de l'ID ont participé à 2 tables-rondes et ont échangé avec des membres de la société civile et d'organisations internationales. Des participants de l'ID prendront également part à des discussions avec de telles parties prenantes lors du prochain « Joint Learning Forum » organisé par l'ID et le Global Network Initiative à Bruxelles, qui débattrà des enjeux de la surveillance des télécommunications. L'ID est ravie de cette occasion d'engager un dialogue sur les thèmes de l'entreprise et les droits humains, et de recueillir des réactions sur ses « Principes Directeurs »

Etablis sur la base des Principes Directeurs des Nations Unis sur l'Entreprise et les Droits de l'Homme, les Principes Directeurs de l'ID traitent des enjeux de protection de la vie privée et de liberté d'expression liés au secteur des télécommunications, s'intéressant plus spécifiquement aux frontières entre obligation du gouvernement à protéger les droits humains, et responsabilité des opérateurs des télécommunications à respecter ces droits. Pour en savoir plus sur l'ID, il suffit de consulter son nouveau site : [www.telecomindustrydialogue.org](http://www.telecomindustrydialogue.org) ; vous pouvez également nous suivre sur Twitter [@IndustryDialog](https://twitter.com/IndustryDialog).

Dans les années à venir, les sociétés de l'ID vont progressivement rapporter sur la manière dont elles mettent en oeuvre les Principes Directeurs de l'ID dans le cadre de leurs opérations, elles partageront les bonnes pratiques sur cette mise en oeuvre, et elles verront comment appliquer des mécanismes de traitement des réclamations, comme cela est prévu dans l'article 31 des Principes Directeurs des Nations Unies.

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### **42. Cours d'une formation : mutations normatives et des nouveaux enjeux de la RSE - 28 novembre**

Les mutations qui traversent nos sociétés n'épargnent pas les normes en matière de Responsabilité Sociétale des Organisations (RSO). À ces mutations normatives sont attachés des enjeux sociétaux et réputationnels, facteurs de risques auxquels les acteurs doivent se préparer et faire face. [Affectio Mutandi](#) propose, au cours d'une formation le 28 novembre à Paris, un éclairage et une analyse de ces mutations normatives et des nouveaux enjeux juridiques, sociétaux et réputationnels de la RSO.

Alors qu'en France, en pleine polémique Rana Plaza, l'Assemblée Nationale prépare une loi sur le devoir de vigilance des sociétés mères et des entreprises donneuses d'ordre, introduisant une « co-responsabilité » des filiales et de leurs maisons mères, que l'OCDE travaille à la définition d'une responsabilité environnement, société et gouvernance élargie (« due diligence ESG ») des acteurs financiers, que l'UE s'appête quant à elle à adopter une directive érigeant le reporting extra-financier en principe, et l'Inde vient d'imposer aux entreprises de consacrer 0,5 % de leur résultat à des activités de RSE.

Ces mutations normatives consolident les attentes des parties prenantes et se trouvent au centre d'enjeux sociétaux et réputationnels pour les entreprises. Le dialogue avec les parties prenantes et la maîtrise de l'environnement normatif de la RSE/RSO deviennent décisifs, différenciants donc stratégiques.

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#### **43. 5ème édition du Forum RSE au Sénégal - Thiès & Dakar 18-22 novembre**

[L'Initiative RSE Sénégal](#), en partenariat avec l'Ambassade du Canada au Sénégal, l'Agence de Développement Local (ADL), l'Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Agriculture (ENSA) et l'Ambassade des Pays-Bas au Sénégal, organise du 18 au 22 novembre sous le parrainage du Ministère de l'Aménagement du Territoire et des Collectivités Locales la 5<sup>e</sup> édition du Forum sur la RSE au Sénégal sur le thème : « Responsabilité sociétale des territoires : contribution des entreprises responsables au développement économique local et à l'emploi dans les chaînes de valeurs des filières agro & énergies renouvelables ». Activités et thématiques abordés :

- journée de Forum RSE (Thiès) le 19 novembre : qualité du Dialogue Entreprises/Collectivités locales, développement de l'entrepreneuriat dans le secteur Agro, Formation professionnelle
- symposium sur les mines vertes (Dakar) le 20 novembre: évolution du processus technologique, impact environnemental, développement de l'entrepreneuriat rural, gouvernance minière et dialogue avec les communautés
- atelier sur la contribution des entreprises à la problématique de gestion des déchets solides (Dakar) le 22 novembre : Problématique Déchets au Sénégal, Politique RSE Déchets d'Entreprise, Solutions techniques pour la gestion des déchets plastiques, papiers, déchets électriques et électroniques

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#### **44. Prochain briefing régional sur les entreprises et les droits de l'homme au Moyen-Orient et au Maghreb**

En décembre, le [Centre de Ressources sur les Entreprises et les Droits de l'Homme](#) publiera son premier briefing sur les entreprises et les droits de l'homme au Moyen-Orient et en Afrique du Nord. Ce briefing mettra l'accent sur des rapports d'origines variées qui traitent de la façon dont les entreprises ont un impact, positif ou négatif, sur les droits de l'homme dans cette région. Il fait référence à plus de 30 entreprises qui opèrent dans la région. Nos briefings régionaux antérieurs sur l'Afrique anglophone, l'Europe de l'est et l'Asie centrale, l'Amérique latine et les Caraïbes, et l'Asie du sud sont disponibles [ici](#).

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#### العربية

#### **45. ترقبوا صدور موجز إقليمي بشأن الأعمال وحقوق الإنسان في الشرق الأوسط وشمال أفريقيا**

في وقت لاحق من شهر ديسمبر - كانون الأول 2013، سيقوم مركز موارد الأعمال وحقوق الإنسان بنشر أول موجز له بشأن الأعمال التجارية وحقوق الإنسان في الشرق الأوسط وشمال أفريقيا. وسيبرز هذه الموجز تقارير من مجموعة من المصادر حول كيفية تأثير الشركات حقوق الإنسان، سلبيًا وإيجابيًا، في هذه المنطقة على مدى السنوات الإثنتين الماضيتين. ويذكر أكثر من عمليات 30 شركة في المنطقة. وتتوفر العروض الموجزة الإقليمية السابقة، حول أفريقيا الناطقة بالإنجليزية أفريقيا وجنوب آسيا، وشرق أوروبا ووسط آسيا [هنا](#).

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**中文****46. 台灣人權促進會有關企業與人權出版 – 2013 年 12 月**

[台灣人權促進會](#)將在 2013 年 12 月出版的季刊將是專注與“企業與人權”的特刊。該季刊將談到聯合國工商業與人權指導原則和其他有關原則，富士康在中國、英華威和 RCA 在台灣、以及國光糖業在柬埔寨的案件。

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**Português****47. Seminário Nacional: “Metropolização e Megaeventos: Os Impactos da Copa do Mundo e das Olimpíadas nas Metrôpoles Brasileiras” – 10 a 12 de dezembro**

Os megaeventos esportivos têm sido objeto de muitas polêmicas. Desde o momento em que foi anunciada a escolha do Brasil como sede da Copa do Mundo de Futebol de 2014 e do Rio de Janeiro como sede das Olimpíadas de 2016, a grande imprensa, políticos e diversos analistas têm ressaltado as oportunidades da ampliação dos investimentos nas doze cidades selecionadas para receber esses eventos, destacando principalmente a possibilidade de enfrentamento dos seus problemas, como o da mobilidade urbana e o da recuperação de espaços degradados para a habitação, comércio e turismo. Entretanto, o início das obras preparatórias para a realização da Copa do Mundo 2014 e das Olimpíadas 2016 tem levantado diversas questões relativas aos impactos das intervenções urbanas sobre essas cidades, inclusive das empresas envolvidas nas obras.

Com o objetivo de avaliar os impactos desses grandes eventos, o [Observatório das Metrôpoles](#), com o apoio da FINEP, desenvolve a pesquisa nacional Metropolização e Megaeventos: os impactos da Copa do Mundo e das Olimpíadas sobre as metrôpoles brasileiras. O objetivo desse seminário é discutir os resultados parciais dessa pesquisa no Brasil e estabelecer uma interlocução com estudos internacionais em torno do tema.

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**48. Corte brasileira decidirá sobre futuro de comunidade afetada por empresas siderúrgicas e de mineração em Açailândia, Brasil**

Açailândia, Maranhão: Piquiá de Baixo é um bairro de Açailândia, uma cidade agroindustrial no nordeste do Brasil. A comunidade do bairro tem sofrido com os impactos negativos de empresas siderúrgicas e de mineração que operam na área. Com o apoio de associações de moradores, ONGs de direitos humanos e outros, a comunidade tem demandado das autoridades brasileiras e das empresas que eles sejam reassentados em novo bairro. Até o final de 2013 o juiz proferirá a sentença definitiva para a desapropriação do terreno destinado ao reassentamento. Neste mesmo período deverá ser aprovado o projeto de financiamento que garantirá parte dos recursos para a construção do novo bairro.

Finalmente, 350 famílias do povoado Piquiá de Baixo poderão escapar da poluição gravíssima causada pelas instalações industriais de uma companhia mineradora e de cinco empresas siderúrgicas que operam ‘no quintal das casas do povoado’.

Há 25 anos, as famílias foram surpreendidas com a chegada das empresas. Desde então, crianças, idosos, jovens e adultos sofrem de asma, febre, alergias, dor de cabeça, doenças de pele e até câncer no pulmão (assista a [esse vídeo](#)). Os altos índices de contaminação e seus impactos sobre a saúde já foram comprovados por laudos técnicos.

Começa agora um novo desafio: construir o novo bairro, com critérios comunitários, participativos, que garantam moradia adequada, saúde e dignidade a mais de mil pessoas. A comunidade de Piquiá de Baixo necessita de apoio da comunidade internacional (assine [essa campanha](#)) e de recursos para garantir uma assessoria técnica



independente à Associação de Moradores, para que possam participar com protagonismo dos trabalhos de construção do novo povoado.

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