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Course Programme

Short Course: Business and Human Rights

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TIME	TOPIC	ACTIVITY
09:30-10:00	Registration	
10:00-10:15	Introduction	Group Introductions Background and Context of Training
10.15-11.15	Introduction to Business and Human rights	Introductory questions to plenary. Discussion on concept of business and human rights, origin, introduction to UNGPs and brief overview of developments until today.
11:15-11:30	Break	
11:30-13:00	The UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human rights (UNGPs) framework	UNGPs framework: Pillar I: State duty to protect Pillar II: Business responsibility to respect Pillar III: Access to remedy Core concepts, e.g. human rights due diligence, leverage, value chain, remedy
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-15:30	Business and human rights at national law	Discussion & comparison of laws and proposals at national level: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Developments around mandatory human rights due diligence (mHRDD): existing laws, proposals and campaigns- Reporting requirements- Other legal requirements, eg. directors' duties Case law: <i>Vedanta</i> (UK), <i>KiK</i> (Germany), <i>Shell</i> (Netherlands), Claims under French Duty of Vigilance Law, etc.



15:30-15:45	Break	
15:45-17:00	Business and human rights in international law	Examples at international level: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Revised Draft Treaty: development, current state, main concepts and concerns- OECD Guidelines National Contact Points instances- Investment arbitration- Other international standards & fora
17:00:17:30	Business and human rights in practice	Groups discussion/plenary discussion – examples in practice from individuals’ experience: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Advising a company on its human rights due diligence implementation- Assisting victims in obtaining remedy- Devising policy and regulation for implementation of UNGPs
17:30:17:45	Summary and Conclusions	

* Activities and timings are subject to change