# Course Programme

**Short Course: Business and Human Rights**

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| Wednesday 7 April 2021 12:30-14:30 | Welcome and Introductions                                      | Group Introductions  
Background and Context of Training                                                                                           |
|                     | 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. |
| Wednesday 14 April 2021 12:30 to 14:30 | 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 |
| Wednesday 21 April 2020 12:30 to 14:30 | Business and human rights in national law                       | Discussion & comparison of laws and proposals at national level:  
- Developments around mandatory human rights due diligence (mHRDD): existing laws, proposals and campaigns (key elements, judicial remedies)  
- Regulatory requirements  
- Case law & access to remedy |
| Wednesday 28 April 2021 12:30 to 14:30 | Business and human rights in international law                   | Examples at international level:  
- Revised Draft Treaty: development, current state, main concepts and concerns |
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<td>Wednesday 4 May 2021</td>
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<td>Business and human rights in the UK legal framework</td>
<td>- Examples of existing corporate human rights obligations (Companies Act, reporting requirements, case law)</td>
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<td>- Concepts relevant to current regulatory developments (tort law, due diligence defence, corporate groups, transnational application)</td>
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