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PROGRAMME

BIICL SHORT COURSE: BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

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Time	Topic	Activity
9.45	Registration	Coffee and tea
10.00	Introduction	Group Introductions Background and Context of Training
10.15	1. Introduction to business and human rights	Open question to plenary: - What do you associate with phrase 'business and human rights'? - What do you think are the five most important human rights impacts of businesses? Discussion on concept of business and human rights, origin, introduction to main instruments (UNGPs, UN draft treaty to be discussed in next session)
11.15	Break	Coffee and tea
11.30	2. The UN Guiding Principles on business human rights (UNGPs) framework and recent developments at the international level	UNGPs framework: - State duty to protect - Business responsibility to respect - Victims' right to remedy - Concept of human rights due diligence Revised draft treaty (development, current state, main concepts and concerns), implications for national law, to be discussed in next session Discussion

		Materials: UNGPs, Revised draft treaty
13.00	Lunch Break	
14.00	3. Business and human rights in legislation	<p>Legislative developments, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reporting requirements (e.g. UK Modern Slavery Act) - National-level mandatory human rights due diligence (e.g. French duty of vigilance law, German Due Diligence Law, etc.) - European Commission Draft Directive on Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence <p>Discussion</p> <p>Materials: Text of French duty of vigilance law, Dutch child labour due diligence law</p>
15.30	Break	Coffee and tea
15.45	4. Business and human rights in case law	<p>Selected examples of case law related to corporate liability for human rights harms</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>Group exercise and discussion/debate</p>
17.00	5. Business and human rights in practice	Groups discussion/plenary discussion – examples in practice from individuals' experience
17:30	Summary	