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An introduction to business and human rights and the United Nations Global Compact human rights principles

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Agenda

10:00 - 10:05	Welcome, instructions for the webinar, introduction of series hosts
10:05 - 10:10	Present agenda for the call
10:10 - 10:20	Business and human rights - the importance of the topic - the right thing to do and good for business
10:20 - 10:50	The UNGC human rights principles - respect and support human rights and avoiding complicity in human rights abuse
10:50 - 11:00	The Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Business and Human Rights and recent developments

11:00 - 11:10	Introduction of the tools/guidance materials overview document summarizing some key business and human rights tools Note: future webinars will address in more detail specific business and human rights guidance materials
11:10 - 11:25	Q and A and comments, including any feedback on areas and tools/guidance materials that participants would like to see covered in future webinars
11:25 - 11:30	Wrap up

About the webinar hosts:

 <p>United Nations Global Compact</p>	<p>The United Nations Global Compact brings business together with UN agencies, civil society and governments to advance ten universal principles in the areas of human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption. Through the power of collective action, the United Nations Global Compact seeks to mainstream these ten principles in business activities around the world and to catalyze actions in support of broader UN goals. With over 7,000 stakeholders from more than 100 countries, it is the world's largest voluntary corporate citizenship initiative. Website: http://www.unglobalcompact.org Contact: Lauren Gula (gula@un.org)</p>
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