



The Danish Institute for Human Rights

The Danish Institute for Human Rights (DIHR) is a national human rights institution created by an Act of Parliament in 1987 and accredited under the United Nations Paris Principles. The work of DIHR includes research, analysis, information, education, documentation, and complaints handling, as well as a large number of national and international programmes. DIHR takes a multidisciplinary approach to human rights, and operates with a staff of approximately 100 employees who specialise primarily in the areas of law, political science, economics, and social studies.

The Human Rights & Business Project

The Human Rights & Business Project was initiated in 1999 by the Danish Institute for Human Rights in order to establish a platform for collaboration between the international business and human rights communities. The objective of the project is to develop practical and operational tools for the implementation of human rights in a business context and to clarify the boundaries of corporate responsibility in relation to human rights.

The Human Rights and Business Project and The Danish Institute for Human Rights are non-profit entities. All proceeds are used to fund further research and promotion of human rights.

About the HRCA Quick Check

The Human Rights Compliance Assessment (HRCA) is a diagnostic self-assessment tool for companies, designed to detect potential human rights violations caused by business operations on employees, local inhabitants and other stakeholders. The tool helps companies apply human rights principles to their activities and ensure that the economic development initiated by their business operation is not achieved at the expense of human rights. The tool includes self-guided questions and indicators that highlight possible violations for each human right in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and assists the company in evaluating performance at three levels of operation: policy, procedure and performance.

The HRCA Quick Check comprises 28 questions and 270 indicators and addresses the most essential human rights issues a company should consider in relations to its





activities, including labour conditions, health and safety, environmental impacts, security arrangements, land management, indigenous people, etc. Quick Check is available as a web-based computer programme and in a booklet version. The computerized version produces a results sheet with numeric scores detailing the company's overall performance, isolating problem areas through a red/yellow/green light rating system.

The United Nations Global Compact has recognized the HRCA as an effective tool for assessing corporate human rights performance.

