



United Nations Global Compact Human Rights Working Group

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8:30 am – 13:20 pm

Draft Agenda

- 08:30-9:15 **Agenda item 1 - Opening and Tour de table**
Since this portion of the HRWG meeting will follow the OHCHR Consultation on business and human rights, members will discuss the results of the Consultation and how they relate to the work of the UN Global Compact and the HRWG. A representative of the Netherlands Global Compact Network that has been working with Dutch companies on the practical implications of the SRSG mandate will brief the HRWG on the progress to date and seek its input on the approach being taken, next steps and how to inspire other Global Compact networks to take up similar projects. The Tour de table may also be used to propose other topics for the HRWG to work on.
- 9:15-9:30 **Agenda item 2 - Global Compact Leaders Summit, 24-25 June 2010, UN Headquarters, New York**
The HRWG members will discuss how to make the most of the Global Compact Leaders Summit, 24-25 June 2010, UN Headquarters, New York, to advance business and human rights. More volunteers are sought to help design the human rights components of the event.
- 9:30-9:45 **Agenda item 3 - Discussion on how to most effectively leverage Human Rights Day 2009**
Scott Jerbi will lead a discussion on how to make the most of Human Rights Day 2009 (10 December 2009). Volunteers are sought to help coordinate this effort.
- 9:45-10:30 **Agenda item 4 - Human Rights Dilemmas for Multi-National Corporations in Emerging Markets presented by Maplecroft**
A representative from Maplecroft will introduce HRWG members to a new dilemma being featured on the Solutions Forum - <http://human-rights.unglobalcompact.org/> - (which was launched in June 2009 and discussed at the last HRWG meeting in Istanbul). The dilemma to be discussed will be shared in advance of the meeting. Input from HRWG members on possible solutions to the dilemma is needed to help guide Global Compact participants and other companies.
- 10:30-10:45 **Coffee Break**

10:45-11:30 **Agenda item 5 - Good Practice Note Discussion**

In 2008, the HRWG decided that one of its functions would be to act as a “forum” for identifying good business practice in implementing the Global Compact human rights principles. Good practices may be practical solutions to commonly occurring dilemma situations or specific management practices proven to be helpful in enabling a company to respect and/or support human rights. The sub-group working on this HRWG workstream will present the status of the good practice notes in development and the next steps in the process. Ideas for other good practice notes and volunteers to work on them will be solicited. The Netherlands Network has, for example, indicated that it has some good practices to propose arising out of its business and human rights initiative.

Current Good Practice Notes/Proposals under development include:

- Buyer Impacts in the Supply Chain
- Stakeholder Panels
- Corporate Human Rights Advocacy
- Human Rights Reporting (see next agenda item)

11:30-12:15 **Agenda item 6 - Human Rights Reporting**

Scott Jerbi will brief HRWG members on the final outcomes of the GRI, Realizing Rights and UN Global Compact joint project "Human Rights Reporting: A Call to Action" which recently came to completion. HRWG members will be asked to comment on a draft good practice note on human rights reporting. The draft will be circulated in advance of the meeting.

12:15-12:45 **Agenda item 7 - Exchange with representatives of the Global Compact Labour Working Group**

Representatives of the Labour Working Group will present that group's objectives and work. The ILO will also introduce the Guide for Business on The Labour Principles of the UN Global Compact (an output of the Labour Working Group) and the ILO's new Help Desk function, which provides a one-stop-shop to help company managers and workers understand the application of international labour standards.

12:45-13:15 **Agenda 8 - Discussion on Business & Human Rights Tools**

During this session, HRWG members will discuss how to raise awareness of available business and human rights tools and guidance and how to enhance their uptake. One such proposal is a 'Tool Webinar Series', an outline for which will be circulated in advance of the meeting. The Global Business Initiative also has some ideas to propose.

13:15-13:20 **Close of meeting and next steps**