



The United States Network of the United Nations Global Compact is pleased to announce two distinguished keynote speakers for the April 28, 2008 meeting:

Mary Robinson, former President of Ireland and current Chair of the Council of Women World Leaders, and Professor John Ruggie, Harvard University. Below are short biographies of these distinguished leaders in their fields.

Mary Robinson is President of Realizing Rights: The Ethical Globalization Initiative. Mrs. Robinson served as United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights from 1997 to 2002 and as President of Ireland from 1990 to 1997. Before her election as President, Mrs. Robinson served as Senator, holding that office for 20 years. In 1969, she became Reid Professor of Constitutional Law at Trinity College, Dublin. She was called to the bar in 1967, becoming a Senior Counsel in 1980, and a member of the English Bar (Middle Temple) in 1973. Educated at Trinity College, Mrs. Robinson also holds law degrees from the King's Inns in Dublin and from Harvard University.

Mary Robinson is currently Chair of the Council of Women World Leaders, Vice President of the Club of Madrid, honorary President of Oxfam International, Member of the Vaccine Fund Board of Directors and member of the Leadership Council the UN Global Coalition on Women and AIDS. She is a Professor of Practice at Columbia University and member of the Advisory Board of the Earth Institute, and Extraordinary Professor at the University of Pretoria. Mary Robinson is also the Honorary Chair of the Business Leaders Initiative on Human Rights, Chair of the International Advisory Network of the Business and Human Rights Resource Centre, a member of the UN Global Compact Board and Chair of its Human Rights Working Group.

Professor John Ruggie is the Kirkpatrick Professor of International Affairs and Weil Director of the Sharmin and Bijan Mossavar Rahmani Center for Business and Government, as well as Affiliated Professor in International Legal Studies at Harvard Law School. From 1997 to 2001 he was Assistant Secretary-General and Chief Advisor for strategic planning to United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan.

He has been Dean of Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs, where he taught for many years; he has also taught at the University of California's (UC) Berkeley and San Diego campuses and directed the UC system-wide Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation. A fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Ruggie is a recipient of the International Studies Association's Distinguished Scholar Award and the American Political Science Association's Hubert H. Humphrey Award for outstanding public service by a political scientist. Ruggie has a BA in politics and history from McMaster University in Canada; a PhD in political science from the University of California, Berkeley; and a Doctor of Laws (*honoris causa*) from McMaster.

See attached agenda for more meeting details.



UN Global Compact U.S. Network Meeting: “Human Rights”

28 April 2008 at 9:30 am
Harvard Business School
Soldiers Fields, Boston, Massachusetts
Room: Cumnock 102

Agenda

This is an interactive meeting with time provided in each session for discussion and a special group participation session with Professor Allen Grossman, Harvard Business School.

- 9:00-9:30 **Arrival and Registration**
- 9:30-9:45 **Welcome and Introductions**
- Gavin Power, UN Global Compact Office
 - Professor Michael Toffel, Harvard Business School
- 9:45-10:15 **Opening Keynote Address: Human Rights, A Global Perspective**
- Mary Robinson, President, Realizing Rights: The Ethical Globalization Initiative
- 10:15-11:15 **Human Rights: Creating a Framework**
- David Schilling, Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility
 - Robert Corcoran, GE
 - John Morrison, Business Leaders Initiative on Human Rights
- 11:15-11:30 **Break**
- 11:30-12:30 **Human Rights: Risk Assessment**
- Moderator: Salil Tripathi, International Alert
- Briana Wilson and Yann Wyss, International Finance Corporation, World Bank Group
 - Christine Bader, Advisor to Professor John Ruggie, on secondment from BP p.l.c.
 - Margaret Jungk, Danish Institute for Human Rights
- 12:30-2:00 **Lunch, Keynote Address: Business and Human Rights: The Evolving International Agenda**
- Professor John Ruggie, Harvard University
- 2:15 -3:35 **Case Study Discussion on Human Rights**



- Group participation session with Professor Allen Grossman, Harvard Business School

3:35-3:45 **Coffee**

3:45-4:45 **Human Rights: Setting Policy and Addressing Stakeholder Expectations**

- Lucy Amis, International Business Leaders Forum
- Dean Cycon, Dean's Organic Beans Coffee Company
- Annabel Short, Business and Human Rights Resource Centre

4:45-5:45 **Human Rights: Monitoring and Reporting**

- Daniel Viderman, Verité
- David Berdish, Ford Motor Company
- Jeff Senne, UN Global Compact Office

5:45-6:00 **Capstone Address: Launch of the Global Compact Office and Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Case Study Report**

- Publication explores how 20 businesses from around the world are working to implement human rights within their businesses
- John Paluszek, Ketchum

6:00 **Closing Remarks**

- Sir Mark Moody-Stuart, Chairman, Anglo American plc

- Dinner: location to be announced



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