

# RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS FORUM

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## About this event

The Responsible Business and Human Rights Forum ([#RBHRForum](#)) is a multi-stakeholder event addressing an array of priority issues under the Responsible Business Conduct and Business and Human Rights agendas. The [#RBHRForum](#) will take place during the Bangkok Business and Human Rights Week, 10-14 June.

The [#RBHRForum](#) is co-organized by the Royal Thai Government, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), International Labour Organization (ILO), and with the participation of the Working Group on Business and Human Rights. The [#RBHRForum](#) includes [the OECD Global Forum on Responsible Business Conduct](#).

To facilitate access to a wider audience, the meeting will be webcast live from CR-1 and CR-4.

## About the Bangkok Business and Human Rights Week 2019

Instituted in 2017, the Bangkok Business and Human Rights Week (BBHR Week) is an annual event where, for one week, multiple stakeholders unpack various elements of the Business and Human Rights agenda and Responsible Business Conduct. The aim is to elevate awareness and ensure effective implementation of the Business and Human Rights and Responsible Business Conduct agendas in Asia-Pacific and beyond. The BBHR Week is co-organised by the Royal Thai Government, the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR), the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), the International Labour Organisation (ILO), the Global Compact Network Thailand, and with the participation of the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights.



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*Note: The Forum will be webcast live from rooms CR-1 and CR-2 and recorded from CR-4. All the sessions will be available after the Forum on YouTube.*

## DRAFT AGENDA

Wednesday, 12 June 2019

08:00 - 09:00 *Registration, United Nations Conference Centre, Ground floor*

### 09:00 – 09:15 **Welcome and Opening Remarks (CR-1)**

**Pongsatorn Sajjacholapund**, Vice Minister of Justice, Royal Thai Government

### 09:15 – 10:45 **The 2030 Agenda and the role of business in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (CR-1)**

The 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) outline priority actions needed to ensure adequate resources and a healthy planet for the next generation, while also attending to the needs of the poorest and most vulnerable of the current generation. Businesses should leverage their expertise and resources to help achieve the SDGs. This includes examining and reforming their operations to ensure - at a minimum - doing no harm to the environment and human rights. This session will discuss how governments can promote business engagement on the SDGs and how businesses can secure their license to operate through concrete commitments to human rights and environment.

**Moderator:** **Adnan Aliani**, Director, Strategy and Programme Management Division, ESCAP

**Panelists:**

**Masamichi Kono**, Deputy Secretary General, OECD

**Haoliang Xu** Assistant Secretary-General and Director of the Regional Bureau for Asia and Pacific, UNDP

**Graeme Buckley**, Director of the ILO Country Office for Thailand, Cambodia and Lao's People's Democratic Republic & Director of the Decent Work Team, Regional Office Asia and Pacific, ILO

**Rob Lederer**, Executive Director, Responsible Business Alliance

**Serena Lillywhite**, Chief Executive Officer, Transparency International Australia

10:45 – 11:00 *Coffee break*

### 11:00 – 12:30 **Governments Taking Action: Deepening Policy Coherence (CR-1)**

Governments are using creative ways to ensure departments, agencies and other State-based institutions that shape business practices are aware of responsible business and human rights obligations. This session will discuss how vertical and horizontal policy coherence can be achieved, including through National Action Plans, multi-stakeholder approaches involving local government and CSOs, and integration of due diligence expectations in various policies governing business conduct.

**Moderator:** **Serena Lillywhite**, Chief Executive Officer, Transparency International Australia

**Panelists:**

**Part 1:** Report from the 2019 ASEAN Inter-governmental Commission on Human Rights Interregional Dialogue  
**Prof. Dr. Amara Pongsapich**, Representative of Thailand to and Chair of the ASEAN Inter-governmental Commission on Human Rights

**Part 2:** Panel Discussion

**Surya Deva**, Chair, UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights

**Christine Kaufmann**, Chair, OECD Working Party on Responsible Business Conduct

**Prabianto Mukti Wibowo**, Assistant Deputy Minister for Forest Governance, Coordinating Ministry for Economic Affairs, Indonesia

**Masatoshi Sugiura**, Director, Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs Division, Foreign Policy Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan

12:30 - 14:00 *Lunch break and [side-events](#)*

14:00 - 15:30

### Tools to address climate change and human rights impacts (CR-1)

The transition to a low carbon economy is leading to the development of new policies and business tools to monitor, mitigate and disclose climate change impacts. This session will explore what lessons businesses have learned as they employ policies and business tools, and how they might be deployed to protect or strengthen human rights. Normative frameworks and justice mechanisms will also be examined for the part they play in encouraging greater use of climate mitigation tools, and where relevant, lead to the provision of remedies for adverse impacts.

**Moderator:** Sean Lees, Business and Human Rights Specialist, UNDP

#### Panelists:

**Roberto Cadiz**, Commissioner, Commission on Human Rights of the Philippines (CHRP)

**Maartje Van Putten**, Chair, National Contact Point for Responsible Business Conduct, Netherlands

**Alexander Mastrovito**, Head of Sustainable Transport Solutions, Scania Hong Kong/Scania Asia & Oceania

**Niclas Svenningsen**, Manager, Global Climate Action, UNFCCC

**Justine Nolan**, Associate Professor, University of New South Wales, Australia

### Due diligence in global supply chains: FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (CR-2)

The food and agriculture industries present some of the highest risks to human rights in Asia and have been the focus of reform efforts in several food exporting countries. What changes have taken root and what successes can now be celebrated? In this session, representatives from the food and agriculture industries, regulatory bodies, and civil society will exchange views on progress and ongoing challenges, with particular reference to promoting responsible business due diligence efforts.

**Moderator:** Shivani Kannabhiran, Policy Analyst, Responsible Business Conduct, OECD

#### Panelists:

**Dr. Namaporn Attaviroj**, Director of Office of Standards Development, National Bureau of Agricultural Commodity and Food Standard, Royal Thai Government

**Bruce Blakeman**, Vice President Corporate Affairs, Cargill

**Prad Kerdpairroj**, Human Rights Manager, Sustainable Development Department, Thai Union

**Yann Wyss**, Senior Public Affairs Manager, Social & Environmental Impact, Nestle

**Sandra Cossart**, Executive Director, Asso Sherpa France

### Due diligence in global supply chains: INFRASTRUCTURE (CR-4)

Infrastructure is a critical input for development. It is both an explicit SDG as well as a factor in achieving other SDGs. However, infrastructure projects are complex, with long supply chains and many stakeholders. Obtaining and maintaining the social license to operate is often an underestimated and under-priced risk that threatens the success of projects, while costs for communities are often higher and more serious than contemplated at the start of project implementation. This session will discuss how integrating and carrying out due diligence in the infrastructure project life-cycle can lead to better project outcomes.

**Moderator:** Mac Darrow, Representative, OHCHR Washington DC

#### Panelists:

**Cynthia Ann Peterson**, Principal, Social Performance, PETRONAS

**Ron Popper**, CEO, Global Business Initiative on Human Rights

**Manisha Dogra**, Vice-President, Sustainability, Asia, Telenor Group

**Wora Sukaroek**, Campaign Manager, EarthRights International

15:30 - 16:00

*Coffee break*

16:00 - 17:30

### Decent Work in Global Supply Chains: Trends, Practical Tools and Experiences in the Region (CR-1)

Global supply chains have become a common way of organising investment, production and trade in the global economy. In many countries, particularly developing countries, they have created employment and opportunities for economic and social development. However, there are also examples where global supply chains lead to deficits in decent work with negative impacts on development and the society as a whole. This session will showcase how socially responsible labour practices help businesses to become more competitive, productive and to ease the access to new markets.

### Due diligence in global supply chains: PROJECT FINANCE (CR-2)

Financial service providers play an important role in promoting responsible business conduct with respect to the activities they finance. Responsible finance is not only an ethical consideration but also relevant to managing risks, as often environmental and social risks will also represent commercial risks. This session will explore the latest developments in due diligence with respect to project finance transactions and will discuss practical ways that the sector can strengthen respect for human rights and the SDGs.

### Due diligence in global supply chains: ELECTRONICS MANUFACTURING (CR-4)

Asian firms hold a strong market position in consumer and non-consumer electronics products globally. This is and has been a key sector for development. However, environmental and social risks, such as for example migrant and labor rights or human rights risks, are present in the sector and along the supply chain. These impacts and risks can occur in companies' manufacturing operations, business relationships (i.e. suppliers) as well as companies' raw materials sourcing. This session will explore opportunities and

**Moderator: Dynah Avigail T. Basuil**, Professor/Executive Director, Center for Corporate Responsibility, Asian Institute of Management

**Panelists:**

**Sarah Gondy**, Policy Officer, EU-DG Trade

**Miwa Yamada**, Director, Inter-disciplinary Studies Center, JETRO-IDE

**Xiaohui Liang**, Deputy Chief Economist, China National Textile and Apparel Council (CNTAC)

**Attapan Masrungson**, Advisor of Thai Tuna Industry Association

**Francis Kim Uppi**, Director Social and Economic Policy, ITUC-AP

**Moderator: Christine Kaufmann**, Chair, OECD Working Party on Responsible Business Conduct

**Panelists:**

**Ghislaine Nadaud**, Head of Sustainability Asia Pacific, ABN AMRO Bank N.V.

**John Burch**, Senior Adviser, Foreign Investment Division, Treasury, Australia

**Namit Agarwal**, Representative, Fair Finance Asia

**Patrick Bader**, Head of Corporate Social Responsibility, Corporate and Institutional Banking, BNP Paribas

challenges related to supply chain due diligence in this context.

**Moderator: Carlos Busquets**, Director of Public Policy, Responsible Business Alliance

**Panelists:**

**Mitsu Shippee**, CSR Manager, Sony

**Balan Shanmuganathan**, Senior Director of EHS & Sustainability, Seagate

**Narisa Siamchai**, Assurance Programme Manager, Human Rights & Supply Chain Sustainability, HP Inc.

**Omana George**, Programme Coordinator, Asia Monitor Resource Centre

Thursday, 13 June 2019

08:30 – 10:00

**Promoting Responsible Business and Human Rights in Global Trade and Investment (CR-1)**

The focus of international trade and investment policy has been broadening in recent years beyond “more is better” to place greater emphasis on the quality of investment that countries receive and how this impacts domestic conditions. A critical dimension of this shift concerns expectations around better business practices. The objective of this session is to discuss the trends and practical ways that governments and business are reflecting responsible business conduct and human rights concerns in trade and investment strategies and policy action.

**Moderator: Anita Ramasastry**, Member, UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights

**Panelists:**

**Hilde Hardeman**, Director and Head of Service, Foreign Policy Instruments, European Union

**Young Tae Kim**, Secretary-General, International Transport Forum

**Stephen Olson**, Research Fellow, Hinrich Foundation

**Thant Sin Lwin**, Director General, Directorate of Investment and Company Administration, Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, Myanmar

**Gerald Sun**, Senior Vice President for Strategic Growth – Asia Pacific, Mastercard

**Ben Van Peperstraete**, Lobby and Advocacy Coordinator / Clean Clothes Campaign

10:00 – 11:15

**Learning from Practice: Accountability and Access to Remedy (CR-1)**

This session will explore the access to remedy landscape in Asia and the world and the role of non-judicial mechanisms, such as the National Contact Points (NCPs) and National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), in providing access to effective remedy. The session will present real-life cases from non-judicial mechanisms and will discuss how to enhance the roles and functions of these mechanisms, including through collaboration.

**Moderator: Aishah Bidin**, Professor of Law, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia

**Panelists:**

**Maartje Van Putten**, Chair, National Contact Point for Responsible Business Conduct, Netherlands

**Angkhana Neelapaijit**, Commissioner, National Human Rights Commission of Thailand

**John Burch**, National Contact Point for Responsible Business Conduct, Australia

**Elin Wrzoncki**, Senior Advisor, Human Rights and Business, Danish Institute for Human Rights

**Bobbie Sta. Maria**, Director for Labour Rights and Asia, Business & Human Rights Resource Centre

11:15 – 11:30

*Coffee break*

## DEEP DIVE SESSIONS

11:30 – 12:30

### Human Rights Defenders and Responsible Business (CR-1)

Growing international concern over the ill-treatment of environmental and human rights defenders (HRDs) is now recognized as a priority issue for States, and a reputational and operational risk to businesses. Recognizing the State duty to protect and remedy, some governments in Asia are reviewing laws and enforcement practices to protect HRDs. How are HRDs enabling responsible business practices? And what more must be done to protect them?

**Moderator:** Livio Sarandrea, Business and Human Rights Advisor, UNDP

#### Panelists:

**Anita Ramasastry**, Member, UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights

**Pranom Sonwang**, Thailand Representative, Protection International

**Shubha Sekhar**, Director Human Rights, Eurasia & North Africa, Coca Cola

### Applying a Gender Lens to Global Supply Chains (CR-2)

Persistent gender inequalities mean that men and women are impacted in very different ways by company operations across global supply chains. Although participation in global supply chains can bring economic empowerment, it may also lead to greater risks of overseeing precarious work and harassment. This session will discuss experience in building a gender perspective into responsible business conduct policies and practices, in particular initiatives, challenges and opportunities to address violence and harassment in the world of work, in line with the UN Working Group report to the Human Rights Council on “Gender Lens to the UN Guiding Principles on business and Human Rights”, the ILO MNE Declaration and other related ILO conventions and International Labour Standards.

**Moderator:** Emily Sims, Senior Specialist on International Labour Standards, ILO

#### Panelists:

**Surya Deva**, Chair, UN Working Group on Business & Human Rights

**Joyce Chau**, Director Asia Pacific, amfori

**Tran Thi Lan Anh**, Deputy Secretary General, Vietnam Chamber of Commerce and Industry

### Measuring and Communicating Impact (CR-4)

Enterprises need to account for how they identify and addresses actual or potential adverse impacts in their company and supply chains. Sustainability reporting and due diligence are key tools for monitoring and improving responsible business practices and ensuring accountability. Communicating information on due diligence processes, findings and plans is part of this. It enables the enterprise to build trust in its actions and decision-making, and demonstrate good faith. This session will discuss company experiences with measuring and communicating the impact of its actions to ensure responsible business conduct, including in its supply chains.

**Moderator:** Mathilde Mesnard, Deputy Director of Financial and Enterprise Affairs, OECD

#### Panelists:

**Dante Pesce**, Member, UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights

**Thomas Thomas**, Chief Executive Officer, ASEAN CSR Network

12:30 – 14:00

Lunch break and [side-events](#)

14:00 - 15:30

### New Technologies and New Norms: A.I., privacy protection, cyber security and beyond (CR-1)

New technologies are being examined for their potential role in realizing sustainable development. Their enhanced capacities at data collection, risk analysis, and policy and program evaluation, shows much promise in “ensuring that no one is left behind.” Yet, troubling events related to the misuse, misapplication and failure of new technologies are giving pause to the enthusiasm of many. Accounts are increasing of the human rights risks and impacts of new technologies in military applications and related to biodata privacy, surveillance, discrimination and sexual exploitation. This session will focus on the urgent need to build norms and take next steps around the use of technology as related to AI, IOT, robotics, digital communication, as well as policies related to cyber security.

### Migrant workers and responsible business conduct (CR-2)

Migrant workers play an intrinsic role in many sectors and economies. However, the circumstances in which migrant workers are recruited and hired can in some cases increase their vulnerability to exploitation when operating in contexts without adequate protections and enforcement. This session will seek to address how companies can carry out due diligence in their own operations as well as those linked to suppliers, such as third party recruitment agencies, in the recruitment and employment of migrant workers. Panelists will discuss lessons learned in applying due diligence to prevent and mitigate risks linked to the recruitment process as well as in addressing potential human rights and labour risks in the destination country. This session will likewise examine the policy tools available to governments to create an enabling environment for responsible business conduct and to protect workers in both sending and destination countries and the roles of civil society and trade unions.

**Moderator: Frederick Rawski**, Director, Asia & the Pacific Programme, International Commission of Jurists

**Panelists:**

**Marcus Bartley Johns**, Regional Director - Asia, Government Affairs and Public Policy, Microsoft

**Christina Schönleber**, Director, Policy and Programmes, Association of Pacific Rim Universities

**Elliot Zaagman**, Writer, contributor Tech in Asia & Co-host China Tech Investor

**Jeremy Prepscius**, Vice President, Asia-Pacific, BSR

**Sara Blackwell**, Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility

**Moderator: Anna Platonova**, Head of Labour Migration and Human Development Unit, IOM

**Panelists:**

**Wan Zulkfli bin Wan Setapa**, Director of the Institute of Labour Market Information and Analysis, Malaysia

**Nilim Baruah**, Senior Migration Specialist for Asia and the Pacific, ILO

**Anbinh Phan**, Director, Global Government Affairs, Walmart

**Kitty Potter**, Supplier Responsibility, Apple

**Archana Kotecha**, Asia Region Director and Head of Legal, Liberty Shared

15:30 - 15:45

*Coffee break*

15:45 - 17:00

**The Future of Work (CR-1)**

The rapid changes in the world of work and the global degree of impact call for decisive action by governments, private sector, workers, think-tanks, academia and civil society to ensure that the transformative changes create a brighter future and deliver economic security, equal opportunity and social justice. This session will promote a better understanding of the impact that technologies, demographics and climate change are posing in the world of work. It will discuss the recommendations of the pillars needed for building a human-centred agenda for a decent future of work proposed in the report of the Global Commission on the Future of Work. Particular attention will be paid to the role of stakeholders to reshaping business incentives for longer-term investment approaches and establishing an enabling environment for increased job creation and decent work.

**Moderator: Jose Rolan Moya**, Director General, Employers' Confederation of the Philippines

**Panelists:**

**Atchara Ngamsomchit**, Director of Strategy and Planning Division, Ministry of Labour of Thailand

**Francis Kim Uppi**, Director Social and Economic Policy, ITUC-AP

**Michael Chiam**, Associate Professor, Swinburne University/Council Member of MEF

**Barbara Meynert**, Senior Advisor, Fung Group

17:00 - 17:15

**"Take-aways" and concluding remarks (CR-1)**