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Programme information – short version

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Sessions in Room XX will be available in webcast via the Forum web page. You can also follow the proceedings by telephone by dialling annex 70901 or +41229170901 and keying the relevant room number (1 for the Assembly Hall).

4 DECEMBER			
08.30 – 09.45	Room XXIII The UN Working Group on business and human rights presents: A presentation of initial results from a baseline survey on implementation of the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (GPs) by the Working Group.		
10.00 – 11.30 Opening session	NOTE: New room: Assembly Hall High-level segment: From Business and Human Rights Principles to Implementation in Practice		
15 min	BREAK		
11.45 – 13.15	TAKING STOCK - 1 ½ YEARS AFTER THE ENDORSEMENT OF THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES – PILLARS I & II		
	Room XX The State Duty To Protect – Government experiences and steps taken toward implementing the GPs and identifying opportunities for implementation.	Room XXI The Business Responsibility To Respect – Business experience in implementing the GPs and opportunities for wider implementation.	Room XXIII The Role Of Global Governance Frameworks – How international institutions are aligning their policies and efforts for uptake of the GPs.
30 min	BREAK		
13.45 – 15.15	Room XX The Role of Public Finance in advancing implementation of the GPs	Room XXI The GPs and “New Audiences” - Challenges and Opportunities: Perspectives from Global Compact Participants and Civil Society.	
45 min	BREAK		
16.00 – 18.00	‘TAKING STOCK - 1 ½ YEARS AFTER THE ENDORSEMENT OF THE GPs’ – PILLAR III		
	Room XX Access To Judicial Remedy – Developments in access to judicial remedy for business-related human rights impacts.	Room XXI Access To Non-Judicial Remedy – A discussion on priorities for taking non-judicial grievance mechanisms and dispute resolution forward.	
18.00 – 20.00	Reception - CANCELLED		

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08.30 – 09.45	Room XX The UN Working Group on business and human rights presents: Lessons learned from its first official country mission in Mongolia, and joint presentation with the Danish Institute for Human Rights of the Working Group’s draft country mission template.			
15 mins	BREAK			
10.00 – 11.30	CHALLENGES IN IMPLEMENTATION			
	Room XX Of the State Duty to Protect – With a focus on effective regulatory action and policy coherence and identifying opportunities for the way forward.	Room XXIII Of the Business Responsibility to Respect – With a focus on human rights policies, due diligence, and remediation processes.	Room XXI For the Role Of Civil Society – In advancing the GPs and identifying opportunities for affected stakeholders.	Room XXII For the Role of the UN System – In promoting implementation of the GPs, mitigating challenges and creating opportunities for uptake.
15 mins	BREAK			
11.45– 13.15	CHALLENGES IN IMPLEMENTATION			
	Room XX In Conflict Zones – Developments and opportunities in implementing the GPs.	Room XXIII For SMEs – How can the largest category of businesses in the world become aware of and integrate the GPs into their operations?	Room XXI For Business Affecting Indigenous Peoples – What are the critical implementation challenges for the GPs in the context of business operations affecting indigenous peoples?	
30 min	BREAK			
13.45– 15.15	Room XXI Developing an Agenda for Comprehensive Capacity Building on Implementation of the GPs	Room XXIII The Role of the Finance Sector in Advancing the GPs	Room XXII Responsible Contracts: Integrating the Management of Human Rights Risks into State-investor Contract Agreements	
15 min	BREAK			
15.30– 18.00 Closing session	Room XX The Way Forward: Opportunities and Priorities for Action by Relevant Actors <i>15.30-17.00</i> <i>Multistakeholder panel</i> <i>Interactive dialogue</i> <i>17.00-18.00</i> <i>Closing remarks</i>			

PROGRAMME OF SIDE EVENTS AT THE FORUM ON BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

NOTE: The Working Group and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights are not responsible for side events. Side events are the sole responsibility of the external organizers.

3 DECEMBER				
13.00-15.00		Room XXI Presentation of cases by affected stakeholders to the Working Group		Room XXIII Challenges and Opportunities for the Extractives Industry in integrating human rights into operations
15.30-18.00		Room XXI Responsible investment in Myanmar – Ongoing initiatives for aligning investment with human rights	Room XXII The role of National Human Rights Institutions	Room XXIII Launch of the human rights due diligence project <i>Followed by a reception</i>
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08.00-09.45			Room XXII Due diligence for the right to join a trade union and to bargain collectively	
13.30-15.00	Room XI The Guiding Principles & Risk Management: Developing a Global Corporate Community of Practice for Innovation in Human Rights Due Diligence		Room XXII The role of the legal profession in promoting implementation of the Guiding Principles	

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08.00-09.45		Room XXI Impact and remedy of mining on Latin American Indigenous Women	Room XXII The Gender Dimension of Business and Human Rights: Introducing the Women's Empowerment Principles – Equality Means Business	Room XXIII Human rights due diligence and business relationships
13.30-15.00	Room XI Indigenous Peoples and Extractive Industries			