



International Seminar Human Rights and Business at Crossroads: Challenges and Perspectives

9-10-11 July 2012, Lima, Peru

Hotel José Antonio, Av. 28 de Julio # 398, Miraflores

In June 2008, the United Nations Human Rights Council adopted the “Protect, Respect and Remedy” Framework on Business and Human Rights, followed by the adoption, in June 2011, of accompanying Guiding Principles for its implementation. In parallel, the OECD finalized in 2011 the revision of its Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises.

Taking place just after the Rio+20 Conference and in a particularly tense national context characterized by escalating violence around mining conflicts, this international conference aims at discussing and stimulating debate on the current state of play in the field of business and human rights. Experts and participants will look at emerging trends of economic globalization and their human rights implications, in light of the quest for natural resources, current investment projects, and the growing influence of BRICS countries.

In addition to representatives of the public and private sectors, media and union representatives, participants from human rights non-governmental organisations of over 20 countries in Asia, Africa, Europe and Latin America are expected to attend.

The Conference aims to provide an opportunity to discuss and debate recent international developments on business and human rights, particularly regarding access to justice from a victims' perspective; provide an opportunity for dialogue between representatives of the different sectors; and stimulate discussions on emerging issues and challenges ahead based on Peruvian and international experiences.

Public conference | Human Rights and Business at Crossroads: Challenges and Perspectives

9 July 2012

8h30 **Registration**

9h-9h30 **Opening remarks**

Manuel Pulgar-Vidal Otálora, Minister of Environment, Peru

Francisco Soberon, Executive Director, Asociación Pro Derechos Humanos (APRODEH)

Katherine Gallagher, FIDH Vice-President, Senior Staff Attorney, Centre for Constitutional Rights (CCR)

9h30-11h00 **Panel 1 - Trends in economic globalisation: what implications for human rights?**

Moderator : Chrystelle Barbier, Journalist, Le Monde Correspondent in Peru

Development policies, the quest for energy and natural resources: what place for human rights?

Javier Iguíñiz, Executive Director, Acuerdo Nacional, Professor of Economy, *Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú*, PUCP

Emerging challenges and the influence of BRICS countries

China | Sharon Hom, Executive Director of Human Rights in China (HRIC) – video conference
Brazil | Eduardo Cáceres, APRODEH

Questions and dialogue with participants

11h00-11h30 Coffee break

11h30-12h45 **Panel II - The responsibility of private actors: recent developments and debates**

Moderator: Elin Wrzoncki, FIDH

The UN Guiding Principles on business and human rights, global finance and sustainable development

Sheldon Leader, Professor, University of Essex and Director of the Essex Business and Human Rights Project

Recent and foreseen normative developments: towards greater accountability?

Carlos Lopez, Senior Legal Advisor, International Commission of Jurists (ICJ)

Questions and dialogue with participants

12h45-14h00 Lunch

14h00-15h15 **Panel III - Access to justice on a fragile line: challenges for victims**

Moderator : Louise du Plessis, Lawyers for Human Rights, South Africa

Access to justice in a globalized world: State Responsibility and Non-State Actors

Katherine Gallagher, Senior Staff Attorney, Center for Constitutional Rights (CCR)

The hazardous path to justice: the case of la Oroya

José Javier de Echave, Economist, Cooperación

The forgotten pillar: the issue of reparation for victims

Carlos Beristain, Psychologist, Expert in psychosocial reparation and human rights

Questions and dialogue with participants

15h15-16h15 **Panel IV - Sectoral Voluntary Initiatives: The Voluntary Principles on Security and Human Rights**

Moderator: Carlos Salazar, Socios Peru

An overview of the initiatives

Amanda Romero-Medina, Latin America & Caribbean *Researcher* & Representative,
Business & Human Rights Resource Centre

Eduardo Rubio, Manager, AngloAmerican

Yadaira Orsini, International Alert

Questions and dialogue with participants

15h15-16h15 Coffee break

16h15-17h45 Panel V - Preventing human rights abuses: opportunities and risks for civil society?

Moderator: Debbie Stothard, Coordinator of Altsean-Burma and Deputy Secretary General of FIDH

Criminalization of social protest and risks for civil society

An overview of current tendencies / Jimena Reyes, Head of Latin America Desk, FIDH

A national perspective / Max de Mesa | Chairperson of PAHRA | Philippines

Business strategies vis-à-vis civil society: from collaboration to defamation

Emmanuel Daoud, Lawyer, Legal Action Group (LAG), FIDH | France

Questions and dialogue with participants

17h45-18h00 Conclusions

Alirio Uribe, Lawyer, Colectivo de Abogados Jose Alvear Restrepo (CCAJAR) and FIDH *chargé de mission* of the International Board

Training seminar: Seeking accountability for corporate human rights abuses

10 July 2012

9h30-10h30 Introductory session: Overview of the Advocates Toolbox

Introducing the Human Rights Impact Assessment (HRIA) methodology to document human rights impacts of investment projects – Geneviève Paul | FIDH

Introducing FIDH's guide on recourse mechanisms for corporate-related abuses – Elin Wrzoncki | FIDH

The Revised OECD Guidelines - Joris Oldenziel | OECD Watch

10h30-11h Coffee break

11h-13h Parallel workshops

Workshop no.1 Evaluating the human rights impacts of investment projects

Resource persons: Alicia Granda, CEDHU (Ecuador) | Carlos Beristain | Sheldon Leader (University of Essex)

Moderator: Geneviève Paul, FIDH

Rapporteur: José Aylwin

Workshop no.2 Litigation strategies: what factors to consider before filing a case?

Resource persons: Katherine Gallagher, CCR | Alirio Uribe, CCAJAR | Emmanuel Daoud, Lawyer, Legal Action Group (LAG), FIDH

Moderator: Elin Wrzoncki

Rapporteur: Andrew Odete, KHRC

13h-14h Lunch

14h-14h30 Plenary feedback session

14h30-16h30	Parallel workshops
Workshop no.3	Case study on the mining sector: Mobilisation and litigation strategies Presentation: Flaviana Charles, LHRC Max de Mesa, PAHRA Moderator: Elin Wrzoncki (FIDH) Resource persons: Verónica María Yuquilema Yupangui (INREDH) y Haris Azhar (Kontras) Rapporteur : Diego Morales, CELS
Workshop no.4	Case study: mobilisation and litigation strategies Presentation: Hyun Pil NA (KHIS) Moderator: Geneviève Paul, FIDH Resource person: Joris Oldenziel (OECD Watch), Debbie Stothard, (Altsean-Burma), Earth Rights International Rapporteur: Octavio Amezcua Noriega, CMDPDH
16h30-18h	Plenary feedback session Moderator: Luis Sirumbal, Director, CEDAL

Strategic discussions

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9h00-10h30	Emerging challenges: discussion on the rights to participation and to free, prior and informed consent Resource persons: José Aylwin, Observatorio Ciudadano, Chile Javier Mujica, Centro de Políticas Públicas y Derechos Humanos- Peru EQUIDAD Joris Oldenziel, OECD Watch
10h30-11h00	Coffee break
11h00-13h	Working session: building strategies for greater corporate accountability in the current international context Critical discussions on the Ruggie Framework and international developments (UN, European Union) Resources persons: Carlos Lopez (ICJ) Sheldon Leader (Essex University) Challenges in using legislation with extraterritorial scope Resource person: Katherine Gallagher, CCR Summary of workshops conclusions and brainstorm on innovative litigation strategies Resource person: Emmanuel Daoud, LAG (FIDH)
13h-14h	Lunch
14h-17h30	Internal discussion: FIDH work plan on business and human rights Moderator: Isabelle Brachet (FIDH) Discussion on regional strategies Moderator: Jimena Reyes (FIDH)

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