IMPLEMENTING UN GUIDING PRINCIPLES ON BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS. OPPORTUNITIES, CHALLENGES AND NATIONAL ACTION PLAN

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Conference Hall 'Pod Kopułą'
CONFERENCE AGENDA

8.30 - 9.00  Registration
9.00 - 9.15  Welcome
   Dr Arkadiusz Radwan, CEO, Allerhand Institute
   Bastian Sendhardt, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Representation in Poland
9.15 - 9.45  Mr. Jerzy Majchrzak, Director of the Innovation and Industry Department, Ministry of Economy
   Mr. Ryszard Kalisz, Member of Parliament, Chair of the Parliamentary Commission on Justice and
   Human Rights
   Mr. Andrzej Grzyb, MEP, Vice Chair of the European Parliament Subcommittee on Human Rights,
   European Parliament
9.45 - 10.15 Dr Michael K. Addo, UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights: Role of the UN Working
   Group on Business and Human Rights in the implementation of the Guiding Principles on
   Business and Human Rights.
10.15 - 10.45 Mr. Richard Howitt, MEP, Rapporteur on Corporate Social Responsibility, European Parliament:
   European agenda for Corporate Social Responsibility in the next 5 years – how you can contribute.
10.45 - 11.00 Coffee break

Panel I – State Duty to Protect

11.00 - 11.20 Ms. Agnieszka Karpińska, Head of Human Rights Unit, UN and Human Rights Department,
   Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Poland: UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.
11.20 - 11.40 Mr. Thomas Kennedy, Deputy Director, Department for Human Rights and Democracy, FCO, UK:
   UK National Action Plan Implementing the UN Guiding Principles: The process, the content and
   the challenges.
11.40 - 12.00 Mr. Carl Christian Hasselbalch, Senior Adviser, CSR and Anti-Corruption, Department For Trade
   Policy, The Trade Council, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Denmark: Don't make the best the enemy
   of the good. Supporting your companies abroad on the Guiding Principles.
12.00 - 12.20 Dr Claire Methven O'Brien, Danish Institute of Human Rights, Representative of the European
   Group of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs): Recommendations for States concerning
12.20 - 12.40 Mr. Filip Gregor, Lawyer, Environmental Law Service: State role and Human Rights Due Diligence.
12.40 - 13.10 Discussion. Moderator: Ms. Beata Faracik, Head of Human Rights and Business Programme,
   Allerhand Institute
13.10 - 14.00 Lunch
Panel II – Corporate Responsibility to Respect


14.20 - 14.40  Mr. Kamil Wyzkowski, Director of UNDP Poland/Global Compact Network Poland Coordinator: UN Global Compact and UN Guiding Principles.


15.00 - 15.20  Dr. Margaret Wachenfeld, Director of Legal Affairs, Institute for Human Rights and Business: EU Guidance on the Corporate Responsibility to Respect in 3 Sectors: Employment & Recruitment Agencies, ICT and Oil & Gas.

15.20 - 15.40  Discussion. Moderator: Ms. Agata Stafiej-Bartosik, Senior Manager, Sustainable Business Solutions, PwC.

15.40 - 15.55  Coffee break

Panel III - Access to Remedy

16.00 - 16.15  Dr. Marzena Kruk, Head of the Unit for victimized by crime and promotion of mediation, Dept. for International Cooperation and Human Rights, Ministry of Justice of Poland: The salient activities of the Ministry of Justice in the scope of crime victims support and promoting mediation.


16.30 - 16.45  Mr. Are-Jostein Norheim, CSR Ambassador, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs: Norwegian OECD National Contact Point: Effectiveness and trust. A 21st century OECD NCP.


17.30 - 17.45  Closing remarks and acknowledgments.
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