

International Conference

on

The “Protect, Respect and Remedy” Framework: Charting a Future or Taking the Wrong Turn for Business and Human Rights?

Venue: Constitution Hill, Johannesburg, South Africa

Draft Programme

DAY 1: 23 JANUARY 2012

08h30 – 09h00 Registration

09h00 – 09h10 Welcome

09h10 – 10h30 Session I: From Process to the Final Product

- 1) Karin Buhmann, Associate Professor, Center for Social Science Development Research, University of Copenhagen
Development of the ‘UN Framework’: Negotiation Strategies and Argumentative Patterns
- 2) Carlos Lopez, Senior Legal Advisor, International Commission of Jurists, Geneva
The “Ruggie Process”: From Legal Obligations to Corporate Social Responsibility?

Questions/comments

10h30 – 11h00 Tea

11h00 – 12h45 Session II: Revisiting the Normative Underpinnings of the Framework

- 1) Upendra Baxi, Emeritus Professor of Law, University of Warwick
Human Rights Voluntarism: A Critique (TBC)
- 2) David Bilchitz, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Johannesburg; Director, SAIFAC
Exploring the Normative Underpinning of Ruggie’s Guiding Principles
- 3) Surya Deva, Associate Professor, School of Law, City University of Hong Kong
Treating Human Rights Lightly: A Critique of the Guiding Principles’ Complicity in Undermining the Human Rights Obligations of Companies

Questions/comments

12h45 – 14h00 Lunch

14h00 – 15h20 Session III: Duty to Protect and Responsibility to Respect Human Rights

- 1) Nicola Jägers, Associate Professor, Tilburg University, The Netherlands
Will Transnational Private Regulation Close the Governance Gap? The Required Interlinkage between Pillar 1 and 2
- 2) Justine Nolan, Senior Lecturer & Deputy Director of the Australian Human Rights Centre, Faculty of Law, The University of New South Wales
The Corporate Responsibility to Respect Human Rights: Soft Law or Not Law?

Questions/comments

15h20 – 15h40 Tea

15h40 – 17h00 Session IV: Extraterritorial Obligations: Home v. Host States

- 1) David Kinley and Daniel Augenstein, Chair in Human Rights Law, Sydney Law School and Assistant Professor, Tilburg University, The Netherlands
Beyond the 100 Acre Wood: Navigating the Jurisdictional Jungle of Extraterritoriality
- 2) Tebello Thabane, Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban
The Guiding Principles: Emphasising the Host State at the Expense of the Home State Judicial Mechanisms?

Questions/comments

18h30 – 20h00 Dinner hosted by the Law School of City University of Hong Kong

DAY 2: 24 JANUARY 2012

09h00 – 10h45 Session V: Testing the Efficacy of Proposed Remedies

- 1) Gabriela Quijano, Adviser Access to Justice, Business and Human Rights Team, Amnesty International
Is the Right to Remedy under International Law Sufficiently Protected under the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?
- 2) Tineke Lambooy, Assistant Professor, Utrecht University, The Netherlands
Remedies (third pillar): Analysis and Practical Application for Companies with Special Reference to Case Studies Related to Oil Companies
- 3) Richard Meeran, Partner, Leigh Day & Co., London
Tort Litigation against MNC Parent Companies

Questions/comments

10h45 – 11h15 Tea

11h15 – 13h00 Session VI: Navigating Complicity through Due Diligence

- 1) Sabine Michalowski, Professor, School of Law, University of Essex
Due Diligence and Complicity: A Relationship in Need of Clarification
- 2) Florian Wettstein, Chair and Director Institute for Business Ethics, University of St. Gallen, Switzerland
Making Noise about Silent Complicity: The Moral Inconsistency of the “Protect, Respect, and Remedy” Framework
- 3) Juana Kweitel, Program Director, Connectas, Brazil
Sphere of Influence and Complicity: Lost in Translation?

Questions/comments

13h00 – 14h00 Lunch

14h00 – 15h10 Session VII: Business, Gender and Socio-Economic Rights

- 1) Bonita Meyersfeld, Associate Professor, University of Witwatersrand School of Law, Johannesburg
Business, Human Rights and Gender: A Legal Approach to External and Internal Considerations
- 2) Jernej Letnar Črnič, Lecturer, European Faculty of Law, Slovenia
Corporate Human Rights Obligations under Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Questions/comments

15h10 – 15h30 Tea

15h30 – 16h40 Session VIII: Business, Stakeholder Responsibility and Corruption

- 1) Anita Ramasastry, Professor, University of Washington School of Law
Putting the Business and Human Rights Agenda in Context: Lessons from the Anti-Corruption Sphere
- 2) Stuart Woolman, Professor and Elizabeth Bradley Chair of Ethics, Governance & Sustainable Development, University of the Witwatersrand Graduate School of Business
The Ruggie Principles, the UN Global Compact and Corporate Social Responsibility: The Risks of Overreach and Blowback

Questions/comments

16h40 – 17h00 Concluding remarks