Webinar Invitation

Business and Human Rights in ASEAN and China: Trends, Risks and Practices

Wednesday, 26 August 2015
4.00—5.10pm (AEST)
Please register for the webinar here

This webinar will explore the human rights context and challenges for multinational companies operating in ASEAN and China. The webinar is being supported by the Global Business Initiative on Human Rights (GBI).

Two leading experts on business and human rights in ASEAN and China — Liang Xiaohui, Peking University International Law Institute and Michelle Staggs-Kelsall, Human Rights Resource Centre for ASEAN— will discuss salient human rights challenges and risks and highlight recent policy developments that impact companies. A business representative will reflect on corporate practice and strategies to manage human rights impacts in the region. A moderated discussion will follow, providing participants with the opportunity to raise questions or share their own experiences in these geographies.

Why join?

- Get practical and up-to-date information about key policy developments in ASEAN and China
- Understand salient business human rights risks in ASEAN and China
- Identify key stakeholder groups in ASEAN and China
- Engage with leading in-country experts working with business on human rights

Agenda

4.00—4.05pm	**Welcome and Introduction** • Alice Cope, Executive Manager, Global Compact Network Australia • Katryn Wright, Programme Director, Global Business Initiative on Human Rights
4.05—4.45pm	**Context, action and practice – business and human rights in ASEAN and China** • **Opening Remarks and Reflections** Mark Hodge, Executive Director, Global Business Initiative on Human Rights • **Context, Action and Practice in ASEAN** Michelle Staggs-Kelsall, Special Advisor, Human Rights Resource Centre • **Context, Action and Practice in ASEAN** Professor Liang Xiaohui, Peking University International Law Institute • **Experiences from Business** Ron Popper, Head of Corporate Responsibility, ABB Bruce Klafter, Senior Director, Social and Environmental Responsibility, Flextronics
4.45—5.05pm	**Discussion and Q&A** • Facilitated by Mark Hodge, Executive Director, Global Business Initiative on Human Rights
5.05—5.10pm	**Close** • Alice Cope, Executive Manager, Global Compact Network Australia

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The Global Compact Network Australia (GCNA) is the Australian business-led network of the UN Global Compact, the world's largest corporate sustainability initiative with over 8,000 business signatories and growing. The initiative is a call to companies everywhere to align strategies and operations with universal principles on human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption, and take actions that advance societal goals. In Australia, GCNA brings together Australian signatories to the UN Global Compact, including a number of Australia's leading companies, non-profits and universities, to advance corporate sustainability and the private sector's contribution to sustainable development. (www.unglobalcompact.org.au)

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