

MOOC on Business and Human Rights

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Business and human rights are still often seen in opposition: companies hardly value the human toll of their profitable production; governments often fail to protect business-related human rights defenders. But responsible businesses can prevent potential damages and offer space for accountability and redress. States regulations and policies can shape business behaviour and help ensure human rights protection. Recent promising initiatives can foster transformation. If business and human rights actors understood better how they could support each other, change would be more feasible. This MOOC is a contribution to such understanding.

THE PROGRAMME

The course is articulated in two modules:

Module 1 focuses on the general **international framework** on business and human rights. In particular, it summarily explains standards, mechanisms, benefits and challenges in the current set up, especially at the United Nations and regional level. Specific attention will be paid to the UN Guiding Principles, the UN Global Compact, and other recent initiatives, examples and practices.

Module 2 is dedicated to **specific themes** of pressing value: the protection of business-related human rights defenders; recent case-law; corporate responsibility to respect human rights and the development of legislation on mandatory due diligence; the challenges of intersectionality and in particular the situation of children caught up in the worst forms of child labour.

LECTURERS AND EXPERTS

Designed in cooperation with lecturers and experts from the 7 Regional Master's Programmes of the GC, the MOOC offers a wealth of specialised knowledge and examples, enabling participants to benefit from rich and varied competences. Lecturers and experts include, among others: **Surya Deva**, UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights/City University Hong Kong; **Harpreet Kaur**, UNDP Business and Human Rights in Asia; **Arnold Kwesiga**, University of Pretoria; **Claire Methven O'Brian**, Danish Institute for Human Rights; **Nkatha Murungi**, University of Pretoria; **Maria José Veramendi**, Amnesty International Peru; **Ana Zbona**, Business & Human Rights Resource Centre.

HOW TO ENROL

The MOOC is **free** and open to participants (businesses, state representatives, grassroots organisations working on business related issues, workers and ordinary citizens) around the world who are actively interested and engaged in business and human rights work and wish to gain a multidimensional understanding of current developments, key issues and possibilities for transformation.

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