

FACTSHEET



11th SESSION: UNITED NATIONS FORUM ON BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

28-30 November 2022

What is the Forum?

Created in 2011, the UN Forum on Business and Human Rights provides a global platform gathering stakeholders relevant to its themes: States, intergovernmental organizations, companies, trade unions, national human rights institutions, non-governmental organizations, and rights holders. The Forum enables participants to discuss the trends and challenges in implementing the [UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights](#), and promotes dialogue and cooperation in these fields.

What does the Forum do?

Guided and chaired by the [Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises](#) (WGBHR), according to Resolutions 17/4 and 35/7 of the UN Human Rights Council, the UN Forum on Business and Human Rights is the largest annual conference on the themes of business enterprises and human rights. The Forum enables over 1300 stakeholders to meet, network, share experiences, and learn more about the latest initiatives aiming to promote human rights within business corporations. This year's chosen theme for the Forum is: "Rights Holders at the Centre: Strengthening Accountability to Advance Business Respect for People and Planet in the Next Decade".

More detailed information about the upcoming session can be found at the following link: <https://www.ohchr.org/en/events/forums/2022/11th-un-forum-business-and-human-rights>.

Taking part in the sessions of the UN Forum on Business and Human Rights

Due to ongoing construction work and consequent space limitations at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, participation for the 2022 event will be capped at 1300 participants, on a first-come-first-served basis. No more than two registrations per delegation will be approved. Registrations are to be submitted via this link: <https://indico.un.org/event/1001735/>.

For questions related to logistics and registrations, please get in touch with: ohchr-registrationforumbhr@un.org.

Indigenous Peoples and the Forum

Since the first session of the Forum, thanks to the yearly participation and advocacy efforts of Indigenous Peoples, the reports published by the Forum as well as the country visits reports by the Working Group have systematically included the challenges in implementing Indigenous Peoples' rights.

To this day, two reports have focused on Indigenous Peoples:

A/68/279: "Business-related impacts on the rights of indigenous peoples"

A/71/291: "Addressing the human rights impacts of agro-industrial operations on indigenous and local communities: State duties and responsibilities of business enterprises"

Other reports and documents published by the Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises are available at this link: <https://www.ohchr.org/en/special-procedures/wg-business/reports-and-other-documents>.

There will be an Indigenous Peoples' Caucus preparatory meeting on **Sunday, November 27, 2022**, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Geneva time (UTC+1) at the John Knox International Centre. For logistical reasons we kindly ask you to use this form to register for the Caucus: <https://forms.gle/U4Ek5hzsT97jBv9g8>. You can find more information on our website at the following link: <https://bit.ly/docip-fbhr11-en>.

This Indigenous Peoples' Caucus meeting presents indigenous representatives with a unique opportunity to meet, exchange information and experiences, and unify their voices in order to achieve a better representation during the Forum.

During the Caucus meeting, indigenous representatives will be able to:

- elaborate joint declarations, position statements, and recommendations.

Declarations issued by the Caucus during previous sessions of the UN Forum on Business and Human Rights are available at this link: <http://bit.ly/FBHR-Indigenous-Caucus-Statements>.

The participation of indigenous representatives to the UN Forum on Business and Human Rights contributes to:

- guiding the works of the Working Group when it comes to interpreting the Guiding Principles, in accordance with international Indigenous Peoples' rights standards
- providing a concrete context for implementing the Guiding Principles
- improving the representation of Indigenous Peoples and reinforcing the links between them
- facilitating direct interaction with high level decision-makers and companies.

Registering to submit a written statement

The Forum was created by the UN Human Rights Council to discuss the trends and challenges in implementing the Guiding Principles, and to promote dialogue and cooperation in matters concerning business and human rights through “interactive dialogues”. This means that the Forum strongly recommends that representatives avoid reading aloud their written statements, and urges them to bond with panelists and other participants to the sessions instead. If you wish to take active part in an interactive dialogue, please raise your hand and wait for the chairperson to turn to you.

Please note that all parties are invited to submit a short report on the relevant legal, regulatory and political developments at the global, regional or national level. The submissions will be uploaded to the Forum’s website.

Individual written statements may be submitted via email before the start of the session at this address: ohchr-forumbhr@un.org. These statements will be uploaded to Docip’s website.

Please send a copy of your statement to: documentation@docip.org.

Badges and access to the Palais des Nations

All visitors must collect their badge upon arrival and enter the Palais des Nations through the Peace Gate.

- To collect your badge: Villa Les Feuillantines, Avenue de la Paix 13, 1211 Genève 10
- Normal working hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM, during the Forum.

Registration will also be possible on **Friday, November 25, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM, and on Sunday, November 27, until 7:00 PM.**

To be able to collect your badge and access the Forum, you must present:

- Your passport and/or identity card;
- A copy of your registration confirmation (your “e-ticket”).

It is common to see waiting lines at registration, and participants will have to wait outside the building. Thus we strongly recommend you to arrive at the Peace Gate one hour before the beginning of the session, or to go there on Sunday, November 27, after the preparatory meeting.

The sessions will be held in building E (access through Door E40). You will find a map of the Palais des Nations at this link: [map](#).

Luggage: You are only allowed to bring small luggage (for instance laptop cases, backpacks, purses).

For more information

To find updated information, please refer to:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/events/forums/2022/11th-un-forum-business-and-human-rights>

To listen live to the public meetings held at the UN in Geneva, please use this link:

<https://listen-live.unog.ch/en/>

To watch live to the public meetings held at the UN in Geneva, please use this link:

<https://media.un.org/en/webtv>

To follow the practical information useful to indigenous representatives, such as information on the Indigenous Caucus, please refer to Docip's website: <https://bit.ly/docip-fbhr11-en>

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