



WEBINAR: RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS CONDUCT

17-18 June 2020

Accra	[GMT]	09:00 AM - 10:30 AM
Oslo	[GMT+2]	11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

INTRODUCTION

Business and human rights issues are becoming a global priority. As businesses aim to 'do good while doing no harm', implementing Responsible Business Conduct standards, across business operations and supply chains can help gain and retain a social license to operate.

The Norwegian Government has established a national action plan on business and human rights where it sets out expectations of Norwegian companies and makes clear what support and advice companies are entitled to from the Norwegian authorities. Norway is currently considering regulating human rights due diligence and disclosure requirements to consumers regarding production sites used in manufacturing and supply chain management.

This course is intended for participants from Norwegian embassies, representatives from Norwegian business in both the host country and region, and government, civil society, and UN Global Compact Network representatives from the host country. Its main objective is to ensure that Norwegian stakeholders and country partners act responsibly and in line with international standards for responsible business. The courses will provide participants with knowledge, competence and skills relating to business and human rights and responsible business.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The training will provide participants with the following learning achievements:

- A basic understanding of the normative framework including the OECD guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs).
- Insight of why and how due diligence is carried out including for the supply chain.
- Understanding of how local framework conditions and issues have an impact on the conduct of a responsible business sector.
- Overview of Norwegian actors and commitments, approach and thinking on responsible business.

The training also provides specific learning opportunities for the various target groups:

- Understanding of how the Norwegian Foreign Service may become a meaningful partner for Norwegian business and Norwegian economic activity abroad with regards to guidance on responsible business activities.
- How embassies and government agencies can improve their guidance and information to assist companies to act in accordance with UNGP and OECD guidelines.
- Participating companies will, after completing the course, have a good knowledge of the OECD guidelines and the operation of the OECD National Contact Points, UNGP and how to conduct risk-based due diligence.
- Host governments, businesses and civil society have a better understanding of Norwegian priorities and requirements for doing business in the country including supply chain.
- Better collaboration, information and knowledge exchange between stakeholders: embassies, host government, Norwegian business, national civil society actors and local UN Global Compact network.

REGISTRATION

To register for the webinars click on the following links. **Make sure you register for both days.**

Register for day 1 here: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1111386760562899724>

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PROGRAMME DAY 1: THEORY

Time (GMT)	Content	Speaker
09:00 am	Welcome from the Minister of Foreign Affairs	Ine Eriksen Søreide
09:05 am	Introduction	Joachim Nahem
09:15 am	Responsible business conduct-key foundations	Bård Andreassen
09:45 am	<i>QA session</i>	
09:55 am	Can Responsible Business Conduct be regulated?	Kristel Tonstad
10:15 am	<i>QA session</i>	
10:25 am	Wrap-up and case study	Joachim Nahem



PARTICIPANTS TO REVIEW AND RESPOND TO CASE STUDY

PROGRAMME DAY 2: PRACTICE

Time (GMT)	Content	Speaker
09:00 am	Introduction	Joachim Nahem
09:10 am	Investor presentation: Norfund	[TBA]
09:20 am	Company presentation: Scatec Solar	Johan Tingulstad
09:30 am	Company presentation: Yara	Jessie Jele Molalugi
09:40 am	<i>QA session</i>	
10:00 am	Case study feedback	Joachim Nahem
10:10 am	Key takeaways	Joachim Nahem
10:25 am	Closing remarks	[TBA]

COURSE INSTRUCTORS

The course is offered by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Accra. The training will be carried out by [The Governance Group](#) and the Norwegian Centre for Human Rights.

 <p>Joachim Nahem Partner, The Governance Group</p>	<p>Joachim is a trusted advisor to a wide range of stakeholders from business, civil society and the public sector. He has a track record of advising governments and international corporates on responsible business conduct. Joachim is the director of the Angola Human Rights Training Programme. Prior to founding The Governance Group in 2016, Joachim held several management positions with UNDP including Tunisia, Congo-Brazzaville and Mongolia. Joachim has served as a board member of CARE Norway, analyst for Freedom House and guest lecturer on business and human rights at the University of Oslo. He holds degrees from Georgetown University and the London School of Economics.</p>
 <p>Bård Andreassen Professor, Norwegian Centre for Human Rights</p>	<p>Bård is a political scientist and human rights scholar with more than 30 years of experience on human rights research, teaching and policy analysis in various countries in sub-Saharan Africa and South East Asia. Over the past eight years, one of his main areas of teaching and research has been businesses' duties to respect human rights. He has been the course leader for this subject in the MA program of the Norwegian Center for Human Rights at the University of Oslo since 2012, and has recently developed an adult teaching course. He has taught on this subject at Chinese universities (Fudan University in Shanghai and Renmin University in Beijing), and organised an international conference on the human rights duties of businesses with the Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences in 2016.</p>
 <p>Kristel Tonstad Affiliate expert, The Governance Group</p>	<p>Kristel Tonstad is a lawyer and expert on human rights and labour rights in supply chains. Kristel headed the secretariat of the government-appointed committee mandated to evaluate whether Norway should adopt legislation to improve access to information on human rights and labour conditions in private companies and their supply chains. She has extensive experience on responsible business and the OECD Guidelines on Multinational Enterprises in the areas of human rights, consultations, environmental management and corruption and has previously assessed corporate contributions and complicity in violations of international human rights and international humanitarian law. Kristel has served as a Norwegian diplomat in Cairo, Egypt and holds degrees from Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government and University of Oslo.</p>