





Business and Human Rights Forum for Legal Practitioners – 4th Edition

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Introduction

The UIA is pleased to present its 4th Annual Conference on Business and Human Rights. This year the focus will be on human rights issues in the areas of environment, energy and climate change, with advanced focus on finance, contract, litigation, advertising and more.

Why is this Course useful?

Lawyers should be aware of the core concepts and principles concerning human rights, how they relate to businesses' operations and how they may play a vital role in helping businesses avoid involvement in human rights violations. Law firms and in-house counsels are increasingly finding that their business clients seek and require legal advice on the human rights aspects of their transactions and activities to identify, prevent and mitigate risks, comply with international and national regulations, and promote their visibility as ethical businesses.

The Course provides lawyers with an in-depth understanding of the latest issues at the nexus of law and sustainable development; an appreciation of the human rights impacts resulting from business activities at the international, regional, and national levels; guidance on how to carry out a corporate human rights due diligence process; tackling the link between human rights and specific legal areas; and an understanding of the risks of human rights related litigation.

Upon completion of the Course, the participants should be able to: demonstrate a thorough knowledge of human rights standards and the applicability of the standards to the challenges companies face; understand the need for corporate due diligence; identify risk management processes and approaches for undertaking due diligence; and develop due diligence assessment methods and tools companies can use to further their respect for human rights.

Who should attend?

Business and human rights practitioners, business lawyers, litigation lawyers, development lawyers, in-house counsel, academics, representatives from NGOs and governmental organizations.

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FORUM VENUE

IE Law School (Aula Magna)
Maria de Molina 11,
28006 Madrid
https://www.ie.edu/law-school/

LANGUAGE

The working language is **English**; there will not be any simultaneous translation service.

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

Every participant attending the Forum will receive a "Certificate of Participation" at the end of the event that may be used to obtain "Credits" for "Continuing Legal Education".

CONTACT & INFORMATION

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Please note that the number of places is limited. The organisers reserve the right to refuse registrations in the event of excess applications. Admission will be on a first come – first served basis and will only be confirmed upon receipt in full of the registration fees.

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- ** Please provide proof of age to benefit from young lawyers fee. *** Please provide proof (student card ie) of being a IE student/alumni.

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A limited number of rooms have been pre-booked at a preferential rate at the hotel listed below. Reservations should be made directly through the hotel. Credit card details must be given in order to secure your reservation. Please note that the number of rooms is limited. We recommend that you proceed with your reservations as soon as possible.

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Wednesday, October 2

19:00 - 21:00 - WELCOME COCKTAIL

Kindly offered by the Madrid Bar Association:
Ilustre Colegio de la Abogacía de Madrid (ICAM)
C. de Serrano, 9-11, Salamanca, 28001 Madrid

DAY ONE – Thursday, October 3

08:30 – 09:00 - Registration of Participants

09:00 - 09:10 - Opening of the Forum

Jacqueline SCOTT, UIA President, Fortney & Scott, LLC, Washington, DC, USA

Eugenia CASTRILLÓN MARTÍNEZ-BORDIÚ, Vice Dean, Programs, IE Law School, Madrid, Spain

Wendy M. TAUBE, Co-Chair to the ABA International Human Rights Committee, Lawyer, Taube Law, LLC, Chicago, IL, USA

09:10 - 09:25 - Keynote Address

Anita RAMASASTRY, former Member of the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights, Henry M. Jackson Professor of Law, Faculty Director, International, Transnational and Comparative Law Programs; Director, Sustainable International Development LLM Program, University of Washington School of Law, Seattle, WA, USA

09:30 - 10:30 - Session 1

WHERE WE WERE, WHERE WE ARE, WHERE WE ARE GOING: A REFRESHER AND UPDATE, PART I

An overview of key concepts, with mention of key recent developments. The discussion will focus on the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and implementation over the past decade, their rationale and impact.

Moderator:

Carlos DE MIGUEL PERALES, Lawyer and University Professor (Universidad Pontificia Comillas), Madrid, Spain

Speakers:

John SHERMAN, Senior Advisor, Responsible Contracting Project; former General Counsel and Senior Adviser, the Shift Project, Cambridge, MA, USA

Irit TAMIR, Senior Director, Private Sector Department at Oxfam America, Boston, MA, USA

10:30 - 11:00 - COFFEE BREAK

11:00 - 12:30 - Session 2

WHERE WE WERE, WHERE WE ARE, WHERE WE ARE GOING: A REFRESHER AND UPDATE, PART II

Continuation of Session 1, with focus on more advanced issues: e.g., update on legislative and regulatory initiatives, reissuance by IBA of guide for businesses and lawyers on UNGP.

Moderator:

Wendy M. TAUBE, Co-Chair to the ABA International Human Rights Committee, Lawyer, Taube Law, LLC, Chicago, IL, USA

Speakers:

Sara CARNEGIE, Barrister, former Director of Strategic Policy at the Crown Prosecution Service, Director IBA Legal Project and Research Unit, London, UK

Emiliano GIOVINE, Attorney at Law, Partner RPLT, Turin, Head of ESG & Legal Impact, Turin, Italy

12:30 - 14:15 - LUNCH

14:30 - 16:00 - Session 3

ETHICAL OBLIGATIONS OF LAWYERS

The role of the lawyer navigates tensions between legal obligations to the client and those the lawyer holds as an officer of the court and otherwise. This panel will focus on recent developments in attorney ethics across jurisdictions that result from the U.S. Corporate Transparency Act and EU developments. Lawyers outside those jurisdictions are still impacted where regulations govern multinational companies. Issues arising from the lawyer's advisory role in the area of human rights due diligence will also be addressed.

Moderator:

Steven M. RICHMAN, Co- Director UIA Rule of Law Section, UIA IROL, Clark Hill PLC, Princeton, NJ, USA

Speakers:

Prof. Elena GARRIGUES, Adjunct Professor of Legal and Business Ethics at IE University | Board Trustee at RFK Human Rights Spain, ANAR, Nantik Lum, Madrid, Spain

Additional speaker to be confirmed.

16:00 - 16:15 - COFFEE BREAK

16:15 - 17:45 - Session 4

OPENING SESSION ON CONFERENCE TOPIC: ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

This session will discuss recent legislative, regulatory and case law development regarding environment, climate and human right. Focus will be on framing issues and identifying rights such as right to life, health, privacy and intergenerational justice. Should discuss how these rights are also being vindicated in courts and arbitration. The panel will note in particular the impact on identifiable vulnerable groups.

Moderator:

Luis Fernando MACÍAS GÓMEZ, President of the UIA Environment and Sustainable Development Law Commission, Philippi Prietocarrizosa Ferrero DU & Uría, Bogotá, Colombia

Speakers:

Carlos DE MIGUEL PERALES, Lawyer and University Professor (Universidad Pontificia Comillas), Madrid, Spain Claudia S. DE WINDT, Founding Partner & CEO, Inter-American Institute on Justice and Sustainability (IIJS), Washington, DC., Quito, Asuncion, Santo Domingo

Maria Antonia TIGRE, Director of Latin America for the Global Network for the Study of Human Rights and the Environment (GNHRE), New York, NY, USA

18:15 - 20:00 - Prado Museum Tour

Kindly sponsored by IE Law Museo Nacional del PradoRetiro. 28014 Madrid

20:30 - OPTIONAL DINNER

Murillo Café - Restaurante

C. de Ruiz de Alarcón, 27, Retiro, 28014 Madrid

DAY TWO - Friday, October 4

09:00 - 10:30 - Session 5

THE IMPACT ON BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN TERMS OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMAGE CHANGE: IMPACT ON LABOUR, PRIVACY

This session will address those aspects of Artificial Intelligence (AI) that have particular application in the area of human rights. Issues such as maintenance of privacy or displacement of human jobs are part of the political and social concerns. What is the law doing to address? What should it be doing?

Moderator:

Steven M. RICHMAN, Co- Director UIA Rule of Law Section, UIA IROL, Clark Hill PLC, Princeton, NJ, USA

Speakers:

Zamira DJABAROVA, Senior Legal Advisor for Labor Rights and Corporate Accountability at the American Bar Association's Center for Human Rights Justice Defenders Program, Washington, DC, USA

lan MCDOUGAL, Executive Vice President and General Counsel for the LexisNexis, and founder member of the United Nations Rule of Law Steering Committee, former member of the UN General Counsel Advisory Board, London, UK **Prof. Dr. Pía NAVAZO**, Attorney at law, and consultant on human rights issues for NGOs, governments and private sector organizations, Madrid, Spain

Massimo STERPI, Chair of UIA's Al Task Force, Gianni Origoni Partners, Rome, Italy

10:30 - 11:00 - COFFEE BREAK

11:00 - 12:30 - Session 6

CONTRACTS WITH ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

As soft law continues to turn into hard law through legislation and treaty, soft law concepts that were once aspirational become enforceable hard law also when written into contracts. The philosophy behind contracting is changing as a result, to move more towards the concept of "responsible contracting." The session will consider the current American Bar Association project on responsible contracting in the supply chain, including impacts on workers, as well as advances in this area in Europe and other jurisdictions.

Moderator:

Carlo MASTELLONE, UIA President Elect, SLM - Studio Legale Mastellone, Florence, Italy

Speakers:

Martijn SCHELTEMA, Partner at Pels Rijcken, Professor Erasmus University School of Law, Rotterdam, co-chair of the European Model Clauses Project, The Hague, Netherlands

John SHERMAN, Senior Advisor, Responsible Contracting Project; former General Counsel and Senior Adviser, the Shift Project, Cambridge, MA, USA

Dr. Philine WEHLING, Legal Officer, UNIDROIT, Rome, Italy

Maite PAREJO, Partner at Maio Legal, Professor at the International University of La Rioja, Co-Chair of the Human Rights Observatory of ICAM, Madrid, Spain

12:30 - 14:15 - LUNCH

14:30 - 15:45 - Session 7

THE ROLE OF THE FINANCIAL INDUSTRY

Human rights and the financial industry involve multiple facets. Beyond commercial loan agreements and corporate responsibility, there is currently a trend in the drafting of the second generation bilateral investment treaties (BITs) aimed at including human rights and environment-related obligations on investors (for instance, the African Union's set of principles contained in The Pan African Investment Code). The panel will focus on the components of this broad and complex area.

Moderator & speaker:

Prof. Sara SÁNCHEZ, Professor at the IE - Instituto de Empresa School of Law, Madrid, Spain

Speakers:

Silvestre TANDEAU DE MARSAC, UIA Financial Director, Partner, FTMS Avocats, Paris, France

Wendy M. TAUBE, Co-Chair to the ABA International Human Rights Committee, Lawyer, Taube Law, LLC, Chicago, IL, USA

Aboubacar FALL, Senegal Bar, former member of the Paris Bar, former Principal Legal Counsel for the African Development Bank (AfDB) Group and former Chairperson of the Management Board of the African Legal Support Facility (ALSF), Dakar, Senegal

15:45 - 16:00 - COFFEE BREAK

16:00 - 17:30 - Session 8

ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE: GOVERNANCE ISSUES

Climate change has become a critical issue for global business, raising questions as to corporate governance and the public statements of companies. On the one hand, companies are concerned with presenting a "green" reputation, but also have to be sensitive to their legal obligation and potential exposure for misstatements. The panel will explore finding the balance.

Moderator:

Francisco SOLER CABALLERO, President of the UIA Corporate Law and Mergers & Acquisitions commission, J&A GARRIGUES S.L.P, Valencia, Spain

Speakers:

César ÁLVAREZ ALONSO, Professor of Public and regulatory Law at the IE University, Director General of the Envision Group in Spain and consultant for the UN, OSCE, and OECD, Madrid, Spain

lan MCDOUGAL, Executive Vice President and General Counsel for the LexisNexis, and founder member of the United Nations Rule of Law Steering Committee, former member of the UN General Counsel Advisory Board, London, UK

Ana BARREIRA LÓPEZ, Senior lawyer, and founding Director of the Instituto Internacional de Derecho y Medio Ambiente (IIDMA- International Institute for Law and the Environment); President of the Environment and Climate section of the Madrid Bar Association, Madrid, Spain

17:30 - 18:15

OPEN DISCUSSION, COMMENT ON THE CONFERENCE TO DATE

GENERAL SESSION WHERE ALL ATTENDEES AND PANELISTS TAKE Q/A

DAY THREE - Saturday, October 5

09:30 - 12:00 - Session 9

HOT TOPICS: CLASS ACTION, MASS ARBITRATION, LITIGATION ISSUES AND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS TO A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT

On top of what will be discussed in previous sessions, this panel will deepen on HR key cases brought before domestic and international courts where a more "classical" human rights approach (through the protection of the right to life, right to health, private life or property) has been complemented by a construction of a new right on the protection of the environment. A discussion of practical challenges for lawyers dealing with such cases and how to use them in their own jurisdictions will also be presented.

Moderator:

Prof. Amaya UBEDA, Legal Senior Officer - Council of Europe, Professor at the IE - Instituto de Empresa School of Law, Madrid, Spain

Speakers:

Emmanuel DAOUD, Vigo Avocats, admitted at the Paris Bar, former President of the UIA Business & Human Rights Commission, Paris, France

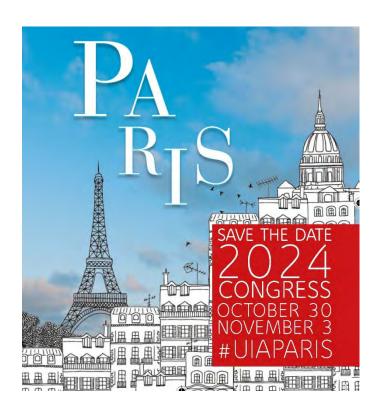
Avinder LAROYA, Managing Partner and Co-founder at Serenity Law, London, UK

Avi SINGH, Deputy Director-General UIA/IROL, Advocate and Attorney-at-Law, Cicero Chambers, New Delhi, India

12:00 - 13:00

GENERAL WRAP UP AND FAREWELL

The organising committee will be preparing a working document that brings together the contributions and discussion points. This wrap up session is meant to be participatory by all attendees to help frame the issues for that document.





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