



Session 25111: Business and the Human Right to Water and Sanitation

August 25, 2011

14:00 - 17:30

Location: Stockholmsmässan, Room T3

Session Objectives & Description

Objectives:

- To explore how businesses can ensure their operations are in accordance with the human right to water and sanitation.
- To identify practical actions businesses can take, as large water users, to respect and fulfill this human right.

This session will explore emerging good practice related to how businesses can respect the human right to water and sanitation. It will begin with a segment led by the Institute for Human Rights and Business (IHRB) to inform and seek feedback from participants on the Institute's report: More than a resource: Water, Business and Human Rights. The second half of the session will focus on scoping the forthcoming CEO Water Mandate operational guidance that will elucidate practical measures businesses can take to ensure their operations are in accordance with the human right to water and sanitation.

2:00 PM - Introductions and Overview of the Session

Mr. John Morrison, Executive Director of the Institute for Human Rights and Business, United Kingdom Mr. Gavin Power, Head, CEO Water Mandate; Deputy Director, UN Global Compact Mr. Robert Greenwood, Ross and Associates (meeting facilitator)

2:15 PM - Presentation and Discussion

More than a resource: Water, Business and Human Rights
John Morrison, Executive Director, Institute for Human Rights and Business
Kelly Davina Scott, Programmes Manager, Institute for Human Rights and Business

The presentation will be followed by about 20 minutes of Q&A

The CEO Water Mandate Secretariat wishes to recognize the endorsing companies whose generous sponsorship has made this working conference possible. We thank you.







2:50 PM- Prepared Remarks and Responses to IHRB Report

Government and industry representatives will share their initial reflections on the IHRB report and how it relates to their own work and business practices in meeting the right to water and sanitation. (7-10 minutes each)

- Ambassador Lisa Svensson, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sweden
- Jack Moss, Senior Water Advisor, Aquafed
- Christian Frutiger, Public Affairs Manager, Nestlé
- Daniel Yeo, Senior Policy Analyst (Water Security & Climate Change), WaterAid

3:20 PM- Facilitated discussion

20 minutes of facilitated, structured discussions where participants will have an opportunity to share their thoughts and input on the first portion of the session

3:40 PM - Coffee Break

4:00 PM - Presentation and Discussion

Scoping Operational Guidance on Respecting and Fulfilling the Human Right to Water and Sanitation

Mr. Jason Morrison, Technical Director, CEO Water Mandate; Program Director, Pacific Institute, USA Mr. Chris Jochnick, Director, Private Sector Department, OxfamAmerica, USA

The presentation will be followed by about 5 minutes of Q&A

4:20 PM -Discussion Panel

A panel comprised of representatives from CEO Water Mandate endorsing companies and other organizations will give their input on the operational guidance. (Introductory remarks 4-5 minutes each, followed by facilitated panel discussion)

- Mary Buzby, Director of Environmental Technology, Merck
- Dan Bena, Senior Director of Sustainable Development, PepsiCo International
- Bhushan Tuladhar, Regional Technical Advisor, South Asia, United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT)
- Peter Harvey, Ph.D., Senior Adviser Water Supply & Quality, UNICEF

5:00 PM - Facilitated Discussion of the Whole

25 minutes of facilitated, structured discussions where participants will have an opportunity to share their thoughts and input on the second session

5:25 PM - Wrap-Up and Next Steps

5:30 PM - Conclusion of Session





