

## **Societal Expectations of Business in Relation to the HRWS - Outline**

### **I. Preface (- 1 pages)**

The preface will highlight overall project objectives to develop guidance for how companies can align their practices with the human right to water and sanitation, particularly in the context of their existing corporate water stewardship practices. It will include an overview of what is to be covered in phase 1 and phase 2 and the rationale for doing so.

### **II. Context of Business, Human Rights, and the HRWS ( - 6 pages)**

- a. International Trends in Water Law Reforms and the Human HRWS (-2 pages)
- b. Trends in National Legislation (-2 pages)
- c. Understanding current trends in business and human rights, implications for water (- 2 pages)

### **III. Expectations from civil society and communities and the dilemmas such expectation may present for companies (- 6 pages)**

- a. Civil Society and Community Expectations (- 4 pages)
- b. Examples of company dilemmas (- 2 pages)

\*Note: We envision that the section will integrate company dilemmas into discussions about civil society/community expectations to ground them with on-the-ground realities.

### **IV. Conclusions and Areas for Further Examination ( -2 pages)**

Introducing a new approach for how companies may align their practices to meet expectations related to the HRWS through the adoption of the UN Guiding Principles and emerging Corporate Water Stewardship Practices.

- a. The UN Guiding Principles (.5 pages)
- b. Overview of Corporate Water Stewardship (.5 pages)
- c. Brief Introduction of Illustrative Approach bringing together the Guiding Principles and Corporate Water Stewardship (1 page)