



Invitation

Global Business- Global Accountability?

Obstacles to justice

ISHR, Rue de Varembé 1, 1202 Geneva
2 December 2013, 12.30-14.00h

Lunch snacks will be served

The UN-Guiding principles emphasize the need for greater access to effective remedy for victims of corporate human rights abuses. An effective implementation of this state duty will have to take into account the existing obstacles that are stopping victims from making corporations accountable.

We would like to contribute to the debate around access to remedy with our experience made in assisting communities in Latin America, Asia and Africa to build up legal cases against companies responsible for human rights abuses. The legal analysis of over 40 cases against transnational companies has shown that there are recurring obstacles to justice that need to be addressed by states willing to implement the UN Guiding principles.

For more detailed insight into the case work we will look at two cases in more depth, analyzing in what way corporations neglected their human rights due diligence and discussing the meaning of legal proceedings to the communities affected.

Drawn from the obstacles we have faced developing cases over the last four years, we will also present recommendations to law makers.

Adding to experience from specific case work, ICAR/ECCJ will present the results of their Global Research project: *The Third Pillar: Access to Judicial Remedies for Human Rights Violations by Transnational Business*.

Programme:

- 12:30 **Welcome**
Wolfgang Kaleck, ECCHR
- 12:35 **challenges in holding corporations to account – reports from four years of world-wide case work and workshops**
Wolfgang Kaleck (ECCHR)
Sarah Lincoln (Bread for the World)
- 13:00 **Examples of failure to exercise corporate human right due diligence: the Nestlé Case and the Danzer Case**
Miriam Saage-Maaß (ECCHR)
Xavier Correa (SINALTRAINAL, Colombia)
- 13:40 **Presentation of the ICAR/ECCJ report: The Third Pillar: Access to Judicial Remedies for Human Rights Violations by Transnational Business**
Gwynne Skinner (ICAR)