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Invitation

Holding Corporations to Account for their Failure to Exercise Human Rights Due Diligence:

Experiences in Transnational Litigation

3 December 2013, 14.00-15.00h

Room XXII E

Lunch snacks will be served

The UN Guiding Principles expect business enterprises to exercise human rights due diligence. Even though the guiding principles themselves are not legally binding, neglect of this corporate responsibility often constitutes a breach of national law. Based on a wide experience in home and host state litigation, the speakers will outline how companies involved in human rights abuses can be made liable under national law and where there are still major challenges in this area. A closer look at concrete cases will help to understand the specific challenges in transnational litigation and demonstrate the impact of such litigation for victims and their communities.

Program

Chair: Mauricio Lazala (Business & Human Rights Resource Centre, UK)

I. Welcome

Sarah Lincoln (Bread for the World, Germany)

II. How neglecting human rights due diligence translates into breaches of national law: The Danzer Case, the Nestlé Case and the Trafigura Case

Richard Meeran (Leigh & Day, UK)

Miriam Saage-Maaß (ECCHR, Germany)

III. Challenges in transnational litigation and the potential for victim communities

Luis Guillermo Pérez Casas (CAJAR, Colombia)

Javier Correa (SINALTRAINAL, Colombia)

Wolfgang Kaleck (ECCHR, Germany)