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Seminar 1pm - 5:30pm followed by a cocktail



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The seminar is aimed at lawyers, corporations and banks with a particular view to present and discuss the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and their implementation. It will address a topic of increasing interest to many stakeholders as public demand for businesses to operate responsibly is growing and human rights are becoming directly relevant in today's business and legal practice.

Gathering first-rate panellists from the legal, business, academic and civil society worlds, the seminar will address numerous aspects, including practical situations, to answer what lawyers, corporations and banks should know and do in terms of Business and Human Rights.

1pm	Registration
1:15pm	Welcome (Room S150) Christine Chappuis , Dean of the Faculty of Law of the University of Geneva Grégoire Mangeat , Partner with Mangeat Avocats, Head of the Geneva Bar Association Sandrine Giroud , Counsel with LALIVE, President of the Human Rights Commission of the Geneva Bar Association Recorded comments from H.E. Kofi Annan , Former Secretary-General of the United Nations, 2001 Nobel Peace Prize and John Ruggie , Professor in Human Rights and International Affairs at the Harvard Kennedy School, Former United Nations Secretary-General's Special Representative for Business and Human Rights, Author of the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights adopted by the United Nations Human Rights Council
1:30 – 1:50pm	Plenary session The UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (Room S150) <i>This plenary session will present the international context concerning the issue of Business and Human Rights, in particular the essential role for states, businesses and lawyers of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and their implementation.</i> H.E. Patricia O'Brien , Former United Nations Under Secretary-General for Legal Affairs, Ambassador of Ireland to the United Nations and other International Organisations at Geneva Jane Ellis , Director of the Legal Policy & Research Unit, International Bar Association Stéphane Brabant , Partner with Herbert Smith Freehills, Co-author of the IBA's Guidance for Business Lawyers on the implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights

2:00 – 3:15pm	<p>Workshops session 1 (choice) Three workshops will be conducted in parallel during session 1 and repeated in session 2. Participants can elect to participate to two workshops (max. 50 people per workshop) during the workshop sessions.</p> <p>Workshop A Business & human rights for lawyers and in-house counsel (Room 3020) <i>This workshop will address what the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights along with their implementation mean for lawyers, business lawyers and in-house counsel in terms of legal and due diligence obligations.</i></p> <p>Jane Ellis, Director of the Legal Policy & Research Unit, International Bar Association</p> <p>Maya Hertig, Professor of International and Comparative Human Rights, Co-director of the Certificate of Advanced Studies in Human Rights, University of Geneva</p> <p>Stéphane Brabant, Partner with Herbert Smith Freehills, Co-author of the IBA's Guidance for Business Lawyers on the implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights</p> <p>Greg Vickery AO, Partner with Norton Rose Fulbright, Chair of the Business and Human Rights Committee, Law Council of Australia</p> <p>Workshop B Business & human rights for corporations (Room 4020) <i>This workshop will address new due diligence standards for corporations in light of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, in particular the supply chain. Concrete situations will be presented and discussed.</i></p> <p>Christine Batruch, Vice President Corporate Responsibility, Lundin Petroleum</p> <p>Yann Wyss, Responsible for the Development and Implementation of Nestlé's Human Rights Due Diligence Programme at Corporate, Operations and Supply Chain Levels, Nestlé</p> <p>Danièle Gosteli Hauser, Head of Business and Human Rights, Amnesty International Switzerland</p> <p>Gilles Carbonnier, Professor of International Economics, The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies</p> <p>Workshop C Business & human rights for banks (Room 4050) <i>This workshop will examine bank's obligations in light of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, particularly compliance risks and due diligence obligations.</i></p> <p>Simon Stuecheli, Assistant Vice President, Sustainability Affairs, Credit Suisse</p> <p>Christian Leitz, Head, Corporate Responsibility Management, UBS</p> <p>Sylvain Savolainen, Associate with LALIVE</p>
3:15 – 3:30pm	<p>Coffee break</p>
3:30 – 4:45pm	<p>Workshops session 2 (choice)</p> <p>Workshop A Business & human rights for lawyers and in-house counsel (Room 3020)</p> <p>Workshop B Business & human rights for corporations (Room 4020)</p> <p>Workshop C Business & human rights for banks (Room 4050)</p>
5:10 – 7pm	<p>Closing of the Seminar Restaurant du Parc des Bastions, 1 Promenade des Bastions, 1204 Geneva</p> <p>Pierre Maudet, Minister of the Canton of Geneva in charge of Security and Economic Affairs</p> <p>Cocktail Jointly organised by the Geneva Bar Association, the Faculty of Law of the University of Geneva and the International Bar Association</p>

Registration

Register by completing and returning the present form no later than Friday **21 October 2016** by email to secretariat@odage.ch

Surname: _____
First name: _____
Law firm / Company: _____
Profession: _____
Address: _____
Phone number: _____
Email: _____

Please note that **the seminar is limited to a maximum of 150 participants**. Registrations and allocation of workshops will be processed on a first come first served basis and will only be validated upon payment.

WORKSHOP SESSION

Please select the two workshops you would wish to attend during the workshop session 1 and session 2.

- Workshop A – Business & human rights for lawyers and in-house counsel**
- Workshop B – Business & human rights for corporations**
- Workshop C – Business & human rights for banks**

REGISTRATION FEES & PAYMENT - Registration fees (all tax included):

- CHF 300 Standard
- CHF 250 Members of the Geneva Bar Association (ODAGE) or International Bar Association (IBA)
- CHF 75 Trainees or students (limited to 20)

Payment must be made no later than **Friday 21 October 2016** by wire transfer on the account mentioned below with **express reference to “Seminar Business & Human Rights”**.

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Only registrations paid within the above mentioned deadline will be considered.