



## ICAR – DIHR National Action Plans (NAPs) Project:

### Dialogues Briefing

From **August 2013 to April 2014**, the International Corporate Accountability Roundtable (ICAR) and the Danish Institute for Human Rights (DIHR) convened a series of **6 dialogues with over 240 experts and practitioners across stakeholder groups and world regions** to gather inputs and recommendations in relation to the ICAR - DIHR National Action Plans (NAPs) Project.

The NAPs Project is aimed at developing a Toolkit to support national implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs), including through the development of national baseline studies, NAPs, and follow-up mechanisms that aim to give practical effect to the UNGPs.

Summary reports that provide synopses of the key perspectives shared during each of the Dialogues can be found on the NAP's Project webpage, hosted by the Business & Human Rights Resource Centre: <http://www.business-humanrights.org/Documents/icar-dihr-naps-project>.

Dialogue participants' responses will be reflected in the development of the NAPs Project Toolkit and Final Report, scheduled for release in June 2014. The NAPs Project Team extends its thanks to all Dialogue participants for their time and for sharing their insights and experiences.

#### Next steps:

Participants are encouraged to continue sharing knowledge, information, and recommendations on NAPs development and implementation through the NAPs Project's *E-Consultation Questionnaire*, which is running until 16 May 2014. The questionnaire link is available under the "E-consultations" section of the NAP's Project webpage, hosted by the Business & Human Rights Resource Centre: <http://www.business-humanrights.org/Documents/icar-dihr-naps-project>.

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A breakdown of the NAPs Project's Dialogues is as follows:

1. On 11 October 11 2013, the European Coalition for Corporate Justice (ECCJ) hosted the NAPs Project's ***European Civil Society Dialogue*** in Brussels, Belgium. The Dialogue included **13 civil society and National Human Rights Institution representatives from 9 different European countries**. The NAPs Project Team extends special thanks to ECCJ for its support and collaboration.
2. On 25 November 2013, Global Rights hosted the NAPs Project's ***African Civil Society Dialogue*** in Accra, Ghana as part of its African Regional Civil Society Convening on Human Rights and Business. The Dialogue included **21 civil society leaders from 13 different African countries**. The NAPs Project Team extends special thanks to Lien De Brouckere from Global Rights for her support and collaboration.
3. On 28 November 2013, the Network of African National Human Rights Institutions (NANHRI) hosted the NAPs Project's ***Dialogue with NANHRI Members*** in Accra, Ghana as part of its 9th Biennial Conference on the theme of "Business and Human Rights: Challenges, Opportunities, and the Role of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs)." The Dialogue involved **over 50 NHRI representatives from across the African region**. The NAPs Project Team extends special thanks to NANHRI and the German Institute for Human Rights for their support and collaboration.
4. On 17-18 March 2014, the NAPs Project held its ***Latin America Dialogue on National Implementation of Business and Human Rights Frameworks*** in Bogotá, Colombia. This multi-stakeholder event brought together **approximately 64 participants from inside and outside the Latin America region, including representatives from governments, civil society, indigenous organizations, academia, the business and investor communities, National Human Rights Institutions, and international organizations**. The NAPs Project Team extends special thanks to the following co-organizers for their support and collaboration: Dejusticia, the Presidential Program for Human Rights and International Humanitarian Rights of the Government of Colombia, Sustentia Innovación Social, the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID) of the Government of Spain, CIDSE, the German Institute for Human Rights, the International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs (IWGIA), the Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF), and the Institute for International Education (IIE).
5. On 9 April 2014, the Global Business Initiative on Human Rights (GBI) hosted the NAPs Project's ***Dialogue with Business Practitioners*** in London, United Kingdom. The Dialogue brought together **approximately 48 participants, including representatives of companies and business associations, from a wide array of sectors and geographical regions**. The NAPs Project Team extends special thanks to GBI for its support and collaboration.

6. On 11-12 April 2014, the NAPs Project held its ***Asia-Pacific Dialogue on National Implementation of Business and Human Rights Frameworks*** in Delhi, India. This multi-stakeholder event brought together approximately **52 participants from inside and outside the Asia-Pacific region, including representatives from governments, civil society, indigenous organizations, academia, the business and investor communities, National Human Rights Institutions, and international organizations.** The NAPs Project Team extends special thanks to the following co-organizers for their support and collaboration: O.P. Jindal Global University, Jindal Global Law School, the German Institute for Human Rights, the International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs (IWGIA), the Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF), and the Institute for International Education (IIE).