



UN GLOBAL COMPACT NETWORK UK
BUSINESS & HUMAN RIGHTS SUMMIT
30-31 MARCH 2021

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The UN Global Compact Network UK's Business & Human Rights Summit

is an interactive digital event featuring a series of discussions over the course of two days, 30-31 March. We will be bringing business representatives together with top leaders from the United Nations, the UK Government, and civil society, fostering meaningful networking opportunities and providing inspirational sessions with actionable ideas.

Programme:

Opening Plenary: Uniting Business (& Human Rights) for a Better World

- Convening high-level representatives from government, business, and civil society to discuss the importance of human rights for the conduct of responsible business globally and locally.

Target Gender Equality Action Dialogue

- Discussing forward-looking steps and ambitious corporate targets that companies are setting to advance women's representation and leadership in business.

Acting Against State-Imposed Forced Labour

- Addressing how to prevent state-imposed forced labour from entering supply chains.

Climate Migration and the Role of Business

- Examining strategies and practical actions business can take to address climate migration.

The Way Forward: Business & Human Rights in "Global Britain"

- Exploring the future of business & human rights in the UK in the context of the new vision for a "Global Britain" and the challenges of Brexit and COVID-19.

Child Labour in Global Supply Chains: Accelerating Progress from Policy to Practice

- Presenting practical actions to successfully address child labour in supply chains.

Closing Debate – The Pros and Cons of Mandatory Human Rights Due Diligence

- A lively formal debate on the arguments for and against moving human rights due diligence from a voluntary exercise to a mandatory requirement.

Release of post-event briefing – Business & Human Rights: Kickstarting the Decade of Action

- Highlighting the key takeaways from the Summit and reasons why 2021 is the year for business to take action on human rights.



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Agenda	
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<p>Opening Plenary: Uniting Business (& Human Rights) for a Better World 9:45 – 11:00 GMT</p> <p>This session will convene government, business leaders, and civil society to discuss the importance of human rights for the conduct of responsible business globally and locally. A high-profile speaker panel will share their insights on main business and human rights issues in 2021 and upcoming years, identify key cross-sector partnerships and synergies – especially in relation to the SDGs, UNGPs, and other relevant frameworks – and set the scene for this two-day summit.</p>	<p>The Way Forward: Business & Human Rights in “Global Britain” 10:00 – 11:15 GMT</p> <p>This session will explore the future of the business and human rights landscape in the UK in the context of the UK Government’s new visions for a “Global Britain” and new and emerging challenges, including Brexit, COVID-19, and UK’s new international ventures. Particular focus will be given to discussions around possible UK legislation on mandatory human rights due diligence, further development of the Modern Slavery Act, and other pertinent issues.</p> <p><i>Relevant SDGs: 5, 8, 10, 16, 17</i></p>
<p>Target Gender Equality Action Dialogue 11:30 – 13:00 GMT</p> <p>In this high-level policy dialogue, participants will look back at the first edition of Target Gender Equality in the UK, discuss forward-looking steps and ambitious corporate targets that companies are setting to advance women’s representation and leadership in business, and foster discussions and partnerships on gender equality between relevant stakeholders.</p> <p><i>Relevant SDGs: 5, 8, 10, 17</i></p>	<p>Child Labour in Global Supply Chains: Accelerating Progress From Policy to Practice 11:45 – 13:00 GMT</p> <p>To commemorate the International Year for the Elimination of Child Labour, this session will convene relevant multi-stakeholder initiatives, business and civil society to discuss practical actions companies can take to successfully address child labour in their supply chains. The aim is to inspire the private sector to translate aspirations into action and put SDG 8.7 among their top priorities.</p> <p><i>Relevant SDGs: 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 17</i></p>

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<p>Acting Against State-Imposed Forced Labour 13:30 – 14:45 GMT</p> <p>There are a growing number of examples highlighting state-imposed forced labour infiltrating global supply chains. This session will bring business, government, and civil society together to discuss how to best act in order to prevent state-imposed forced labour from entering supply chains.</p> <p><i>Relevant SDGs: 8</i></p>	<p>Closing Debate – The Pros and Cons of Mandatory Human Rights Due Diligence 15:00 – 16:30 GMT</p> <p>There is growing momentum among governments worldwide to require companies to undertake human rights due diligence. This closing session will present a constructive debate on the arguments for and against moving human rights due diligence from a voluntary exercise to a mandatory requirement.</p>
<p>Climate Migration and the Role of Business 15:30 – 17:00 GMT</p> <p>Climate- induced migration is increasingly becoming a reality that business cannot ignore. This session will discuss climate migration with business, experts and civil society and focus on what strategies and practical actions business can take to address this issue.</p> <p><i>Relevant SDGs: 1, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17</i></p>	
<p>Release of post-event briefing – Business & Human Rights: Kickstarting the Decade of Action</p> <p>This briefing will outline the key takeaways from the Summit and highlight the reasons why 2021 is the year for businesses to take immediate action on key human rights issues explored throughout the sessions during this event.</p>	