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# **Business and Human Rights Project**

**Advisory Board Meeting** 

30 November 2017 From 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

> Université de Genève Geneva, Switzerland

#### **AGENDA**

(Times indicated are approximate and flexible)

Uni Bastions, Rue de-Candolle 5, 1211 Genève 4 (room B111, 1<sup>st</sup> floor). Tram 15, stop Cirque or Plainpalais

Special Rapporteur: Prof. Anthony Winer, Mitchell Hamline School of Law

# 9:30 Welcome, Introductions, Overview of the Forum and of what was achieved over the last year

- Welcoming remarks by Ms Mara Tignino, Université de Genève
- Judge Bernice Donald, Chair, ABA CHR
- Michael Pates, Director, CHR
- Isabella Bunn, Chair, CHR Business and Human Rights Project
- Elise Groulx Diggs, Convener, Advisory Board, CHR BHR Project

10:00 Update on the establishment of the Institute on Access to Remedy (aka as the Trust Fund) for Victims of Gross Human Rights Abuse



- Elise Groulx Diggs
- Martijn Scheltema

### 10:30 Update on Proposal for International Arbitration of Business and Human Rights

- Bob Thompson
- Martijn Scheltema
- Possibly others from the Working Group on International Arbitration of Business and Human Rights

## 11:00 Proposed Deskbook on Prevention of Human Rights Abuse in Supply Chains

- Bob Thompson
- Martijn Scheltema
- John Sherman

### 11:30 Update on Efforts to Negotiate a New Treaty on Business and Human Rights

- Doug Cassel
- Anita Ramasastry

#### 12:00 General Discussion

Transfer to Uni Mail, Bd du Pont-d'Arve 40, 1205 Genève 4 (room MS130, basement). Tram 15, stop Uni Mail.

#### 1:00 Lunch

# 2:15 Joint Meeting with ICJ on Operational Grievance Mechanisms and Access to Remedy: Progress to Date, Hurdles, and the Road Ahead

- Introductory remarks: Marco Sassoli, University of Geneva and ICJ Commissioner
- Presentation: Hon J. Ian Binnie, Chair of ICJ Panel on OGM
- Comments by two discussants from ABA

General discussion

4:00 Adjourn

