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# SUPPORTING IMPLEMENTATION OF A HUMAN RIGHTS FRAMEWORK IN THE MINERALS SECTOR

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The world in 1999

A HUMAN FACE TO THE GLOBAL MARKET

I propose that you, the business leaders... and we, the United Nations, initiate a global compact of shared values and principles, which will give a human face to the global market.

Kofi Annan, UN Secretary-General (1997–2006)



## The Ten Principles

#### **Human Rights**

Principle 1: Businesses should support and respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights; and

Principle 2: make sure that they are not complicit in human rights abuses.

#### Labour

<u>Principle 3</u>: Businesses should uphold the freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining;

Principle 4: the elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labour;

Principle 5: the effective abolition of child labour; and

Principle 6: the elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation.

#### Environment

<u>Principle 7</u>: Businesses should support a precautionary approach to environmental challenges;

Principle 8: undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility; and

Principle 9: encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies.

#### **Anti-Corruption**

Principle 10: Businesses should work against corruption in all its forms, including extortion and bribery.



# **A FRAMEWORK**

# for responsible business based on UN declarations and conventions









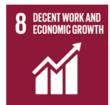


































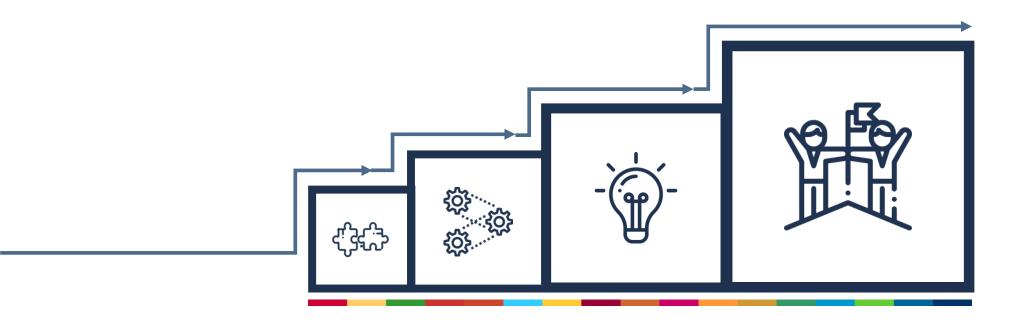






## **BUSINESS HAS EVOLVED**

The way we do business has fundamentally changed



Sustainability is no longer an option, but a competitive necessity. It's a key driver of operational efficiency and innovation.



# **The Journey**

When a company embeds sustainability in its strategy and practice, it...



### **Improves**:

**Customer Loyalty** 

**Employee Relations** 

**Innovation** 

**Media Coverage** 

**Operational Efficiency** 

**Risk Management** 

Sales & Marketing

**Supplier Relations** 

**Stakeholder Engagement** 

#### **Drives:**

**Greater Profitability** 

Higher Corporate Valuation

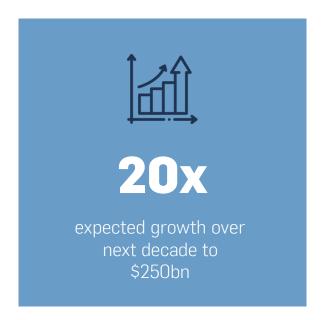
**Lower Cost of Capital** 

#### **Delivers:**

Short- and Long-Term Value Creation for Shareholders and Society



# **INVESTORS ARE LISTENING**











J.P.Morgan









**LABOUR** 

94% Company policy on Labour 45% Company policies ensure adequate standard of living

31% Have supply chain/contractor agreements



# **HUMAN RIGHTS**

90% Company policy on Human Rights 31% Have Supply Chain/Contractor arrangements

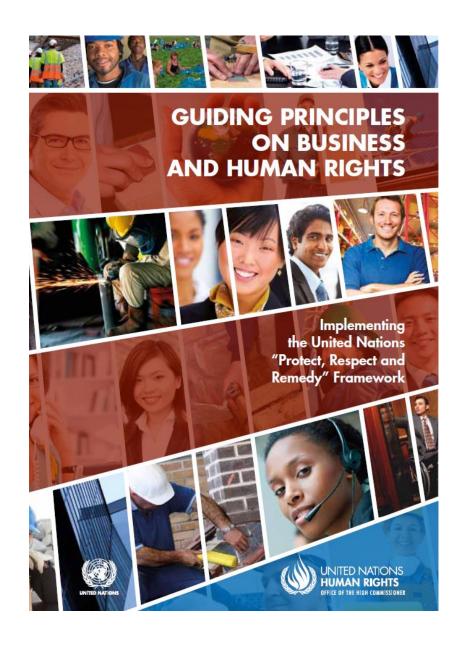
**51%**Have Complaint and/or Grievance mechanisms

# The UN Guiding Principles on Human Rights

- Endorsed by the UN Human Rights Council in 2011
- Provides an authoritative global standard for preventing and addressing adverse impacts of human rights linked to business activity
- 6 years in development
- A product of multi-stakeholder consultations & research
- Business must respect human rights
- States must fulfil their duty to protect human rights
- Provide access to Remedy

DO NO HARM

Promoting human rights = Doing Good
Doing Good DOES NOT offset failure to respect human rights.



# HUMAN RIGHTS TOOLS & RESOURCES FOR BUSINESS



https://sustainableprocurement.unglobalcompact.org/



# OF DECENT WORK FOR ALL

Explore how procurement practices and decisions can impact working conditions in global supply chains and why supporting decent work is important for buyers.

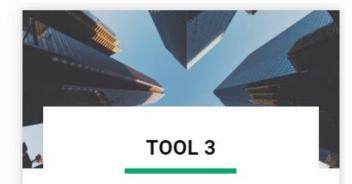
**START TOOL** 



#### COMMUNICATING DECENT WORK TO SUPPLIERS

Learn how buyers can
effectively communicate the
importance of decent work to
suppliers and gather feedback
on the impact of buying
practices.

START TOOL



# EMBEDDING DECENT WORK IN CORPORATE PROCESSES

Explore different approaches to help strengthen procurement teams' capabilities to promote decent work in supply chains.

START TOOL





https://mr-sorgfalt.de/en/





#### ASSESSING HUMAN RIGHTS RISKS AND IMPACTS

Perspectives from corporate practice



#### **Getting started**

This section sets out 5 simple steps for any company, but particularly SME, to start managing its human rights risks and impacts. It provides you with tools and approaches to understand what your business already does to address these impacts, and where it can improve.

Learn more



#### **Advanced Practitioners**

This section provides you with further information on how to set up proactive and continuous due diligence processes. It is structured around the major elements of the corporate responsibility to respect human rights and compiles information on existing corporate practice and available guidance.

Get into detail



#### **Human Rights Capacity Diagnostic**

The Human Rights Capacity Diagnostic (HRCD) is a self-assessment tool enabling companies to assess and improve their management capacity to respect human rights and conduct human rights due diligence. Upon completion, users receive customised suggestions for next steps to advance their human rights practice.

Start the assessment





# For more information on how to participate in the Global Compact, contact us below:

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