



**Expert meeting on art. 9 and 10 of the Zero Draft of the Legally Binding Instrument to Regulate, in International Human Rights Law, the Activities of Transnational Corporations and Other Business Enterprises**

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The Asser Institute, R.J. Schimmelpennincklaan 20-22, 2517 JN Den Haag

This expert meeting jointly organised by FIDH, SOMO and the Asser Institute aims at contributing to the ongoing discussions on the draft of a ‘Legally Binding Instrument to Regulate, in International Human Rights Law, the Activities of Transnational Corporations and Other Business Enterprises’. The objective of this roundtable is to bring together experts to reflect concretely on the provisions of the zero draft and feed with concrete proposals CSOs and delegations’ contributions to the improvement of the draft treaty.

To do so more effectively, we have decided to focus our discussion on two specific themes : Human rights due diligence (HRDD) and civil liability. HRDD is currently enshrined in Article 9 (Prevention) while civil liability is dealt with under Article 10 (Legal Liability) of the Zero Draft. We have selected these issues due to their particular salience for the business and human rights discussion.

**Provisional agenda**

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| 9:00 – 9:30   | Welcoming of participants  |
| 9:30 – 9:40   | Introduction by organisers   |
| 9:40 – 10:00  | Article 9 : Prevention – Introductory remarks by Rapporteur        |
| 10:00 – 11:00 | Short Interventions by the experts                                 |
| 11:00 – 11:15 | Break  |
| 11:15 – 12:15 | Discussion with the audience                                       |
| 12:15– 13:00  | Lunch  |
| 13:00 – 13:15 | Article 10 on Civil Liability - Introductory remarks by Rapporteur |
| 13:15 – 14:15 | Short Interventions by the experts                                 |

14:15 – 15:15 Discussion with the audience

15 :15 – 15:30 Conclusion

15:30 Drinks

**Attending Experts :**

Nadia Bernaz (Wageningen University)

Claire Bright (European University Institute)

Jan Eijsbouts (Maastricht University)

Olivier de Schutter (Université Catholique de Louvain)

Mark Kawakami (Maastricht University)

Axel Marx (Leuven University)

Richard Meeran (Leigh Day)

Martijn Scheltema (Erasmus University)

Tara van Ho (Essex University)

Daniel Augenstein (Tilburg University)

Channa Samkalden (Prakken d'Oliveira)