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## UN GUIDING PRINCIPLES ON BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS Supporting EOs on Responsible Business Conduct

IOE has been providing policy guidance and support on responsible business conduct to its members across the globe. This includes, for instance, specific capacity building workshops in Africa, Asia and Latin America, regular global human rights conferences and workshops, as well as the development for guidance on CSR, Human Rights and Reporting.

With external expert support, IOE now aims to develop specific guidance on the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights for employers' federations and would like to invite you to a brainstorming session to discuss the focus of the guidance.

This **informal discussion** aims to better capture member needs and challenges in the field of Business and Human rights, as well as any emerging human rights or related topics that are especially important for employer associations looking forward; for example, human rights and COVID, post-pandemic economic recovery, migration, climate change, etc.

### Agenda

- Introduction to the theme and scope – *Matthias Thorns, Deputy Secretary-General*
- Tour de table from employers associations :
  1. Have you received questions and concerns about human rights issues from your member companies?
  2. What role do you think employer associations should play in supporting their members with business and human rights guidance?
  3. If your association has undertaken any capacity building workshops or training, what work have you done on human rights and implementing the UNGPs since then?
  4. Does a National Action Plan to implement the UNGPs exist in your country and if so, were you consulted?
  5. What opportunities and challenges do you face when it comes to business and human rights? What type of support and advice do you need?
- Methodology ways of working - *Expert consultant from Tripone! Consulting*
- Closing and way forward



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