

Certificate Course on “Business and Human Rights (BHR)”

Indian Law Institute, New Delhi (3-8 July 2017)

SEMINAR SCHEDULE

	10:00am-1:00pm	1:00pm-2:00pm	2:00pm-5:00pm
3 July	Understanding business and human rights (BHR): the <i>why</i> , <i>what</i> and <i>how</i> of BHR; Comparing BHR with corporate social responsibility (CSR); CSR/BHR entry into corporate laws; Relevance of public interest litigation in India [<u>SD</u>]	<i>Lunch Break</i>	Regulatory developments in India (e.g., Indian Companies Act 2013, National Voluntary Guidelines on Social, Environmental and Economic Responsibilities of Business); Role of National Green Tribunal and National Human Rights Commission [<u>MKS</u>]
4 July	BHR and sustainable development goals (SDGs); Role of investors and consumers in promoting responsible business; Benchmarking and ranking of companies (e.g., Corporate Human Rights Benchmark, India Responsible Business Index) [<u>NA</u>]	<i>Lunch Break</i>	Nature and extent of corporate human rights responsibilities (negative vs. positive responsibilities, how to operate in conflict zones or repressive regimes) [<u>JLC</u>]
5 July	BHR cases studies (e.g., Bhopal; Vedanta, Coca-Cola): Any lessons learnt? [<u>AJ</u>]	<i>Lunch Break</i>	Protecting human rights in global supply chains; Extraterritorial obligations of states [<u>JLC</u>]
6 July	Gender dimension of BHR (e.g., women in corporate boards, sexual violence related to the extractive sector); Role of civil society and human rights defenders in holding corporations accountable [<u>HK</u>]	<i>Lunch Break</i>	UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights; OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises [<u>SD</u>]
7 July	US Alien Tort Claims Act 1789; Human rights due diligence (e.g., UK Modern Slavery Act, French Duty of Vigilance Law); Human rights in trade and investment agreements [<u>LC</u>]	<i>Lunch Break</i>	Barriers in seeking judicial remedies (e.g., <i>forum non conveniens</i> , piercing of the corporate veil); Proposed legally binding international instrument [<u>SD</u>]
8 July	Conference on “Sustainable Developments Goals and the Role of Business”		

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