



ISO 260000 Stakeholders Global Network

3rd NGO Global Dialogue

Human and Environmental Rights – How to achieve better business accountability

Wednesday October 19, 2022 - 3PM Bahrain's Time

Hosted by Environment Friends Society of Bahrain over Zoom

Conceptual framework and goals for the event:

Much has been said about the importance of accountability – taking responsibility for one’s actions – and how business corporations and other organizations can demonstrate and improve on their accountability. There are many challenges to the actual practice of the principle of accountability; power imbalances and lack of communication channels are just two of them.

“Accountability also encompasses accepting responsibility where wrongdoing has occurred, taking the appropriate measures to remedy the wrongdoing and taking action to prevent it from being repeated.” (ISO 26000:2010 Clause 4.2)

The goals are to identify some current barriers to business accountability for actions impacting human and/or environmental rights, and then discuss ways that those barriers can be reduced. We welcome sharing views from NGOs and other stakeholders working in different geographical locations, and under different conditions.

Format: In a moderated framework, five panelists will use their own experiences to approach the issue of “how to achieve better business accountability”. Presentations will be followed by an open question and answer period.

Time frame: 90 minutes (3:00-4:30 pm Bahrain's Time - starting noon GMT)

NOTE: Panelists for this October 2022 NGO Global Dialogue will be selected from among NGO, Consumer and Labor representatives; this event will focus on identifying current barriers to business accountability.

Panelists for the next NGO Global Dialogue, December 2022, will include Industry, Business and/or Government representatives; the later event will build on the earlier event, to focus on ways to encourage more business accountability.

CALL FOR PANELISTS

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This is a global, open “call for panelists”. We will select from among the submissions, keeping in mind relevance to the topic, and diversity of regions, issues and sectors. Each panelist will have up to 8 minutes to make their presentation, and further opportunities to engage in a moderated discussion with fellow panelists and with the audience.

How to submit a proposal: Complete the following template (use Word Document or write in the text of your e-mail message itself), and **ON OR BEFORE THE DEADLINE OF Tuesday 30 August 2022.**

e-mail your proposal to: 1.efs.bahrain.1@gmail.com with cc to cschmidt@ecologia.org

All applicants will be notified of our decision on Wednesday 7 September.

Template for proposals:

Name:

Contact information: e-mail, phone, physical or postal mail address

Organization:

Country or Nation:

In 300 words or less, explain how you would use your experiences to answer the question, “How to achieve better business accountability.” Describe a specific problem of damage to human rights or environmental health posed by business activities, and your experiences either being frustrated by lack of response, or success in getting the business to practice accountability.

NOTE: We are looking for a variety of honest voices describing real experiences, not discussions of abstract theories.

For more information about the ISO 26000 Stakeholders Global Network (SGN):

<https://iso26000sgn.org/>