

Good Business – Implementing the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights



Name of Resource	Good Business – Implementing the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights
Type	Policy
Country / jurisdiction	United Kingdom
Enacting authority	Government of United Kingdom
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Description	<p>The United Kingdom was the first country to produce a National Action Plan to implement the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. When the first National Action Plan was published on 4 September 2013, the government set out the belief that the promotion of business, and the respect for human rights, go hand in hand: “responsible action by the private sector on human rights is good for business and communities; it helps create jobs, customers and a sense of fairness; it contributes to a market’s sustainability and therefore its potential to generate long-term growth”.</p> <p>The updated document allows to: Record the achievements the Government has made, and actions taken, over the past two years; Reflect the developments which have taken place at the international level since the United Kingdom’s National Action Plan was first published, including guidance on implementation and the experience of other countries; Set out the role Government can play in helping business to fulfil its responsibility to respect human rights, and in creating a secure, predictable, and fair environment for United Kingdom companies, wherever they operate; Support the role Government can play in supporting human rights defenders in this field and the provision of remedy which is available to those who feel they are victims of business-related human rights abuses.</p>
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