

# BRINGING RESPONSIBILITY HOME

A symposium on business,  
human rights and the role of  
home states

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## Agenda

Location: Sir John A. MacDonald Building, Room 200  
Parliament Hill, 144 Wellington Street, Ottawa, ON

*Simultaneous translation (English/French) will be provided*

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8:15-9:00	<b>Registration &amp; coffee</b>
9:00-9:10	<b>Welcoming remarks</b>  Karyn Keenan, Director of Above Ground
9:10-10:00	<b>Opening keynote speakers</b>  <b>Business and human rights in home states: Reflections on the past and opportunities for the future</b>  John Ruggie, former UN Special Representative to the Secretary-General on the issue of human rights and transnational enterprises and other business enterprises  Ian Binnie, former Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada
10:00-10:20	<b>Coffee break</b>

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**Making due diligence mandatory: Ground-breaking legislative developments in Europe and opportunities for Canada**

Moderator: Geneviève Paul, Program Officer, Above Ground

Dominique Potier, Member of Parliament and leading proponent of France's new corporate duty of care legislation (France)

Florian Wettstein, Business Ethics Professor, University of St. Gallen; supporter of the Swiss Responsible Business Initiative (Switzerland)

Erin Simpson, Lawyer, The Law Offices of Erin Simpson (Canada)

Discussion

12:00-13:00

**Lunch**

13:00-14:30

**Investigating and prosecuting corporate crimes: Challenges and opportunities for home states**

Moderator: Amol Mehra, Director, International Corporate Accountability Roundtable (ICAR)

Peter German, President of the International Centre for Criminal Law Reform and Criminal Justice Policy; former Crown Prosecutor

Seema Joshi, Head of Business and Human Rights, Amnesty International

Luis C. deBaca, former Ambassador of the Office to Monitor & Combat Trafficking in Persons and former Director of the U.S. Department of Justice Sex Offender (SMART) Office

Discussion

14:30-14:50

**Coffee break**

14:50-16:50

## **Business and human rights in Canada: Where to from here?**

Moderator: Madelaine Drohan, Canada correspondent for *The Economist*

Roundtable discussion with

- Brian W. Burkett, Lawyer, Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP
- Andrew Cheatle, Executive Director, Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada
- Duane McMullen, Director General, Trade Operations, Global Affairs Canada
- Alex Neve, Secretary General, Amnesty International Canada
- Penelope Simons, Law Professor (University of Ottawa)
- Kevin Thomas, Director of Stakeholder Engagement, Shareholder Association for Research and Education (SHARE)

Followed by questions & answers

16:50-17:00

## **Closing remarks**

Heather Cohen, Legal & Policy Associate, ICAR

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17:00-19:00

## **Wine & cheese reception**

This event is co-hosted by Members of Parliament **Dean Allison** (Conservative Party), **Gary Anandasangaree** (Liberal Party), **Cheryl Hardcastle** (New Democratic Party) and **Elizabeth May** (Green Party), and Senators **Raynell Andreychuk** (Conservative Party) and **Marilou McPhedran** (Independent Senators Group).

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