



The International Commission of Jurists

cordially invite you to a parallel event to the 20th Regular Session of the Human Rights Council

***High-level discussion on advancing human rights and
business in the work of the Human Rights Council***

Thursday 21 June 2012, 1pm – 3pm
Meeting Room (tbc)
Palais des Nations, Geneva

This parallel event will provide delegations and civil society with a forum to explore ways for further enhancing international standards within the Human Rights Council on the issue of businesses' human rights responsibilities. The aim is to generate vigorous discussion about the need and options for more international instruments clarifying/enhancing the human rights legal framework applicable to business corporations, in particular in the area of effective remedies. The meeting will take the format of a moderated panel discussion, with one hour of interventions by expert panellists, and one hour of interactive debate with all participants.

The Moderator

Professor Marco Sassoli
*Director of the Department of International Law and International Organisations
at the University of Geneva*

The Speakers

Professor Andrew Clapham
Director of the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights, Geneva

Mr Michael Addo
*Member of the UN Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and
other business enterprises, and Senior Lecturer in Law at the University of Exeter*

Ms Harriet Berg
Minister Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of Norway to the United Nations Office at Geneva

Ms Rachel Groux-Nurnberg
Vice President, Corporate Responsibility and HSE, Statkraft AS, Oslo, Norway

Light lunch and refreshments will be provided

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