3rd Swiss Forum on «Business and Human Rights»
Kursaal Bern, 2 November 2026

PROGRAMME

50 YEARS OF RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS CONDUCT

MORNING

8:30 Registration and welcome coffee

9:20 Greetings from the moderator
Eva Schöfer | Senior Manager Human Rights | KPMG

9:30 Opening speech
Helene Budliger Artieda | State Secretary and Director | State Secretariat for Economic Affairs SECO

9:45 Keynote: The energy transition: a leadership challenge
Antje Kanngiesser | CEO | Alpiq

10:05 Plenary 1: Artificial intelligence and responsible business conduct

Moderation: Prof. Dr. Isabelle Wildhaber | Professor of Private and Business Law with special emphasis on Labour Law | University of St. Gallen

Speakers:
- Eamonn Maguire | Director of Engineering, AI & ML | Proton
- Wafa Ben Hassine | Chief, Digital Technologies & Human Rights | OHCHR
- Dr Erica Moret | Director, UN & International Relations | Microsoft, Geneva
- Angela Müller | Executive Director | AlgorithmWatch CH

11:00 Coffee break and networking

11:30 Parallel Workshops 1

- Accessible and effective grievance mechanisms (DE)
- Integrating the gender perspective into business practices (EN, FR)
- Human rights in the daily operations of an SME (DE, EN, FR)
- Just transition: human rights at the heart of climate strategies (EN, FR)

12:45 Lunch and networking

AFTERNOON

14:00 Parallel Workshops 2

- From principles to practice: embedding human rights in sport (EN)
- Business and Human Rights: what role for the financial sector? (DE)
- To stay or to go? Making responsible decisions in high-risk contexts (EN)
- Ethical recruitment and decent work: strengthening vigilance upstream (FR)

15:15 Coffee break and networking

15:35 Keynote: The UN and the OECD in dialogue

- Mauricio Lazala | Chief, Business and Human Rights Section | OHCHR
- Emily Norton | OECD Centre for Responsible Business Conduct

15:55 Plenary 2: OECD Guidelines and UN Guiding Principles: what prospects for responsible business conduct?

Moderation: Eva Schöfer | Senior Manager Human Rights | KPMG

Speakers:
- Prof. Dr. iur. Christine Kaufmann | Chair for Public Law, Public International Law and European Law | University of Zurich
- Cristina Feistmann I Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors I Skyguide
- Jacqueline Montandon-la-Longe Moser | Chief Executive Officer | Presto Café Services SA
- Adrian Wüthrich | President | Travail.Suisse

16:45 Closing speech

Alexandre Fasel | State Secretary | Federal Department of Foreign Affairs FDFA

17:00 End of the day

Further information
Participation is free of charge.
Languages: German, French and English with simultaneous interpretation. Workshops will be held in the language indicated in their description and will not be interpreted.

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