

Four Years After the Ukraine Invasion: What Is the Business and Human Rights Landscape in the Russia Context?

23 February 2026

PROGRAM (All times CET)

9:15 Welcome and Introduction

9:30 PANEL ONE - Emerging Topics in International Supply Chains Connected to Environmental and Human Rights Abuses in Russia

Presenters:

[Viliuia Choinova](#) - Exposing Extractive Colonialism: Indigenous Advocacy at the UN Forum on Business and Human Rights 2025

[Denis Smirnov](#) - From the Arctic to the Tropics: Following the Dirty Trail of Russian Coal

[Maksim Khalimovskii](#) & [Vitaly Servetnik](#) - Supply Chain Accountability Mechanisms and Euro-Russian Supply Chains

[Daniel Schönfelder](#), [Blue Marble Legal](#) - Regulatory Frameworks for Addressing Human Rights and Environmental Violations in Russian Supply Chains

Moderator:

[Shauna Curphey](#), [Just Ground](#)

11:10 Break

11:30 PANEL TWO - BHR in Conflict Settings: What does responsible exit look like?

Presenters:

[Joseph Wilde-Ramsing](#), [SOMO](#) - The Telenor case (Myanmar) as Emblematic of Irresponsible Exit

[Anna Sobko](#) & [Elena Lipatova](#) - Corporate Accountability and Human Rights Due Diligence in Times of Crisis: A Case Study of Multinational Companies' Exit Strategies from Russia Following the Full-Scale Invasion of Ukraine

[Thomas Abrams](#), [Principles for Responsible Investment](#) - The Investor Perspective on Responsible Exit

[Dr. Anil Yilmaz Vastardis](#), University of Essex - Examining the Responsibility of Companies Which Stayed in Russia to Pay Reparations to Ukraine

Moderator:

[Elin Wrzoncki](#), [Danish Institute for Human Rights](#)

13:00 Lunch

14:15 PANEL THREE - HRDD in the tech sector: Corporate Amplifiers of Propaganda and Privacy Violations on Telegram

Presenters:

Dmitrii Kotov - Corporate Amplifiers of Propaganda and Privacy Violations on Telegram

[Anastasiya Zhyrmont](#), [Access Now](#) - Does Telegram Enable or Resist Censorship, Surveillance, and the Spread of Disinformation in an Authoritarian Context?

[Jason Pielemeier](#), [Global Network Initiative](#) - What the BHR Standards Say about the Scope of Telegram's Responsibilities

[Karolina Iwanska](#), [European Center for Non-profit Law](#) - European Legal Developments as They Apply to Harms on the Telegram Platform

Moderator:

[Joanne Bauer](#), [Rights CoLab](#)

16:00 Collecting Reflections

16:45 Closing Remarks