

**Asian Regional consultation  
Held by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General  
on Human Rights and Transnational Corporations and Other Business Enterprises  
Bangkok, 26 & 27 June, 2006**

**The Davis Hotel, Bangkok**

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## **AGENDA**

### **Sunday, 25 June**

**19.00 Welcome Dinner**

Venue: Davis Hotel

### **Monday, 26 June**

**8.30 Coffee and Registration**

**9:15 Welcome and introduction**

- **Prof. John Ruggie, Special Representative of the Secretary General on Business and Human Rights**

**9:30 Keynote Speeches: "Human Rights and Supply Chains Management: Challenges and Prospects". Views from a company and a labour perspective"**

- **Mr Alan Hassenfeld, CEO Hasbro & Ms Harriet Mouchly-Weiss, Managing Partner, Strategy XXI**
- **Mr Govindasamy Rajasekaran, President ICFTU-APRO**

10:20 Break

**10:35 Session I: "Supply Chain Monitoring and Auditing: Best Practices"**

This session will discuss the conditions for credible accountability systems, the various options taken such as company-based vs. multi-stakeholder systems; brand vs. factory certification and their efficiency; the dilemma on how to reach the suppliers' suppliers, and the key corporate oversight of compliance mechanisms.

- **Mr William Anderson, Head Of Social and Environmental Affairs, Asia/Pacific, Adidas, China**
- **Prof. Liu Kaiming, Director, Institute for Contemporary Observation, China**
- **Mr. Rajeev Sharma, Programme Director, Building and Woodworkers' International, India**
- **Mr Sumeth Srisangthaisuk, Project Manager, GAP, Thailand**

12:35 Lunch

**1:35 Session II: "Impediments to Improvement"**

The panel will focus on how much of a problem is the business model itself (for example, time-to-market pressures), how to deal with the problem of code proliferation, how much of a drag do "value brands" impose on the success of monitoring and remediation by premium brands and what can be done about it?

- **Mr Martin Ma, Director, China program, Social Accountability International, China**
- **Mr Ian Spaulding, Director, Overseas Compliance, Sears/Kmart**
- **Mr Roddy Shaw Kwok-wah, East Asia Coordinator, Business & Human Rights Resource Centre, China**
- **Ms Nazma Yesim, Project Officer, Bangladesh Institute of Labour Studies, Bangladesh**

3:35 Break

**3:50 Session III: "Raising The Bar"**

The key topics of this session will be the prospects for capacity building – by whom and how, the prospects and possibilities for code convergence: Can this be achieved on a voluntary basis, or how much can be achieved? Can it be achieved by moving up, rather than sliding down, the standards scale? And how much learning is possible across sectors?

- **Mr Ji-Hoon Cha, Co-President, Lawyers for a Democratic Society, Korea**
- **Ms Harsh Saini, Director, Corporate responsibility, Nike, Inc., China**
- **Mr Auret van Heerden, President and CEO, Fair Labor Association, South Africa**
- **Mr Hyowon Yoon, International Director, Korea Health & Medical Workers' Unio, Korea**

**5:50 - 6:00 Wrap-Up Day 1**

**Tuesday, 27 June**

**9:00 Session IV: "The Role of Governments"**

This panel will discuss the existing and potential ways to secure better enforcement of national laws and regulations, how to involve governments in remediation efforts, and the particular challenges of state-owned enterprises and export processing zones.

- **Mr Alfredo Acebal, Director, Telefonica, Belgium**
- **Mr Henry Heyneardhi, Director, Business Watch Indonesia, Indonesia**
- **Ms Nymia Pimentel Simbulan, Executive Director, Philippine Human Rights Information Center, Philippines**
- **Mr Nguyen Thi Tong, Secretary General, Vietnam Leather&Footwear Association, Vietnam**

11:00 Break

**11:15 Session V: "The Role of International Cooperation."**

This session will examine the lessons to be drawn from international cooperation projects, such as the ILO's Cambodia Program, the ways to better engage development cooperation agencies and the question of the need for stronger international legal remedies.

- **Ms Ros Harvey, Chief technical Adviser, ILO - Better Factories Cambodia, Cambodia**
- **Ambassador Elisabeth Dahlin, Swedish Partnership for Global Responsibility, Sweden**
- **Mr Rene Ofreneo, Executive Director, Fair Trade Alliance, Philippines**
- **Mr Viraf Mehta, Chief Executive, Partners in Change, India**

1:15 Lunch

**2:15 Session VI: The Contributions of The SRSG's Mandate**

The final session will provide an opportunity for all participants to provide ideas, advice, and recommendations on how the SRSG mandate can best contribute to improving the situation in Asia.

- **Prof. John Ruggie, Special Representative of the Secretary General on Business and Human Rights**

**3:30 Closing Remarks**

**4:00 End of the meeting**