

UNITED NATIONS OHCHR SELF-STUDY ON THE PRINCIPLES FOR RESPONSIBLE CONTRACTS

In 2011, the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General on Business and Human Rights presented the ***Principles for Responsible Contracts*** to the United Nations Human Rights Council. The Principles elaborate on the ***UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights*** and focuses on how to integrate the management of human rights risks into State-investor contract negotiations.

The Principles for Responsible Contracts were developed through a multi-stakeholder process and provides guidance to negotiators on how to ***identify, avoid and mitigate human rights risks*** arising from a project at the earliest stages of the life cycle of the project.

The Principles for Responsible Contracts are aimed specifically at ***projects that present either large-scale or significant social, economic or environmental risks or opportunities, or involves the depletion of renewable or non-renewable nature resources.***

OHCHR has produced a ***self-study*** for anybody interested in better understanding how these 10 principles can be applied by different stakeholders to ensure that a project contributes positively to human rights and that negative impacts are mitigated and avoided.

The self-study can be accessed on:

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Business/Pages/trainingmodules.aspx>

The self-study is also available on ***USB sticks*** which are available ***in limited numbers*** to participants in the African Regional Forum on Business and Human Rights.