

Business and Human Rights Special - CABA Ombudsman's Office and Latin America and the Caribbean News Portal (NODAL)

In order to work on raising awareness of this issue at the international and regional level, the Ombudsman's Office released a special electronic journal on Business and Human Rights with the Latin American and Caribbean news portal (NODAL, in spanish), with the purpose to generate an exchange of perspectives by different actors.

With the editorial of the Buenos Aires Autonomous City Ombudsman, Alejandro Amor, on business practices and human rights, the publication contained articles of various allied institutions on the subject: OHCHR, Global Compact, the National Council for the Coordination of Social Policies of Argentina; the Working Group on the Protocol of San Salvador of the Organization of American States, as well as National Human Rights Institutions of Colombia and El Salvador.

Alexia Ghyoot, Coordinator of the Responsible Business Conduct for Latin America and the Carible (CERALC) project of OHCHR, contributed an article on the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.

The President of the Working Group on the Protocol of San Salvador of the Organization of American States, Laura Elisa Pérez Gómez, focused on Economic, Social, Cultural and Environmental Rights and their protection from companies in the Inter-American Region.

It also had the contribution of the Executive Coordinator of the Global Compact and Head of Private Sector Partnerships of UNDP Argentina, Flavio Fuertes, who focused on the role of state-owned companies in Argentina with respect to human rights and the objectives of sustainable development.

Likewise, an interview was conducted with Victoria Tolosa Paz, President of the National Council for the Coordination of Social Policies of Argentina. The Ombudsman for the Defense of Human Rights of El Salvador, José Apolonio Tobar, and the Former Ombudsman of Colombia and Former President of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions, Carlos Alfonso Negret, also participated on the situation of the issue in their countries and the role of NHRIs.

In this link, you will find the special electronic journal, with the articles (writed in spanish): <https://www.nodal.am/2020/11/empresas-y-derechos-humanos/>