

HRC SIDE EVENT & REPORT LAUNCH

Regulating Corporate Power in the Era of Deregulation

Launching the 2026 FES & SouthCentre Report on the UN Legally Binding Instrument on Business and Human Rights

SESSION

61st Session of the Human Rights Council

DATE & TIME

26 March 2026
12:00 - 13:00 CET

VENUE

Room Concordia 1
Palais des Nations

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ABOUT THE REPORT

The report prepared by FES and the South Centre examines the challenges arising from the global governance framework of transnational corporations and the persistent divide between voluntary approaches and binding legal frameworks.

It explores why the Legally Binding Instrument (LBI) offers a strategic opportunity to preserve state sovereignty and the primacy of human rights over trade and investment agreements.

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- Addressing "Justice Paralysis" and strengthen access to justice
- The Case for a Robust LBI for Combating Regulatory Chill
- The "Human Rights Economy" as a Catalyst for Sustainable Growth

PROGRAMME

OPENING

Welcoming Message

Ira Gibson, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Geneva

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Presentation of the Report Regulating Corporate Power in the Era of Deregulation

Daniel Uribe Terán, South Centre

The 2026 Roadmap: From Technical Review to Political Action

The 2026 Roadmap for the 12th Session of the OEIGWG on Business and Human Rights

Walter Schuldt, Mission of Ecuador

The Three-Fold Global Crisis and the Necessity of the LBI

The Triple Planetary Crisis and the Need for the Legally Binding Instrument on Business and Human Rights

Sibylle Dirren, FIAN International

INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION

Interactive Q&A Session

DOWNLOAD THE PAPER HERE:



REGISTRATION & INFORMATION

Preliminary questions for panelists are welcome and can be submitted to: uribe@southcentre.int

*** A light lunch will be provided after the event.**